



YEOVIL WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting on Wednesday 21 January 2026 at Yeovil Sports & Social Club, Johnson Park, Yeovil, at 6:30pm

Present: Cllrs: Howard Ashton, Kevin Brown, Vyvyenne Burt, Iris Coton, John Orchard, Colin Rose & Rob Stickland (7)

In attendance:

Clerk: Barbara Appleby

Somerset Councillors: Graham Oakes and Andy Kendall

Members NOTED the Somerset Councillor comments.

Members of the Public: 2 members present, no comments were made.

Police/PCSO: None – any matters to be raised to the Clerk

Outside Reports: None

517/26 — APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Council received apologies from:

- Cllrs David Knight, Mike Lock and Kate Stevenson – personal commitments (3)
- Cllr Rani Panesar – unwell (1)

Council RESOLVED to accept these apologies.

Not Present: Simon Hodder, Sarah Nutland, John Snell & Mary Snell (4)

518/26 — DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Cllr Kevin Brown & John Orchard – Allotment Tenant – Personal (Budget) 523/26.4
- Cllrs Rob Stickland – Member of YTC - Personal (Budget) – 523/26.4

519/26 — MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19 November 2025 were APPROVED as a true record.

520/26 — CHAIR'S REPORT

Members NOTED the chair's attendance at the Primrose Lane Christmas Fayre which was warmly welcomed by participants.

521/26 — PARISH CLERK REPORT

Members NOTED the Clerk's verbal report, which covered the following:

- The use of the defibrillator at Greenwood Road on 1st January 2026.
- The relocation of one steel planter from the Hundredstone bus shelter to Yeovil Marsh Church Hall.
- The maturing of the Unity Bank 2-year fixed rate bond.

522/26 — PLANNING

522/26.1 — PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

25/02769/REM - Land Os 3400 Mudford Rd - REM application for the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for Phase 1 comprising 109 residential dwellings and associated infrastructure and green space, excluding the main site access relating to planning application 22/00695/OUT (appeal ref: APP/E3335/W/23/3328322); for the erection of up to 252 dwellings, public open space (including community orchard and village green), woodland planting, ecological buffers, sustainable drainage systems, a biodiverse wetland habitat and other ancillary works - Adjacent parish

YWPC comments - Yeovil Without Parish Council (YWPC) **NOTES** the planning application for the Mudford Road site. As an adjacent parish, we wish to raise our main concerns regarding traffic flow and the potential impact of the proposed development.

Mudford Road is heavily congested at peak times, and Fairmead School is located nearby. School pick-up and drop-off periods already affect traffic flow, and YWPC is concerned about how the additional development traffic will be managed and mitigated.

YWPC notes that the proposed road access for the site falls within our parish boundary. We have specific concerns regarding the impact of this access onto Mudford Road and the implementation of the four-arm traffic-controlled signalling. We are still awaiting further details about the phasing of these works, including when they are scheduled to be completed and the approximate time span for implementation.

We are particularly concerned about potential changes to traffic flow at peak times and would like clarification on whether the traffic signals will be dynamically controlled based on traffic volumes. Additional details and modelling regarding expected traffic flows and any mitigation measures would be helpful in assessing the impact on our parish and the surrounding area.

We would be grateful if these details could be provided so that YWPC can be fully informed of the impact of this development

522/26.2 — APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA:

26/00055/FUL – 34 Tower Road - Change of use of existing garage space into a dog grooming space with no external changes. - **YWPC Comments** – support application

523/26 – ONGOING MATTERS/REVIEWS/GOVERNANCE

523/26.1 CREMATORIUM AND CEMETERY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) Members RESOLVED to NOTE the minutes of the Crematorium and Cemetery Committee meeting held on 10 Dec 26 and Cemetery Deficit figure of £113,900 and how it will be financed and (2) APPROVE the Crematorium and Cemetery 26/27 budgets.

523/26.2 RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Members NOTED the requirement to review the existing Risk Assessment and notify the clerk by 10 February with any comments or new risks.

523/26.3 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS – MAY 26 – APR 27

Members RESOLVED to APPROVE the schedule of meetings, Dec 26 date to be confirmed following confirmation of meeting room availability.

524/26 – FINANCE

524/26.1 – PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS

Members RESOLVED to: NOTE receipts and payments made under delegation for December 25 and January 26 and SLCC membership increase. Details of payments and receipts below -

YWPC PAYMENTS APPROVAL LIST			Dec	Payments greater than > £500		
EXPENDITURE			10,017.43			
Payment Method	Payment date	Details	above £5,000 *	Net - £	Vat - £	Gross - £
BACS	20-Nov	Say Aphasia - Grant		500.00		500.00
BACS	20-Nov	Wessex MS - Grant		500.00		500.00
Auto	30-Nov	Service Charge		9.75		9.75
BACS	Dec	PCC Yeovil Marsh - defib hosting elec contribution		30.00		30.00
BACS	Dec	Somerset Council - PR		1,706.63	341.33	2,047.96
BACS	Dec	SLCC		379.00		379.00
BACS	Dec	HMRC		3,974.09		3,974.09
BACS	Dec	Staff Emoluments		373.88	2.75	376.63
SO	Dec	Democratic Services		2,200.00		2,200.00
Total				9,173.35	344.08	10,017.43
INCOME			£110.00			
Date	Description	Amount				
December	Allotment Rent	£ 110.00				
Total Income received		£ 110.00				

YWPC PAYMENTS APPROVAL LIST**Jan-26**

Payments greater than

> £500

EXPENDITURE 12,908.23

Payment Method	Payment date	Details	above £5,000 *	Net - £	Vat - £	Gross - £
Auto	31-Dec	Service Charge		7.50		7.50
DD	09-Jan	NEST (Dec payment)		532.97		532.97
BACS	22-Jan	Somerset Council - play inspections		361.66	72.33	433.99
BACS	22-Jan	Somerset Council - PR		1,365.30	273.06	1,638.36
BACS	22-Jan	Yeovil Town Council		1,833.00		1,833.00
BACS	22-Jan	Parish online		300.00	60.00	360.00
BACS	22-Jan	St Peters Community Centre		5,000.00		5,000.00
BACS	22-Jan	Staff Emoluments		366.69	2.75	369.44
SO	26-Jan	Democratic Services		2,200.00		2,200.00
DD	26-Jan	NEST		532.97		532.97
Total				12,500.09	408.14	12,908.23

INCOME £223,939.04

Date	Description	Amount
31-Dec	Interest	£ 3,110.55 Unity Access Account
19-Jan	2 year fixed LTI	£ 220,828.49 Unity Access Account
Total Income received		£ 223,939.04

524/26.2 BANK RECONCILIATIONMembers **RESOLVED APPROVE** the quarterly bank reconciliation.**524/26.3 25/26 BUDGET REVIEW**Members **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the quarterly 2025/2026 budget review; no comments were made.**524/26.4 26/27 BUDGET AND PRECEPT**Members **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** (1) 26/27 Budget £524,710, (2) 26/27 Precept £135,000 (3) Band D charge £41.63 (no increase on previous year)**524/26.5 NATIONWIDE NOMINATED BANK ACCOUNT FORM**Members **RESOLVED** that the Nationwide nominated bank account form be approved and signed, nominating the YWPC bank account to which funds from the savings account will be paid, in accordance with the bank mandate.

524/26.6 ALLOTMENT HEDGE TRIMMING

Members **RESOLVED** that the Council's previous resolution, recorded under minute 434/25.4, remains in force. The Council confirmed that no works may be undertaken on the allotment track without a formal quotation being submitted to, and approved by, the full Council, and without written instruction having been issued in advance.

The Council further noted that the hedge trimming works were carried out prior to any approval, quotation, or written instruction, and therefore did not comply with the Council's resolution or Financial Regulations.

Members also **NOTED** that this position applies equally to all works undertaken on behalf of the Council. No departures from the Financial Regulations or agreed procedures will be permitted, as doing so would:

- Risk non-compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements;
- Undermine the Council's duty to ensure proper use of public funds;
- Expose the Council and its members to potential financial or legal liability; and
- Compromise transparency, accountability, and governance standards.

The Council therefore reaffirmed that all works must strictly follow agreed procedures and Financial Regulations.

523/26.7 OCTAGON ARTS OUTREACH SERVICE SUPPORT

It was **AGREED** that the request would be reviewed by the grant steering group in the first instance.

525/26 CORRESPONDENCE

525.26.1 STROKE SERVICES IN YEOVIL

Members **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the correspondence received from DHSC and situation at present.

525/26.2 COPPITTS HILL - residents' concerns

Members **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the concerns raised and that the matter had been reported to Somerset Council Enforcement case ref: **26/00007/ENF**

525/26.3 Additional correspondence received since publication of the agenda which does not require a financial decision:

- i. Government delay in the award of NMH contract - Members **RESOLVED** to contact YTC and neighbouring parishes to discuss a collective and urgent response to the Government regarding the New Medium Helicopter (NMH) contract and impact it potentially would have on Yeovil and surrounding area.

526/26 — DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 18th February 2026

Meeting closed: 7:32pm

Chair: _____ Date: _____