



Minutes for the meeting of Yeovil Without Parish Council held at Yeovil Sports & Social Club, Johnson Park, Yeovil on 21 February 2024 at 18.30.

**Present** – Cllrs, Howard Ashton, Vyvyenne Burt, Kevin Brown, David Knight, John Orchard, Colin Rose, John Snell, Kate Stevenson, and Rob Stickland (9)

**In attendance** - Barbara Appleby (Clerk),

Somerset Councillor Tony Lock

Apologies received from Somerset Councillors' Wes Read, Andy Kendall, Evie Potts-Jones and Graham Oakes.

**Members of the Public** – Two members of the public were present – The parish council were asked about the MUGA on Wyndham Park, YWPC to contact Somerset Council for a response. The two parishioners left the meeting at 18:34

**Police/PSCO** – None in attendance due to recent re-deployments

**Somerset Councillor Report** – Tony Lock gave a brief overview of the recent budget meeting lasting over 8 hours and that the implications will affect services.

**Outside Reports/Representatives:**

Rob Stickland gave a report about the Westfield consultation event and a brief overview of Yeovil in Bloom, which were **NOTED**

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**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Council received apologies from:

Iris Coton – unwell

Simon Hodder, Mike Lock and Mary Snell – conflicting personal commitment (4)

Council **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies.

Not present - Kieta Marshall & Charlotte Herbert (2)

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Rob Stickland – Personal – Member of Yeovil Town Council

John Snell – Personal – Member of Mudford Parish Council

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**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17 January 2024 were **APPROVED** as a true record.

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**CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ENGAGEMENTS:**

The Chair mentioned the up-and-coming LCN meetings, other matters already mentioned under outside reports - **NOTED**

- 311/24**      **PARISH CLERK REPORT:**  
The Council **NOTED** the Clerks report.
- 312/24**      **DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE:**  
The council **NOTED** the defibrillator monthly usage report.
- 313/24**      **PLANNING:**  
**313/24.1**      **Planning applications received for consideration:**  
**14/02554/OUT** Land OS 9330 Primrose Lane, Mudford & **15/03942/FUL** Land North of Primrose Lane (Combe Bottom, Mudford – **Deferred** (more information required)  
**24/00300/HOU** – **27 High Lea** – **Objection**, not in keeping with the street scene - In principle there is not an objection to a dormer extension, however the design and size has a detrimental impact to the neighbouring attached property.
- 313/24.2**      **Planning Applications considered under Standing Order 15bxvi : NONE**  
**313/23.3**      **Planning Applications received after the publication of the agenda: NONE**  
**313/24.4**      **Planning Decisions & Appeals**  
The Council **NOTED** the planning decisions of Somerset Council since the last meeting.
- 313/24.5**      **Planning Correspondence: NONE**
- 314/24**      **ONGOING MATTERS/REVIEWS/GOVERNANCE**  
**314/24.1**      **RISK ASSESEMENT REVIEW**  
The Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the Risk Assessment following the recent review.
- 314/24.2**      **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2024/2025**  
The Council **AGREED** the schedule of meetings for the next municipal year.
- 314/24.3**      **DEVOLUTION OF SERVICES**  
*Councillor Rob Stickland declared a personal interest regarding the Yeovil Town meeting.*  
The Vice Chair and Clerk had attended 2 meetings: -  
i.      Virtual meeting with Somerset Council, Brympton Parish & Montacute Parish representatives, concerning the parish ranger service, further meetings required.  
ii.     Yeovil Town Council to discuss options for supporting devolved services and facilities, further details expected consideration to be given when setting 25/26 Budget.
- Both verbal reports were **NOTED** by council
- 315/24**      **FINANCE**  
**315/24.1**      The council **RESOLVED** to:  
a.      **NOTE** the payment, paid under delegation – page 4  
b.      **APPROVE** £3,100, Westfield Youth Club SLA (2<sup>nd</sup> year) & £11,642, Cemetery Deficit 2<sup>nd</sup> payment, payments above the scheme of delegation threshold.

- 316.24**            **CORRESPONDENCE:**  
**316/24.1**           **SOMERSET BUS PARTNERSHIP WITHDRAW OF SERVICES**  
The Council **NOTED** the recent announcement and that several services would now remain operational for another year. It was **AGREED** that contact would be made with the appropriate body to further support the retention of these services in future years.
- 316/24.2**           **CLOSURE OF THE EMERGENCY STROKE UNIT**  
The Council **NOTED** the letter of concern and the impact of the closure to local residents, and **RESOLVED** to oppose the decision to reduce Stroke Services in Yeovil. A response would be given and YWPC calls on the Secretary of State to call-in the decision to centralise Stroke services in Taunton.
- 316/24.3**           **Any further correspondence received since preparation of the agenda which does not require a financial decision**
- 316/24.3.1**        **SOMERSET COUNCILS LETTER**  
The council **NOTED** the negative response given to YWPC’s proposal (minute 303/24.4 – 17 Jan 24) to increase YWPC’s shareholding in the Crematorium, and **RESOLVED** to decline Somerset Councils offer of further discussion of obtaining YWPC shareholding.
- 317/24**            **FORWARD PLAN**  
The council **NOTED** the forward plan.

Meeting closed 20:08

Chair.....

Date .....

315/24.1 (a) cont. - Finance Continued: Payment List

| YWPC PAYMENTS APPROVAL LIST |              |  | Feb-24               |           | Payments greater than<br>> £500 |           |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--|----------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| EXPENDITURE                 |              |  | 19,156.97            |           |                                 |           |
| Payment Method              | Payment date | Details                                  | above<br>£2,500<br>* | Net - £   | Vat - £                         | Gross - £ |
| BACS                        | 22-Feb       | Somerset Council (playground insections) |                      | 352.82    | 70.56                           | 423.38    |
| BACS                        | 22-Feb       | Yeovil Sports & Social Club              |                      | 37.50     | 7.50                            | 45.00     |
| BACS                        | 22-Feb       | Hags                                     |                      | 76.85     | 15.37                           | 92.22     |
| BACS                        | 22-Feb       | Someset Council (cemetary deficit)       | *                    | 11,642.00 |                                 | 11,642.00 |
| BACS                        | 22-Feb       | Staff Emoluments                         |                      | 238.58    | 2.75                            | 241.33    |
| SO                          | 25-Feb       | Democractic Services                     |                      | 2,200.00  |                                 | 2,200.00  |
| DD                          | 25-Feb       | NEST                                     |                      | 285.05    |                                 | 285.05    |
| BACS                        | 22-Feb       | St Peter's Comunity Centre -SLA year 2   | *                    | 3,100.00  |                                 | 3,100.00  |
| BACS                        | 22-Feb       | Water2business                           |                      | 71.71     |                                 | 71.71     |
| BACS                        | 22-Feb       | Somerset Council (Parish ranger)         |                      | 880.23    | 176.05                          | 1,056.28  |
| Total                       |              |  |                      | 18,884.74 | 272.23                          | 19,156.97 |