



# YEOVIL WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting on Wednesday 18 February 2026 at Yeovil Sports & Social Club, Johnson Park, Yeovil, at 6:30pm

**Present:** Cllrs: Howard Ashton, Kevin Brown, Vyvyenne Burt, David Knight, John Orchard, Colin Rose, John Snell, Mary Snell, Kate Stevenson and Rob Stickland (10)

**In attendance:**

Clerk: Barbara Appleby

Somerset Councillors: Andy Kendall

Members **NOTED** the Somerset Councillor comments.

Members of the Public: None

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

**Outside Reports:** In the absence of the YWPC Highways representative, the Chair informed the Council of ongoing flooding issues on the A37 near the two S-bends. Discussions and potential remedial works are currently being progressed between Wessex Water, Somerset Council, and the adjacent landowner.

## **527/26 — APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Council received apologies from:

- Cllr Iris Coton - personal commitments (1)
- Cllr Mike Lock – prior engagement (1)

Council **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies.

**Not Present:** Sarah Nutland, Rani Panesar (2)

## **528/26 — DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- Cllrs Rob Stickland – Member of YTC - Personal - **534/26.5**    **PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS**

## **529/26 — MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 January 2026 were **APPROVED** as a true record.

## **530/26 — CHAIR'S REPORT**

The chair has been monitoring the Wyndham Park MUGA area project and added on site meeting, the Westfield Community Association AGM will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> March and the chair will attend. Members **NOTED** the chair's report

## **531/26 — PARISH CLERK REPORT**

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

- The use of the defibrillator at Greenwood Road on 10 Feb 26
- Wyndham Park MUGA area update.

## **532/26 — PLANNING**

### **532/26.1 — APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA:**

26/00380/PDE at 195 Ilchester Road received just prior to the meeting, the application is for noting only and will be circulated tomorrow, **NOTED**.

## **533/26 – ONGOING MATTERS/REVIEWS/GOVERNANCE**

### **533/26.1 GENERAL RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

Members **RESOLVED** to adopt the Risk Assessment following the recent review

### **533/26.2 COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION**

Members **NOTED** the resignation of Simon Hodder and the public notice expiry date of 25 Feb 26.

## 534/26 — FINANCE

### 534/26.1 — PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS

Members **RESOLVED** to: **NOTE** receipts and payments made under delegation for February 26

<b>YWPC PAYMENTS APPROVAL LIST</b>			<b>Feb-26</b>		<b>Payments greater than</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			<b>21,480.77</b>		<b>&gt; £500</b>	
<b>Payment Method</b>	<b>Payment date</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>above £5,000 *</b>	<b>Net - £</b>	<b>Vat - £</b>	<b>Gross - £</b>
Auto Debit	31-Jan	Service Charge		7.50		7.50
BACS	04-Feb	HMRC		3,974.09		3,974.09
Auto Debit	16-Feb	Corporate Purchase Card set up fee		50.00		50.00
BACS	19-Feb	Water 2 business		115.03		115.03
BACS	19-Feb	Cemetery Deficit		£12,016.00		12,016.00
BACS	19-Feb	Somerset Council - PR		£1,820.40	£364.08	2,184.48
BACS	19-Feb	Staff Emoluments		397.95	2.75	400.70
SO	25-Feb	Democratic Services		2,200.00		2,200.00
DD	25-Feb	NEST		532.97		532.97
<b>Total</b>				<b>21,113.94</b>	<b>366.83</b>	<b>21,480.77</b>

<b>INCOME</b>		<b>£33.92</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
10-Feb-26	Wayleave	£	11.92
12-Feb-26	Allotment rent plot 12a	£	22.00
<b>Total Income received</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>33.92</b>

### 534/26.2 PAYMENTS ABOVE THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION THRESHOLD

Members **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the £12,016 cemetery deficit payment

### 534/26.3 GRANT APPLICATIONS

The recommendations of the grant steering group were considered the Council **RESOLVED**: In accordance with LGA 137 to award the following grants:

- Project Dance Charity Foundation - £500
- Yeovil Street Pastors - £300
- Crimestoppers - £200
- Yeovil Opportunity Group - £2,000

## 534/26.4 INVESTMENT OF CREMATORIUM RESERVES

The council **RESOLVED** to:

1. Approve the transfer of £29,171.51 from the unallocated Crematorium reserves to top up the Crematorium Reserve to a total of £250,000.
2. Note the investment options available for the reinvestment of £250,000 of Crematorium Reserve funds.
3. Approve the investment of the full £250,000 in a two-year fixed rate bond with Redwood Bank at the current rate of 3.95% (rate changed following the publication of the agenda, thus having regard to security, liquidity, and yield, to ensure the long-term adequacy of the Crematorium Reserve.

## 534/26.5 PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS

*Rob Stickland being a member of YTC abstained from the discussion and vote.*

Members **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the appointment of YTC to complete weekly play ground inspections for Johnson Park at a cost of £25 per month.

## 535/26 CORRESPONDENCE

### 535.26.1 LEONARDO NMH CONTRACT – COMBINED PARISH RESPONSE

Members **NOTED** the combined parish response and support from surrounding parish councils. It was **AGREED** that a deadline for supporting parish council to respond would be Friday midday, with the letter to be submitted on the afternoon of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

## 536/26 — DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Meeting closed: 6.59pm

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_