

# Yeovilton & District Parish Council



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### MINUTES OF THE YEOVILTON AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY 09 SEPTEMBER 2025, AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, YEOVILTON 7.30PM

**Present:** Mr S Hodgson (Chairman) (SH), Mr J Gordon (JG), Mr A Hickman (AH), Mr G Macrory (GM), Mrs C Comer (CC), Mrs N Moore, (NM) (Clerk).

Eight members of the public were present.

1. **Apologies:** Roger Moffat (RM), Mr K Mesenger (KM).
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 08 July 2025 were signed as an accurate record.
3. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:** None.
5. **Flooding Issues:**

5.1 CC gave the following report: **Flood Mary FloodPod.** The FloodPod visits communities at risk of flooding in order to inspire people to install Property Flood Resilience (PFR) measures. Anyone who is concerned about local flooding or those who have experienced it can visit the pod and receive resources, have discussions and see, touch and understand practical measures that better protect homes and businesses. This national tour will be at Mudford Village Hall on Friday 26 September from 2pm until 6pm. This is run by Mary Long-Dhonau, OBE whose mission is to support victims of flooding during recovery, raising awareness of flood risk and property flood resilience. CC will attend this meeting.

#### 6. **Open Session:**

6.1 **Somerset Councillors:** Cllr H Hobhouse (HH) mentioned the Home Emergency Plan (9.1 of these minutes) adding that every village should have a safe point, this will be included in further discussion of the plan.

HH also advised that Castle Cary and Ansford have now joined to become one town council.

6.2 **RNAS Report:** Mr Phil Jones (PJ) told the meeting that there are still a large number of helicopters which are deployed, hence fewer flying activities. PJ also reiterated that if anyone has any complaints regarding the airfield, these must be submitted individually by the person affected. This is important as it will provide a clearer picture. The complaint procedure can be found on the website.

**6.3 Church Report:** Rev B Faulkner (BF) reminded the meeting that the Limington Cider and Sizzle event is being held on Saturday 13 September, tickets are £10 and can be purchased from Mrs Sarah Coleman.

BF noted that there has been a site meeting with the architect and has had full go ahead for use of the back of the church. This work is out for tender and hopefully will be completed by Jun 2026.

## **7. 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. Approved subject to conditions.

24/00557/FUL. Three Acres, Limington Rd, BA22 8XL. Approved, subject to conditions.

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. Approved subject to conditions.

24/02922/FUL. Lower Farm (lot 3), Mill Lane Limington, BA22 8EJ. Conversion of 2 agricultural barns into a self-build residential dwelling with integrated annex. Approved subject to conditions.

25/00308/S73A. Land west of Manor Farm, Ashington Lane, Chilton 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.

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. Conservation officer has raised some concerns, dependant on design. Granted in principle.

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 . Approved subject to conditions.

25/00678/FUL. Erection of a 4-bedroom dwelling (Use Class C3) on land adjacent to The Podimore Inn, utilising access off Podimore Road, with associated parking and landscaping, including reconfiguration of the beer garden, children's play area and car park of the public house. Podimore, BA22 8JF. Awaiting decision.

25/01286/LBC. Draycott Farm, Ashington Lane, Chilton Cantelo, BA22 8EE. Replacement of 5 painted timber single glazed sash windows to the south front with the same. Approved subject to conditions.

25/01580/PAMB. Field number 8751, west side of Movey Lane, Limington, BA22 8EG. Prior approval to convert existing building into a dwelling house. Approved subject to conditions.

25/02113/TCA Lower Farm, Limington, BA22 8EJ. Intent to fell Prunus Avium tree due to close proximity of Grade II listed building. Awaiting decision.

## **8. Financial Matters:**

### **Balances as at 02 September 2025:**

**Current account:** £8945.77

**Business savings account** - £13169.17 (of which is £3993.93 Limington Fund and £1000 Podimore grant).

**Payments:** Stationery - £6.96, Podimore gates - £4000, Netwise Web Services - £396.00, Councillor training - £25.00

**Receipts:** None

**9. Community Welfare:** CC provided the following report:

**9.1 Home Emergency Plan.** The plan is to encourage individual homes to be able to deal with any home incidents and emergencies. This could be something really simple such as having a support network to collect medication or groceries during a village flooding incident, or something larger such as what would happen if you had to leave your home in a hurry. This plan enables individual houses to consider what they need to look after themselves and their families. There are a variety of resources available via the website [www.somersetprepared.org.uk](http://www.somersetprepared.org.uk)

As a parish council we have compiled our own document which is available on the website. This covers an individual's address, emergency contacts, meeting points, names and numbers for family and friends, school arrangements, health providers, pets and animals, local authority and utility contacts. In addition to the self-populating sections it has information and reminders about staying in touch with family, contacting the emergency services, staying safe. It has a checklist about being prepared for emergencies including floods and fires and having a grab bag. There is another checklist about things to consider should an emergency have happened including turning off utilities, checking everyone is accounted for, staying in touch etc.

The meeting discussed the viability of sending a copy to all households in the Parish. This was agreed by all members and has been fully costed. It is proposed that practice managers of local GP surgeries are contacted in order to promote the Home Emergency Procedure for any vulnerable parish members, both in our own parish and beyond as needed.

This document is filled in by the householder/s with the assistance of their own friends or family as needed. The document is NOT shared with anybody unless this is at the request of the persons completing it. The document is portable and should be accessed in case of emergency or if providing particular information to emergency services.

**9.2 Community Resilience Events 2025:**

Once a year, the Somerset Prepared partnership comes together with local people to celebrate Somerset's community emergency volunteers, with workshops, presentations and equipment demos. The next Community Resilience Day will be held on Wednesday 15 October 2025, from 9.15am – 4pm at Taunton Racecourse Conference Centre, TA3 7BL. This is a free event. The first part of the day covers Resilience Awards presentations but there is then a number of workshops to join in with through the day including Flood Resilience Equipment Demos, Speedwatch Scheme, Emergency Incident Debrief, "adopt a drain" scheme, emergency plans including with disability in mind, digital telephone switchover and others. There is a link under the events section of the Somerset Prepared website if anybody would wish to attend.

**10. Traffic Matters:** None.

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11. **Tree Matters:** Mr B Williams drew attention to the trees bordering the fields between Draycott and Yeovilton which have been removed by a digger. He was advised to make his concerns known to Somerset Council.

12. **Rights of Way:** Due to a reduction of staff, the work to the bridges has not begun. This should take place by June 2026.

A complaint has been lodged regarding the bridleway by the Lamb and Lark pub which is becoming impassable.

13. **Other Correspondence:** None.

14. **Any other Business:**

14.1 The rental income from the two fields owned by the parish council was discussed. The Chairman has made enquires with a local estate agent and is following this up. The contract is out of date and agreements are in the wrong name. The meeting agreed that there is a need for an incremental increase to bring the rent in line with commercial rates. The tenants will be notified in advance once this has been decided.

14.2 The access across the airfield during flooding was discussed. The original agreements need to be located for further discussion.

15. **Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 11 November at St Mary's Church, Limington at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.11pm.

**Signed:**

**Date:**