



Minutes for the meeting of Yeovil Without Parish Council, held at Yeovil Sports & Social Club, Johnson Park, Yeovil on 22 Jan 25

Present – Cllrs: Howard Ashton, Kevin Brown, Iris Coton (arrived 18:40), Simon Hodder, David Knight, Mike Lock (arrived 18:39), John Orchard, Rani Panesar, Colin Rose, Sarah Setter, John Snell, Kate Stevenson and Rob Stickland (13)

In attendance - Barbara Appleby (Clerk)

Somerset Councillors: Andy Kendall, Tony Lock and Graham Oakes.

1 minute's silence in memory of Maurice Lamb, ex councillor and chair of Yeovil Without (Term of office May 2011 – May 2015: Chair May 2012 – May 2015)

Members of the Public (3)

- A local resident raised the following matters:
 - i. expenditure on recent works – Combe Street Lane and Lyde Road*
 - ii St Michaels Ave – Traffic flow, volume, speed and safety*
 - iii Co-op St Michaels Ave – parking and damaging on grass verge*
- Brethren Gospel Hall – 1 member – no comments
- Rev David Kean – Westfield Youth Report

Somerset Councillors: Members **NOTED** the updates and comments made by Somerset Councillors, and committed to providing a follow-up response to a local resident's concerns.

Mike Lock raised concern regarding the closure of Combe Street Lane, which unintentionally caused HGV's to travel through Yeovil Marsh and asked in future if Yeovil Marsh road could be closed to through traffic, unfortunately this was not possible however Somerset Councillors acknowledged the issue and agreed that better signage is necessary.

Police/PSCO: None in attendance, phone contact had been made with the clerk, any matters council wish to raise to be forwarded to the clerk.

Outside Reports/Representatives:

Members **NOTED** the verbal update from the Vice Chair on the Westfield Community Association meeting, the Chair unable to attend due to a conflict meeting.

Westfield Youth Report - Rev David Keen presented an overview of the recently circulated youth report and led a Q & A session to expand on the reports content - **NOTED**

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Council received apologies from:

Cllr Mary Snell – unwell (1) Cllrs: Vyvyenne Burt - personal commitment (1)

Council **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies.

- 416/25** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**
 Rob Stickland – Yeovil Town Council member – Personal – 423/25.6
 Rani Panesar – WPCA committee member – Personal – 423/25.6
 Kevin Brown and John Orchard – Allotment tenants – Personal – 426/25.1
 John Snell – DPI – Planning decisions - **421/25.4**
 Mike Lock - DPI – Sale of Allotment Land - **426/25.1**
- 417/25** **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**
 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 November 2024 were **APPROVED** as a true record.
- 418/25** **CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ENGAGEMENTS: NONE**
- 419/25** **PARISH CLERK REPORT:**
 The council **NOTED** the verbal report from the clerk.
- 420/25** **DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE:**
 The Council **NOTED** the defibrillator monthly usage report, and the installation of bleed kits was raised, which would be discussed at a future meeting,
- 421/25** **PLANNING:**
421/25.1 Planning applications received for consideration: **NONE**
421/25.2 Planning Applications considered under Standing Order 15bxvi : **NONE**
421/25.3 Planning Applications received after the publication of the agenda: **NONE**
421/25.4 Planning Decisions & Appeals: **NOTED** Somerset Council planning decisions for the period between 14 Nov 24 -15 Jan 25
421/25.5 Planning Correspondence: **NONE**
- 421/25.4 - John Snell did not leave the meeting as noting the decision did not warrant this.*
- 422/25** **ONGOING MATTERS/REVIEWS/GOVERNANCE**
- 422/25.1** **CREMATORIUM AND CEMETERY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**
 Members **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE**
 (1) Crematorium and Cemetery budgets (2) Cemetery Deficit
NOTE the minutes of the Crematorium and Cemetery Committee meeting held on 8 January 2025.
- 422/25.2** **RISK ASSESMENT REVIEW**
 The Council **NOTED** the request to review the current risk assessment and comments to be submitted to the Clerk by 10 Feb 25.

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FINANCE

423/25.1

LIST OF PAYMENTS

Members **NOTED** the payments paid under delegation as listed below:

Payment Method	Payment date	Details	above £2,500 *	Net - £	Vat - £	Gross - £
Auto	30-Nov	Service Charge		7.05		7.05
BACS	18-Dec	Somerset Council - PR - Nov		1,554.00	310.80	1,864.80
BACS	18-Dec	SALC - training		63.00		63.00
BACS	18-Dec	Yeovil Marsh Hall (defibrillator electric)		60.00		60.00
BACS	18-Dec	HMRC	*	2,938.13		2,938.13
BACS	18-Dec	Staff Emoluments (clips for VAS)		523.19	2.75	525.94
SO	27-Dec	Democratic Services		2,200.00		2,200.00
DD	27-Dec	NEST		296.87		296.87

Payment Method	Payment date	Details	above £2,500 *	Net - £	Vat - £	Gross - £
Auto	31-Dec	Service Charge		6.75		6.75
BACS	23-Jan	Somerset Council - PR - Dec		1,332.00	266.40	1,598.40
BACS	23-Jan	Somerset Council - Cemetery Deficit	*	9,839.17	1,967.83	11,807.00
BACS	23-Jan	Somerset Council - playground inspec		352.82	70.56	423.38
BACS	23-Jan	Parish Online		300.00	60.00	360.00
BACS	23-Jan	Yeovil Sports & Social Club		37.50	7.50	45.00
BACS	23-Jan	Staff Emoluments (clips for VAS)		294.23	2.75	296.98
SO	25-Jan	Democratic Services		2,200.00		2,200.00
DD	25-Jan	NEST		296.87		296.87

423/25.2 Members **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the following payments above the delegation threshold:

- HMRC -£2,938.13
- Cemetery deficit £11,807

423/25.3 Members **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the quarterly bank reconciliation.

423/25.4 Members **NOTED** the quarterly 2024/2025 budget review; no comments were made.

423/25.5 **OCTAGON ARTS ENGAGEMENT SERVICES REQUEST FOR FUNDING**
Members **NOTED** the further information received and the £5,000 budget allocation to support this 2025/2026 funding.

423/25.6 25/26 BUDGET AND PRECEPT
Members NOTED the following:

- **Draft Budget Amendments:** Provisional decisions on Octagon Arts engagement and a contribution towards shared assets between YWPC and YTC were now included in the 25/26 Budget.
- **Allocation of Crematorium Surplus:** The surplus funds from the YWPC Crematorium for 2023/24 had now been included within 25/26 budget. Going forward surplus fund allocation will run 2 years in arrears to ensure funds are available for expenditure. *i.e 24/25 surplus to be included in 26/27 budget.*
- **Council Tax Demand:** Despite a decrease in the council tax base, there was an agreement not to increase council tax for residents. The gap was filled by drawing from reserves to fund grant payments, effectively keeping the tax demand unchanged.

Members RESOLVED to APPROVE (1) 25/26 budget of £674,872
(2) precept demand of £134,632.

424/25 CORRESPONDENCE

424/25.1 STROKE SERVICES IN YEOVIL

Members NOTED the disappointing response from the Department of Health and Social Care which had concluded that this proposal does not meet the criteria for ministerial intervention. The letter from Adam Dance Yeovil MP letter calling for support was also NOTED, YWPC had already discussed and supported the matter.

424/25.2 Any further correspondence received since preparation of the agenda which does not require a financial decision:

- (i) Members NOTED the resident enquiry about double Yellow Lines on High Lea was being followed up by Somerset Councillor David Woan

425/25 FORWARD PLAN

Council NOTED the forward plan.

426/25 **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Exclusion of the press and public

The Council RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Members of the public left the meeting at 19:27

Councillor Mike Lock having declared a DPI left the meeting at 19:28

426/25.1 SALE OF ALLOTMENT LAND

Members **NOTED** the verbal update on the actions agreed at the 24 July 24 meeting (min 414/24.3), with specific reference to Land Registry responses and Porter Dodson responses and actions.

Sarah Setter left the meeting at 19:47

Meeting closed 20:01

Chair.....

Date