YEOVIL WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 29 July 2026 at 6.30pm, Yeovil Sports and Social Club, Johnson Park, Coronation Avenue, Yeovil BA21 3DY

Present (9)

Cllrs Howard Ashton, Kevin Brown, Vyvyenne Burt, Iris Coton *(arrived 6.36pm)*, David Knight, Mike Lock, Colin Rose (Vice Chair), Kate Stevenson and Rob Stickland (Chair).

In Attendance: Barbara Appleby (Clerk to the Council).

Public Comment

No public comments were received.

Cllr Vyvyenne Burt advised that information relating to local bus operators would be circulated to Members.

Cllr Mike Lock raised concerns regarding the works taking place on Combe Street Lane.

Outside Reports from Representatives

Police / PCSO

No Police representatives were present.

The Clerk reported that additional patrols would be undertaken around the Brimsmore site following reports of anti-social behaviour. Concerns were also noted regarding the appearance of the recent ditch and bank works.

Somerset Councillors

Updates were received from Somerset Councillors Tony Lock, Andy Kendall and Evie Potts-Jones.

Members noted concerns raised regarding the illegal use of e-scooters.

Outside Bodies

None.

583/26 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs John Orchard and Jo Gill due to personal commitments.

Resolved: To accept the apologies received.

Not Present: Cllrs Rani Panesar, John Snell and Mary Snell.

584/26 Councillor Co-option – Lyde Ward

Members considered the application received for the vacant Lyde Ward seat.

Cllr Evie Potts-Jones, being the only applicant, was duly proposed and seconded.

Resolved: That Cllr Evie Potts-Jones be co-opted to Yeovil Without Parish Council to represent Lyde Ward.

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.

585/26 Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were received:

- Cllr Evie Potts-Jones – Personal Interest as a Somerset Councillor and Yeovil Town Councillor.
- Cllr Rob Stickland – Personal Interest as a Yeovil Town Councillor.

586/26 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 24 June 2026 were considered.

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2026 be approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

587/26 Chair's Report

Members received and noted the Chair's report.

588/26 Parish Clerk's Report

Members received and noted the Clerk's report.

589/26 Planning

589.1/26 Planning Applications for Consideration

There were no planning applications for consideration.

589.2/26 Planning Applications for Noting

Application No. 26/01490/COL
Greenacres Park, Coppits Hill, Yeovil

Members noted the application but expressed concerns regarding the proposed addition of two caravans within the designated community area and that local residents had not been informed of the proposal.

Application No. 26/01399/DPO
Key Site, Lyde Road, Yeovil

The application was noted.

589.3/26 Planning Applications Received After Publication of the Agenda: None

590/26 Ongoing Matters / Reviews / Governance

590.1/26 Crematorium and Cemetery Committee Minutes

Members NOTED the minutes of the Crematorium and Cemetery Committee meeting held on 8 July 2026.and that the Council's 2025/26 surplus distribution of **£67,855**, together with interest of **£709**, totalling **£68,564**, had been transferred to Yeovil Without Parish Council.

Cllr Rob Stickland highlighted issues identified during a recent visit to Yeovil Cemetery.

590.2/26 ICB Joint Working Group Meeting

Members received a verbal report following the Joint Working Group meeting with the Integrated Care Board regarding the proposed closure of the Hyper Acute Stroke Unit at Yeovil District Hospital held on 20th July 26.

Members noted that following the ICB meeting on 6 August 2026, and depending on the outcome, a request may be made to meet with the Chief Executive of the ICB.

Resolved: That the Joint Working Group be authorised to submit a third Call-In request should all other options fail to prevent the closure of the Hyper Acute Stroke Unit at Yeovil District Hospital.

591/26 Finance

591.1/26 Payments and Receipts

a) Members noted the July 26 schedule of payments made under delegated authority together with receipts received.

						Payments greater than
YWPC PAYMENTS APPROVAL LIST			**29-Jul-26**			**> £500**
EXPENDITURE		**11,297.42**				
Payment Method	**Payment date**	**Details**	**above £5,000 ***	**Net - £**	**Vat - £**	**Gross - £**
		Corportate card expenditure				
Corp Card	*17-Jun*	*Brimsmore Garden Centre*		*56.09*		*56.09*
Corp Card	*09-Jul*	*Corporate card fee*		*3.00*		*3.00*
Corp Card		**Total**		59.09	-	**59.09**
Auto	30-Jun	Unity Service Charge				8.50
DD	**23-Jul**	**Lloyds - Corporate Card**				**59.09**
SO	27-Jul	Democratic Services		2,200.00		2,200.00
DD	28-Jul	NEST		532.97		532.97
BACS	30-Jul	Darkin Miller Limited (internal audit)		409.48	81.9	491.38
BACS	30-Jul	Yeovil Town Council (contribution legal advice)		1,327.75	265.55	1,593.30
BACS	30-Jul	Somerset Council PR		1,417.25	283.45	1,700.70
DD	30-Jul	HMRC		3,609.76		3,609.76
BACS	30-Jul	Water 2 business (allotments water)		206.96		206.96
BACS	30-Jul	Cartridge People (ink)		83.84	16.78	100.62
BACS	30-Jul	Zurich Insurance		227.41		227.41
BACS	30-Jul	Staff Emoluments		413.13		413.13
BACS	30-Jul	GW Shelter Solutions (bus shetler cleaning)		128.00	25.6	153.60
				10,556.55	647.68	11,297.42

INCOME	**£114,880.10**	
Date	Description	Amount
	VAT reclaim (Apr 26 - Jun 260	£ 43,682.56
	Crematoriun suplus 25/26	£ 68,564.00
	Unity Access Interest	£ 2,633.54
	Total Income received	**£ 114,880.10**

b) There were no payments requiring approval above the Scheme of Delegation threshold.

c) Members considered the quarterly bank reconciliation.

Resolved: That the bank reconciliation be approved.

d) Members considered the first quarter Budget Review for 2026/27.

The Clerk advised that expenditure to the end of June totalled **£20,445** against the approved revenue budget of **£524,710**, together with **£211,077** of Section 106 expenditure. Overall expenditure remained in line with expectations, with no significant variances requiring action.

Resolved: That the Budget Review be noted.

591.2/26 Johnson Park Safety Surface

Members considered the condition of the wet-pour safety surface at Johnson Park together with quotations for repair and full replacement.

It was recognised that whilst repairs could be undertaken as a short-term solution, the surface had reached the end of its expected service life.

Resolved: To pursue the replacement of the safety surface and obtain two further quotations before a final decision is made.

591.3/26 Grit Bins

Members considered the replacement of damaged and deteriorating grit bins.

Resolved: To approve the purchase of four replacement grit bins together with two hasp and staple sets at a cost of £276.88 (ex VAT) per bin and £18.49 per hasp and staple. Total cost £1107.52 excluding VAT

592/26 Correspondence

592.1/26 Yeovil Cemetery Land Registry Registration

Members considered the report regarding the voluntary registration of Yeovil Cemetery with HM Land Registry.

The Clerk explained that the cemetery had been acquired in three separate parcels with differing ownership arrangements, requiring registration under three separate Land Registry titles.

Resolved:

- To approve proceeding with the voluntary registration of Yeovil Cemetery with HM Land Registry.
- To delegate authority to the Clerk to seek clarification regarding the land ownership arrangements, confirmation of the land parcels and any implications arising from registering the land as three separate titles.

592.2/26 Friends of Marshfield and Mudford Action Group (FoMAG)

Members noted the correspondence received dated 10 July 2026.

It was also noted that the Parish Council had requested sight of Somerset Council's response when available.

592.3/26 Further Correspondence

There was no further correspondence requiring consideration.

593/26 Date of Next Meeting

Members noted that there would be no Parish Council meeting during August.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 16 September 2026 at 6.30pm**.

594/26 Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: That, in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the following item owing to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

595/26 Potential Land for Future Burial Provision (Commercial in Confidence)

Members received a verbal report regarding the potential acquisition of land to provide future burial provision.

Following consideration of the options available:

Resolved: To submit a best and final offer of **£186,000** for the proposed land acquisition.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at **8.12pm**.

Signed: ..... **Date:** .....

Chair of Yeovil Without Parish Council