

MINUTES OF THE YEOVILTON AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY 13th MAY 2025, AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, YEOVILTON 7.30PM

Present: Mr S Hodgson (Chairman) (SH), Mr R Moffatt (Vice Chairman) (RM), Mr J Scott (JS), Mr J Gordon (JG), Mr P Crang (PC), Mr A Hickman (AH), Mrs N Moore, (NM) (Clerk).

Eight members of the public were present.

- 1. **Apologies:** Cllr K Messenger, Rev B Faulkner.
- 2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th March 2025 were amended and then signed as an accurate record. JS announced his resignation from the parish council and that this would be his last meeting. SH thanked JS for all his hard work and wished him well for the future.
- 3. **Nomination and Election of Officers:** The nomination of Mr Grant Macrory to the Yeovilton & District Council was proposed by RM and seconded by AH.
- 4. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:** None.
- 6. **Flooding Issues:** PC provided the following update on Bridgehampton: he is liaising with West Camel in order to try to divert the flood water through the existing ditch. The retaining wall has been built which will help the water progress back into the River Cam. SH will engage with PC regarding flood wardens.
 - 6.1 **The Limington Road Scheme:** JS has attended a meeting regarding flood depth signs for Limington. This is sitting with Andy Baron from Highways and will be funded. JS informed the meeting that there is a requirement for 2 flood wardens, one from Ilchester and the other from Limington. SH will engage with PC on this issue.

7. Open Session:

- 7.1 **Somerset Councillors:** Cllr H Hobhouse gave his report which can be found on the minutes of the AGM which preceded this meeting.
- 7.2 **RNAS Report:** Mr P Jones gave his report which can also be found in the minutes of the AGM. An attendee at the meeting asked that thanks be passed to those concerned regarding the prompt resolution of the runway lighting issue.
- 7.3 **Church Report:** Rev B Faulkner was unable to attend this meeting.

8. **Planning:**

23/01879/OUT. Moonwinds Quarantine and Boarding Kennels, Limington Road, Ilchester. Outline application with all matters reserved save for access for the demolition of existing buildings, erection of 5 dwellings, creation of a new access and provision of associated infrastructure – awaiting decision. 19 Jan 24, response from Vice Chair of South Planning responding to HH comment. Happy for the decision to be made by delegated authority.

23/01011/PAMB. Higher Farm, Higher Farm Lane, Podimore. BA22 8JQ. An appeal has been lodged in respect of the application decision on changing agricultural buildings into 5 dwellings. HH has submitted an objection on the grounds of the narrow bridge over the A303. This is only a single carriageway with no facilities for passing. Appeal in process.

24/00557/FUL. Three Acres, Limington Rd, BA22 8XL. Change of use of the existing buildings to provide overnight dog boarding accommodation, along with staff accommodation above, in association with day care facility. External alterations to the existing building (retrospective) — Objection lodged. It was noted by the committee that the proposed escape route was into an area which floods regularly. Therefore, this would be inappropriate evacuation route. HH has raised an objection on the fact that the neutrality rules have been ignored and staff are now sleeping on site. Condition: Surface Water Drainage Strategy (Compliance). The development shall only be carried out in accordance with the approved Foul Drainage in order to ensure the provision of satisfactory drainage and avoid pollution of the environment.

24/02015/FUL. RNAS Yeovilton, BA22 8HT. Proposed drainage remediation on land to the north and south of Heathcote Road (B3151). Agreed subject to IDB report compliance. Work behind the Senior Rates Mess is ongoing. Work behind the Senior Rates Mess is ongoing.

24/02368/FUL. Land adjoining Keepers, Bineham Lane, Yeovilton. Replacement at workshop and garage with self-catering holiday let. Awaiting decision.

24/02923/LBC. Lower Farm (lot 3), Mill Lane, Limington BA22 8EJ. Conversion of 2 agricultural barns into a self-build residential dwelling with integrated annex. Awaiting decision.

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25/00380/FUL. Higher Farm Cottages, Higher Farm Lane, Podimore, BA22 8JQ. Conversion of the existing two dwellings into a single dwelling house and erection of a single storey extension to the rear. Erection of a detached garage along with associated works including landscaping. Awaiting decision. Objection submitted by Y&DPC 07 March 2025.

25/00308/S73A. Land west of Manor Farm, Ashington Lane, Chiton Cantelo, BA22 8EE. Proposal: S73A application to vary condition 3 to allow use of part of existing barn required for storage of hay, straw and other feedstuffs as well as farm machinery (retrospective application). Awaiting decision. Objection submitted by Y&DPC 4 May 2025.

25/00425/OUT. Land adjacent Tremayne, Limington Road, BA22 8EQ. Outline planning permission with some matters reserved except access for the erection of 1x no dwelling. Awaiting decision. Action: JS to discuss with the neighbours regarding this issue.

25/00775/REM. Land adjoining Pilgrims, Weir Lane, Yeovilton. Reserved matters application for the approval of appearance, scale, layout and landscaping for 2x dwellings pursuant to 20/02512/out (allowed on appeal). Extension for comments granted – 16 May 2025.

9. Financial Matters:

Balances as at 06th May 2025:	
Current account: £10530.93	

Business savings account - £17112.33 (of which is £3993.93 Limington Fund and £5000 Podimore

grant). The speed gates have not yet been erected.

Payments: HRMC £229.76, SALC £340.03, PAYE £229.76

Receipts: Precept £8463.67

- 9.1 **Future use of Limington Fund**: JS has liaised with Limington residents who have stated that they would like to have 'gateways' into the village. The residents are happy to donate £4000 towards this project. Andy Baron suggested 3 gates; however, a quote is required. JS asked that it be noted in the minutes that the Limington fund was received from charitable donations before the formation of the parish council and had been earmarked for use in Limington only. Therefore, this would continue to be the case,
- 10. **Traffic Matters:** Evidence has shown that the 20mph speed limit in Ilchester has made a difference. Regarding a 20mph limit in Limington, JS told the meeting that Highways had dismissed this out of hand.
- 11. Tree Matters: None.
- 12. **Rights of Way:** No issues.
- 13. Other Correspondence: None.
- 14. Any other Business:
 - 14.1 Risk Assessment Approval. The council approved the risk assessment which will be reviewed on an annual basis.
 - 14.2 Hunting in the village. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
 - 14.3 Email addresses: All councillors now have access to Blue Mail and have new gov.uk email addresses. This will ensure that parish business is kept separate and secure from personnel emails. If there are any problems, councillors can speak to SH.
 - 14.4 Mrs Tina Rowe introduced herself as a member if the Ilchester and District Community Association. She explained what the association does and the many events they organise. If anyone would like to volunteer, they should email the following address: idca234@gmail.com
- 15. **Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 08th July at St Mary's Church, Limington at 7.30pm. The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed: Date:
