

**Minutes of a meeting of Yeovilton Parish Council held on Tuesday March 13th 2018 held at
St. Bartholomew's Church, Yeovilton at 7.30pm.**

Present: Mrs. R.S. Jones, Chair, Mr. P. Browncey, Mr. D. Board, Mr. A. Elliott, Mr. M. Lewis, County Councillor, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor, Rev. B. Faulkner & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk.
Six members of the public attended.

130. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. B. Barlow, Mr. Robert Graydon, CRO RNAS, & PCSO J. Winfield.

131. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were signed as correct.

132. Declarations of Interest

Mrs. Jones declared both Personal & Prejudicial Interests in application 18/00536/FUL for Mr. & Mrs A. Jones at Greenstalls Farm, Costello Hill for the erection of a lean-to extension to agricultural building. (retrospective)

The Council noted that the new General Data Protection Act, which is to come in force from May 25th is still evolving, with further advice being received.

133. Open Session

Mr. Rogers asked the Council for an opinion on any possible plans for development on a site opposite 'Twenty pence', Bineham Lane, that he jointly owns with others in Yeovilton village, asking what might be acceptable to the Parish Council. Those present, agreed that the site was unsightly and needed to be tidied up, which could be achieved by some development. It was stated that each application, when received, would have to be considered on its merit, with Mr. M. Lewis informing the meeting that pre-application advice is now available from SSDC planning for a modest fee. Two neighbours present agreed that the site needed to be tidied up.

Mrs. Hickman reported that the area at 'the Forge' Manor Farm, Yeovilton, behind St. Bartholomew's Church, was an unsightly mess, but was not visible from the road. This was noted.

The Council noted that there had been serious parking issues arising from a recent funeral at St. Bartholomew's Church due to lack of organisation. This was noted. (was also included in Mr. Graydon's Email)

The meeting considered the use of the telephone kiosk in Yeovilton village, and agreed that a better use might be a Book exchange rather than the provision of a Defibrillator, which had been promised for the kiosk at Podimore, which Mr. Board reported had been adopted by the British Heart Foundation, and the Defibrillator had never materialised. It was agreed to leave this issue on the agenda.

134. RNAS matters, Police & Community issues & Church matters

In the absence of Mr. Robert Graydon, CRO, Mrs. Jones read from his report, which included that Mr. Graydon accompanied by his Infrastructure colleague had met with two Officers from SCC Highways to look at the area from Stockwich Cross towards Bridgehampton. They examined the gullies for a length of 500 metres on both sides of the road and found that all the gullies (drains) on the left hand side of the road were blocked. Mr. Graydon stated that he is asking for these to be cleared.

Mr. Graydon reported that the meeting of Marcus Fysh, Member of Parliament, with the Commodore had been just a courtesy call and the draft document for a Garden Town in the area was discussed. There are implications for RNAS Yeovilton, which could adversely affect the Base. As to the suggestion within the document that the airfield may operate in the future as a joint military and civilian concern, the Commodore's initial thoughts were that occasional use by civilian aircraft might be accommodated. It was agreed that there is a lot more detailed work & consultation which has to be done before any Garden Town in the area becomes reality.

The Council noted the apologies received from PCSO J. Winfield & the Emails received from the Police via Farm Watch.

Rev Faulkner informed the meeting that as part of the Centenary events, he is researching all the names on the War memorials within the Benefice, with the aim being to produce a leaflet on their lives and it is hoped to put commemorative plaques on the houses where these persons were known to have lived – subject to permissions from the present owners. Any contribution towards these costs would be very much appreciated. It was agreed to put this request on the agenda of the next meeting.

135. Planning matters

The Council noted that there was still no decision by SCC to date, reference SCC application 17/01166/CPO at RNAS for the construction of a 360 sq.m. Waste Transfer Station to replace existing Recycling & Waste Management Centre.

The Council noted that there was still no decision to date for application 17/04126/FUL for Mrs. C. Hickman on land rear of the Rectory, Pyle Lane, Yeovilton for change of use of land and formation of riding arena and erection of 2 no. field shelters.

The Council noted that application 18/00153/LBC for Mr. P. Young at East Manor Farm, Yeovilton for replacement of French doors & back door of dwelling had been granted.

Having declared Interests in application 18/00536/FUL for Mr. & Mrs A. Jones at Greenstalls Farm, Costello Hill for the erection of a lean-to extension to agricultural building (retrospective), Mrs. Jones left the meeting and Mr. Browncey took the Chair. After discussion, the Council agreed to have 'no objections' to the application. Mrs. Jones returned to the meeting.

Mr. Elliott queried whether the Planning policy for Yeovilton village, in view of the recent planning consent for an application in Weir Lane granted recently by SSDC Area Committee, had been altered. This had referred to Yeovilton being part of a 'Cluster of Villages' which included Ilchester. Mr. Capozzoli stated that in his opinion, this will have an impact on future development.

The Council noted that there have been no applications received from Mr. Mark Stevens, Stockwich Farm, Stockwich to erect agricultural storage building or from Mr. M. Edwards for Manor Farm, Yeovilton.

136. Financial matters

The Council noted that the balances at 28/02/18 Current a/c £114.80 & Business savings a/c £3,515.61p

Payments received - nil

Payments

13/03/18	100380	£251.14p	P. Horsington salary & expenses
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The Council approved the payment & the cheque was signed.

The Clerk left the meeting whilst the Council reviewed his salary. On his return, it was reported that the Council had agreed a rise of £5 per month. The Clerk thanked the Council for the increase.

137. Highway matters

The Council noted comments received from the Clerk of West Camel reference the proposals for the dualling of the A.303 Podimore to Sparkford, which was asking that part of the existing A.303 is left to access from Waynes Bistro through to Sparkford for local traffic, not cutting off the existing road beyond the Shell Garage at Sparkford. It was noted that the public consultation is still ongoing.

The Council noted that County Highways have now confirmed the works with the flooding issues at the end of Church Street, Podimore, is on their list of works for 2018.

The Council noted that there was nothing to report on the request to include all of Bridgehampton within the existing speed limit, this being from the village sign at the Chilton Cantelo direction.

It was agreed to ask for an update on this, as well as on the 40 MPH speed limit asked for on the B.3151.

138. Flooding issues

The Council noted that SCC Highways are scheduled to carry out drainage works in Church Street, Podimore this year. The Council noted the contents of Mr. Graydon's Email.

139. County and District Councillors' reports

Mr. Lewis, County Councillor reported that there are plans to rename the Castle Cary County division to Cary only, as there are many villages that have no affinity with Castle Cary. However some Castle Cary residents are not impressed. This will be an ongoing issue. There is a group of volunteers in Castle Cary who administer the local library, and they are appealing for more volunteers to help. This was noted.

Mr. Lewis informed the meeting that Somerset County Council are increasing their Council tax by 5.9%.

The Council noted the information received from SCC reference future provision of SIDs, which stated that this will not be continued by SCC, advising that there will now be a charge of £100 for each two weeks' use, with the other option being to purchase one at a cost of c. £2,000.

Mr. Capozzoli, District Councillor, stated that he is to attend SSDC Area East Committee, which will be considering an application for a Digester at New Spittles Farm, Ilchester. otherwise he had nothing else to report.

Mr. Capozzoli highlighted the SSDC Ward boundary proposals, The Council considered the SSDC boundary proposals to move Ilchester from the Ivelchester Ward into the Northstone Ward, this being an area covering from Barton St. David, Keinton Mandeville, the Charltons & Kingsdon, but noted that there would no change for Yeovilton Parish. After discussion, with Mr. Board stating that it was agreed he could see no need for this proposal, it was agreed that the Council felt strongly that Ilchester is the Community focal point and should remain as part of the Ivelchester ward. The Clerk was instructed to convey this opinion to the Local Boundary Commission and the SSDC Policy Officers.

140. Tree matters

Mrs. Jones reported that the overhanging branches in Pyle Lane had been dealt with.

Mr. Elliott stated that he had no other matters to report.

141. Rights of Way

No issues were reported.

142. Correspondence

The Council noted Clerks Direct.

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

Mr. Browncey highlighted a pothole at Bridgehampton adjacent to the substation. This is to be reported.

The Council confirmed the date of the next Parish Council meeting for Tuesday April 10th 2018 at St. Bartholomew's Church, Yeovilton at 7.30pm, which will be attended by Mrs. A. Huelin, AHA to discuss issues reference Air day, which is being held on July 7th

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for attending, and closed the meeting at 8.52 pm.

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