

# Yeovilton & District Parish Council



## MINUTES OF THE YEOVILTON AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY 08 JULY 2025, AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, YEOVILTON 7.30PM

**Present:** Mr S Hodgson (Chairman) (SH), Mr R Moffatt (Vice Chairman) (RM), Mr J Gordon (JG), Mr A Hickman (AH), Mr G Macrory (GM), Mrs N Moore, (NM) (Clerk).

Thirteen members of the public were present.

1. **Apologies:** Paul Crang (PC), Phil Jones (PJ). Kevin Mesenger (KM)
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 May 2025 were signed as an accurate record.
3. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:** None.
5. **Flooding Issues:**
  - 5.1 SH is arranging a meeting with PC and JG to discuss SRA grants from the Community Flood Action Fund. At least 3 quotes will be required for proposed work. The intention is to deepen Park Brook to add resilience to flood management and defences. The grant will be available until mid-August but if it is already exhausted, plans can be in place for 2026/27. JG felt that the action still sits with Somerset Council as they have suggested a resolution including Park Brook. More discussion is needed. **Action: Cllr H Hobhouse (HH) to talk to Tracy Harris and report back at the next meeting.**
  - 5.2 The flood depth gauge at Limington has not yet been programmed by the contractor. The Ilchester additional flood warden will be discussed at the Ilchester PC meeting on 10 July. SH has approached flood warden volunteers for the Stockwich crossroads, both Bridgehampton and Podimore sides.
6. **Open Session:**
  - 6.1 **Somerset Councillors:** HH gave the following report. Regarding the budget, Somerset Council have saved £35.5M this year due to a good 151 officer, who held directors to the budget. This is not an enormous amount but means that there is a reserve of £36M.

HH gave a demonstration of the use of the PEGEL app. This is the early warning for flood alerts. The link for use of this will be on the parish website.
  - 6.2 **RNAS Report.** PJ was unable to attend the meeting but gave the following report: two complaints have been received since the last meeting, one in Limington and the other

Bridgehampton. Both correct flying profiles into the airfield. PJ asked that it be reiterated that the process for reporting complaints is on the website, and that people should individually report

complaints otherwise this will distort the picture. GM will send SH a link for the website which will provide evidence to back up complaints if necessary. **Action: GM**

**6.3 Church Report:** Rev B Faulkner (BF) announced that after nearly five years, the proposed work will take place providing better facilities for the church, including an enlarged area for community use. There will be an initial meeting with the building and environmental advisor regarding heating. BF announced that tickets are now on sale for the Cider and Sizzle in September.

## **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 – awaiting decision. 19 January 24, response from Vice Chair of South Planning responding to HH comment. **Happy for the decision to be made by delegated authority.**

24/00557/FUL. Three Acres, Limington Rd, BA22 8XL. Following deliberation, it was resolved to agree that the application be delegated subject to the imposition of the following condition: 'Within three months of the date of this decision 29 May 2025, details on safe access and egress for both staff and dogs as part of an agreed emergency plan during a flood event, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by 29 August 2025 to the Local Planning Authority.

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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25/00308/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. Objection submitted by Y&DPC 04 May 2025. Mr Will Tizzard attended the meeting to introduce himself and gave a background to his business and addressed some of the issues which have been raised. Discussion commenced and further discussion is required outside of the meeting.

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. No objection subject to mitigation.

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. Awaiting decision.

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. Awaiting decision.

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

GM provided the meeting with an update on the outstanding planning applications.

8. **Financial Matters:**

**Balances as at 08 July 2025:**

**Current account:** £9447.95

**Business savings account** - £17169.17 (of which is £3993.93 Limington Fund and £5000 Podimore grant).

**Payments:** Stationery - £38.23, Zurich Insurance - £264.00, Clerk's quarterly salary - £910.75

**Receipts:** Interest - £57.64, Field rental - £130.00

9. **Traffic Matters:** Podimore speedwatch team reported 22 one-hour slots at three separate points, totalling 2883 vehicles passing through the village. 301 of these were in excess of 35mph with the highest speed reported being 53mph.
10. **Tree Matters:** SH has requested Peter Marsden (Limington in Leaf) to update with his news blog on a regular basis. The more trees that are planted will help with flood resilience. Waiting for a response.
11. **Rights of Way:** AH said there was no further new on the bridges. **Action: AH to email HH so that he can push this forward.**
12. **Other Correspondence:** None.
13. **Any other Business:**
- 13.1 Hunting in the village. There have been a number of complaints from villagers stating that the hounds run over private property, also hare coursing dogs. JG stated that this is not a parish council issue but should be reported to the police.
- 13.2 The complaint regarding the HGVs passing through Limington was discussed. SH had forwarded this to Andy Baron who agrees that this road is not appropriate for HGVs and would need evidence of damage along this route before considering an environmental weight limit. SH asked that any evidence be noted and passed to the clerk.
- 13.3 An application for the position as a parish councillor has been accepted, SH proposed that Mrs Corrina Comer be co-opted onto the council, RG seconded this proposal. The council welcomed their new member.
- 13.4 There have been a number of thefts of farm machinery in the area. It was suggested that a link for farm watch be added to the website.
- 13.5 The rental income from the two fields owned by the parish council has not changed for many years. The meeting decided that this should be looked at before the next meeting.
14. **Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 09 September at St Bartholomew's Church, Yeovilton at 7.30pm.  
The meeting closed at 21.36 pm.

**Signed:**

**Date:**