



YEOVIL WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting on Wednesday 15 April 2026 at Yeovil Sports & Social Club, Johnson Park, Yeovil commenced at 7:22 pm following the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting.

Present: (9) Cllrs: Howard Ashton, Vyvyenne Burt (left at 19:55), Iris Coton, Jo Gill, David Knight, John Orchard, Colin Rose, Kate Stevenson and Rob Stickland

In attendance:

Clerk: Barbara Appleby

Somerset Councillors: Wes Read, members **NOTED** the comments made and the link for reporting potholes to be forwarded to members.

Members of the Public: Four residents attended the meeting in relation to planning matters concerning the Mudford Road/Primrose Lane and Lyde Road areas. Members **NOTED** the comments made and the documents submitted. The residents left the meeting at 7.34pm.

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

Outside Reports: None

548/26 — APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (2)

Council received apologies from:

- Cllr Kevin Brown – personal commitment
- Cllr Rani Panesar – personal circumstances

Council **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies.

Not Present: (4) Mike Lock, Sarah Nutland, John Snell and Mary Snell

549/26 — DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Cllrs Rob Stickland – Member of Yeovil Town Council (YTC) - Personal – 555/26.4 & 558/26.2

550/26 — MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 March 2026, the minutes were **APPROVED** as a true record.

551/26 — CHAIR’S REPORT

Members **NOTED** the Chair’s verbal report.

552/26 — PARISH CLERK REPORT

Members **NOTED** the Clerk’s verbal report.

553/26 — PLANNING

553/26.1 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR CONSIDERATION:

Application No.	25/01367/S73
Location	Land North Of Mudford Road
Proposal	S73 to vary condition 5 and remove conditions 9 & 14 of planning permission 22/00695/OUT) for Outline planning application with all matters reserved except for access, for the erection of up to 252 dwellings, public open space, woodland planting, ecological buffers, sustainable drainage systems, a biodiverse wetland habitat and other ancillary works.
Ward	Adjacent Parish – Mudford
YWPC comments:	Further information required

553/26.2 — PLANNING APPLICATIONS NOTIFICATIONS: Members **NOTED** 26/00729/TPO

553/26.3 — PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA: **NONE**

553/26.4 — SOMERSET COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS BETWEEN 12/3 /26 – 9/4/26 – **NONE**

554/26 – ONGOING MATTERS/REVIEWS/GOVERNANCE

554/26.1 DATA AUDIT

Members **NOTED** the data audit that was conducted on 26th March

FINANCE

555/26.1 — PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS

Members **RESOLVED** to:

- a. **NOTE** receipts and the payments made under delegation for April 26
- b. Payment above the scheme of delegation threshold (5,000) - **NONE**

Cllr Burt left the meeting at 19:55

YWPC PAYMENTS APPROVAL LIST

31-Mar-25

Payments greater than

> £500

EXPENDITURE **9.25**

Payment Method	Payment date	Details	above £5,000 *	Net - £	Vat - £	Gross - £
Auto Debit	31-Mar	Service Charge		8.95		8.95
Auto Debit	31-Mar	Manual handling charge		£0.30		0.30
Total				9.25	-	9.25

INCOME **£5,723.10**

Date	Description	Amount
	Interest - Nationwide	£ 2,369.71
	Interest - Unity Access	£ 3,353.39
Total Income received		£ 5,723.10

YWPC PAYMENTS APPROVAL LIST

15-Apr-26

Payments greater than

> £500

EXPENDITURE **7,812.61**

Payment Method	Payment date	Details	above £5,000 *	Net - £	Vat - £	Gross - £
BACS	16-Apr	Somerset Council - PR		£1,365.30	£273.06	1,638.36
BACS	16-Apr	Community Heartbeat		£270.00	£54.00	324.00
BACS	16-Apr	Somerset Council - uncontested election recharge 24/25		£100.00		100.00
BACS	16-Apr	SALC		£1,426.20		1,426.20
BACS	16-Apr	Staff Emoluments		385.10	2.75	387.85
	27-Apr	HMRC		1,203.24		1,203.24
SO	27-Apr	Democratic Services		2,200.00		2,200.00
DD	27-Apr	NEST		532.96		532.96
Total				7,482.80	329.81	7,812.61

INCOME **£67,500.00**

Date	Description	Amount
09-Apr-26	Somerset Council - 6 months precept	£ 67,500.00

555/26.2 ANTIVIRUS SOFTWARE

The council **RESOLVED** to: Approve the purchase of antivirus software at a cost of £29.99 for 1 year.

555/26.3 HMRC DIRECT DEBIT

The council **RESOLVED** to: Approve the Direct Debit mandate for payment of PAYE to HMRC.

555/26.4 STROKE UNIT JUDICIAL CHALLENGE – YTC resolution letter

The Chair declared an interest as a member of Yeovil Town Council and left the chair for this item. The Vice Chair, Councillor Colin Rose, took the chair.

The Council **RESOLVED**: to make a one-off contribution of £1,327.75 towards the legal costs incurred by Yeovil Town Council in obtaining advice on the potential for a judicial challenge and requested that an invoice be forwarded in due course.

Members **NOTED** the legal advice received that a judicial review is no longer possible and agreed to continue monitoring the situation and to consider alternative non-legal routes, including the use of Freedom of Information requests and other scrutiny measures.

In light of the Secretary of State's response encouraging local engagement, the Council further **RESOLVED** to propose the establishment of a joint working group comprising representatives from Yeovil Without Parish Council, Yeovil Town Council and the Somerset Council Lead Member for Public Health, to engage directly with the Integrated Care Board. Councillors Iris Coton and Colin Rose were appointed as Yeovil Without Parish Council's representatives on the proposed working group. The Council requested that Yeovil Town Council consider the proposal and advise whether it would be willing to participate in such a combined working group.

The Chair resumed the chair following consideration of the item.

556/26 CORRESPONDENCE

556/26.1 YEOVIL TOWN OF CULTURE BID

The council **RESOLVED** in principle to support the bid and agreed to be listed as a partner in the Expression of Interest submission.

556/26.2 ANNUAL CIVIC SERVICE INVITATION – Sunday 31st May 26

It was **AGREED** that Vice Chair Colin Rose would attend the Annual Civic Service on behalf of YWPC.

556/26.3 Any further correspondence received since preparation of the agenda which does not require a financial decision: **NONE**

557/26 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the parish council meeting will be the Annual Parish meeting to be held on 20 May 2026 and starting at 6.30pm.

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*

558/26 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

558/26.1 YEOVIL CREMATORIUM COVENANT RE-LEASE/MODIFICATION

The Council **RESOLVED** to: approve the execution of the agreement as joint owners of the land and authorised the signing of two copies of the agreement for forwarding to Somerset Council Legal Services.

558/26.2 CEMETERY LODGE – Yeovil Town Council Report (Director of Infrastructure
Property Assets report - mtg 31 March)

The Council **RESOLVED** to: **NOTE** the report and **AGREED** in principle to the proposal as outlined within the report.

Meeting closed: 8.34pm

Chair: _____ Date: _____