

**Minutes of Yeovilton Parish Council held on Tuesday April 13th 2021
at St. Bartholomew's Church, Yeovilton at 7.30pm.**

The meeting was held with strict Covid regulations, social distancing & masks being worn.

Present: Mrs. R. S. Jones, Chairman, Mr. P. Browncey, Mr. D. Board, Mr. A. Elliott, Mr. A. Hickman, Mr. R. Luck, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor, Mr. R. Graydon, CRO, RNAS, Mrs. C. Hickman and Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk.

The meeting stood to remember HRH the Duke of Edinburgh, who had passed away on Friday April 9th.

80. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. B. Barlow, Mr. M. Lewis, County Councillor, Mr. P. Rowsell, District Councillor, Rev. B. Faulkner, PC. Stefan Edwards and PCSO Tim Russell.

81. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on March 9th 2021, having been circulated, were signed as correct.

82. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

83. Open Session & County & District Councillors' reports

In the absence of Mr. Lewis, County Councillor, the Council noted that SCC were proposing the single Unitary Council for Somerset.

Mr. Capozzoli, District Councillor stated that there had been no SSDC Area East Committee meeting and he had nothing to report on the planning application 20/03406/S73 Stockwich Court, which is being delayed due to Phosphate issues, which was considered by the Parish Council to have no relevance.

It was noted that the Phosphate issue, which is delaying planning decisions, is unlikely to be resolved quickly.

Mrs. C. Hickman reported issues with the sewage system at the Weir site in Yeovilton.

Mrs. Hickman highlighted overgrown Rights of Way in Limington Parish, and referred to the proposed bridge closures on Rights of Way in Yeovilton village. Mr. Luck read from an Email sent from Mr. M. Lewis, County Councillor, which referred to the SCC Rights of Way closing Rights of Way, which they considered unsafe, despite being repaired by a third party. This action, Mr. Lewis thought to be very unreasonable.

84. RNAS matters, Police, Community & Church matters

Mr. Graydon, RNAS stated that he had nothing to report.

The Council noted the Crime report received from the Police

In the absence of Rev. Faulkner, there were no Church issues discussed.

85. Planning matters

The Council noted there was nothing to update members from Mr. P. Young reference the future outline proposals for development on Land north of Dragon Fly Chase.

The Council noted that there was no decision for application 20/02512/OUT on Land adjoining Pilgrims, Weir Lane Outline application with all matters reserved apart from access for the erection of 2 No. detached dwellings.

The Council noted that there was no decision for application 20/03406/S73 at Stockwich Court, Stockwich to remove planning condition No. 6 (residential annexe tie) of approval 06/04038/COU to enable annexe to be used as a separate dwelling.

The Council noted that there was no decision for application 20/02517/FUL at West Farmhouse. Pyle Lane, Yeovilton for extension of existing access track, demolition of old cow stalls, rebuild, alterations and repairs to allow conversion of barns to form 3 units holiday accommodation with associated parking and garden areas.

It was noted that all these applications are being delayed due to the need for a Phosphate report.

86. Financial matters

The Council noted that the balances as at 31/03/21 were in the Current A/c £9.35p and £5,006.69p in the B/P Account.

Payments received – £0.13p Bank interest & £3,900 SSDC precept

Payment made -

11/04/21	100440	£66	HMRC paye tax
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The cheque was approved and signed.

It was noted that all members had received a copy of the Annual accounts to March 31st 2021.

Mr. Board asked why had the Parish Council's part of the Council tax, risen by 8%. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact SSDC for an answer. It was noted that the Parish precept had been increased by £400 to £3,900.

87. Highway matters

Mr. Luck reported that the VAS device has been put up in Podimore, and there had been 84% of the traffic speeding over 30 MPH. Mr. Luck reported that, as the battery life had not been as long as it should have been, there would be no charge involved for this session. The data will be sent to the Police.

The Council agreed that the next time the VAS should be put up in Bridgehampton, with Mr. Browncey & Mr. Luck arranging exactly where.

Discussion took place as to where on the B.3151, from Ilchester to RNAS Yeovilton, the VAS should be sited. It was agreed that Mrs. Jones, Mr. Board with Mr. Luck will sort out the best site for it.

Mr. Elliott raised an issue of effluent coming onto Weir Lane from Manor Farm, Yeovilton. After discussion, it was agreed that a letter is sent to the lady concerned, asking that this is remedied.

Mr. Browncey reported that some gullies in Bridgehampton from Stockwich Cross need to be cleared. Mr. Capozzoli suggested that the Parish Council should precept to cover this type of work. It was noted that there are Authorities, which have those responsibilities.

It was noted that the verges from Stockwich Cross are in a bad condition.

88. Flooding issues

There were no issues raised.

89. Tree matters

Mr. Browncey informed the meeting that there is a tree in the river Cam at Bridgehampton. Mr. Luck stated that he would look at this and report back.

90. Rights of Way.

Mr. Luck informed the meeting that SCC Rights of Way were looking at the repair carried out on a foot bridge within Yeovilton by others, with the view to putting up barriers to close the bridge, as the repair had been unauthorised. Mr. Luck stated that there is another bridge in need of attention. Mr. Luck read from an Email received from Mr. Lewis, County Councillor, being the reply he had received from the SCC Senior Rights of Way officer, explaining the reasons why the necessary repairs had not been carried out by SCC.

91. Correspondence

The Council noted the Somerset Waste Partnership video conferencing and newsletter.

92. Items for report, or for the agenda of the next meeting

Mrs. Jones informed the meeting that she will not be standing as Chairman, for the next year.

The date of the next meeting was agreed for May 11th 2021, following the Annual Parish meeting at 7.30pm, the venue being St. Bart's Church, Yeovilton, subject to any Covid restrictions.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for taking part and declared the meeting closed at 8.18pm.

Signed:

Date:

