



# Yeovil Town Council

Town House  
19 Union Street  
Yeovil  
Somerset  
BA20 1PQ

**Infrastructure (Property & Assets) Committee**

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## Infrastructure (Property & Assets) Committee

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**7:00pm**

**Hybrid Meeting:**

**Face-to-face at Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil  
BA20 1PQ; and virtual using Zoom meeting software**

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For further information on the items to be discussed, please contact [town.clerk@yeovil.gov.uk](mailto:town.clerk@yeovil.gov.uk).

**Amanda Card, Chief Executive / Town Clerk**

6<sup>th</sup> November 2024

This information is also available on our website: [www.yeovil.gov.uk](http://www.yeovil.gov.uk)

**Members of Yeovil Town Council are summoned to attend:**

Tareth Casey

Karl Gill (Vice Chair)

Andy Kendall (Ex-officio)

Tony Lock (Ex-officio)

Jane Lowery

Evie Potts-Jones

Wes Read

Ashley Richards

Andy Soughton

Rob Stickland (Chair)

Helen Stonier

**Public Comments at meetings**

Members of the public may attend the meeting either physically or via zoom.

If you would like to join the meeting via zoom, please e-mail [ytic@yeovil.gov.uk](mailto:ytic@yeovil.gov.uk) by 9:00am on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Instructions will be sent to you to view the meeting.

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- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not

The protected characteristics are:

Age	Race
Disability	Religion or Belief
Gender Reassignment	Sex
Marriage and Civil Partnership	Sexual Orientation
Pregnancy and Maternity	

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## **A G E N D A**

**A representative from Avon and Somerset Police have been invited to give an update on community policing matters. Questions are welcome from both Councillors and members of the public.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT (15 Minutes)**

#### **11/186 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN**

Council to receive apologies for absence and consider the reasons given. *LGA 1972 s85(1)*

#### **11/187 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33. (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

#### **11/188 MINUTES**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024.

#### **11/189 DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE**

To note the report of the Town Clerk regarding defibrillators as attached at page 6.

#### **11/190 COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS**

To consider the report of the Community Ambassadors regarding their role (to follow)

#### **11/191 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING REQUEST AT KINGSTON / HIGHER KINGSTON**

To consider the report of the Deputy Town Clerk regarding providing an update to the matter as attached at page 7.

#### **11/192 TELEPHONE BOX REQUEST**

To consider the request of the use of the telephone box on Stiby Road as attached at page 8.

#### **11/193 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE REQUEST**

To consider the request of SID on Preston Grove as attached at page 9.

**11/194 HACKNEY CARRIAGE RANKS**

To consider the potential movement of the Hackney Carriage Ranks. The consultation from Somerset Council has previously been circulated.

**11/195 MILFORD HALL CHARGES**

To consider the report of the Chief Executive / Town Clerk regarding Milford Hall Charges (report to follow).

**11/196 BUDGET SETTING 2025/26**

To consider and recommend to Policy, Resources and Finance Committee the draft budget for 2025/26 (report to follow).

## 11/189 DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE

Yeovil Town Council are currently the guardians of 16 defibrillators across Yeovil (see below), with plans to increase this number continuing.

### Accessed Defibrillators

Since May 2022, the defibrillators have been accessed 65 times:

Location	Go-Live Date	Frequency of access as at 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2024	Frequency of access since 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2024	Frequency of access to date
1. Nationwide	20/09/21	12	0	12
2. The Acorn	16/10/21	16	2	18
3. Ninesprings Café	14/01/22	1	1	2
4. St Andrew's Scout Group	23/04/22	2	0	2
5. St Peter's	12/03/22	4	1	5
6. Dunelm	19/07/22	3	0	3
7. Birchfield	09/12/22	5	1	6
8. The Quicksilver Mail	06/01/23	5	1	6
9. Milford Hall	18/01/18	4	1	4
10. Town House	19/01/23	4	0	4
11. Holy Trinity	29/07/23	1	0	1
12. Southville Elim Church	05/10/23	1	0	1
13. Maltravers House	11/03/24	1	1	1
14. Progress Gym	16/05/24	0	0	0
15. Yeovil Recreation Centre *	01/08/24	0	0	0
16. The Bell Inn	15/10/24	0	0	0
		<b>59</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>65</b>

\*Inherited as part of devolution (installed on the Jon O'Donnell Pavilion)

### Future Installations

The Pen Mill Hotel have agreed to have one situated on their building pending Listed Building Consent.

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED** to note the report.

*(Amanda Card, Town Clerk – 01935 382424 or amanda.card@yeovil.gov.uk)*

## 11/191 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING REQUEST AT KINGSTON / HIGHER KINGSTON

This report is for information only.





At the May 2024 meeting of the Buildings and Civic Matters Committee a request for a pedestrian crossing at Kingston/Higher Kingston was considered. It was resolved:

- that the committee do not support the request for a pedestrian crossing at Kingston/ Higher Kingston;
- that the request is forwarded to the Area Highways Office, stating that the Town Council do not support it, but they do have concerns about the safety of people crossing the road at that location, and request that the Area Highways Office investigate how to ensure the safety of pedestrians, such as dissuading crossing at that point or devising an alternative scheme to allow safe crossing at that location.

An email was sent to the Area Highways Office on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024, and a response received on 26<sup>th</sup> September as follows:

*In “responding to the ask, in order to comprehensively assess we would need to undertake a feasibility study with today’s guidance and strategic intentions in mind, with less focus on capacity improvements and more focus on active travel which may produce a different outcome. A feasibility would require funding and at this time we have no funds to commit to investigative works.*

*The area does feature in the Yeovil LCWIP [Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan]. As this develops, there may be opportunities to explore further. Extracted below for your information sections in the vicinity of Fiveway RAB that feature in the Yeovil LCWIP”.*

Ilchester Road between Stiby Road and Fiveways Roundabout		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cycle track physically segregated from traffic and continuous cycle crossings at side road junctions.</li> </ul>
Fiveways Roundabout		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modify layout of Ilchester Road / Stiby Road junction to improve crossings, and make space, for people cycling and walking.</li> </ul>
Kingston between Fiveways Roundabout and Reckleford		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redesign Fiveways Roundabout to accommodate protected cycle track and signal crossings on the approach roads for people cycling and walking</li> </ul>
Further study to confirm improvements and alignment. Options for this section potentially include:		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cycle track physically segregated from traffic and continuous cycle crossings at side road junctions.</li> </ul>

Link to LCWIP:

<https://somersetcc.sharepoint.com/sites/SCCPublic/Transport/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2FSCCPublic%2FTransport%2FYeovil%20Local%20Cycling%20and%20Walking%20Infrastructure%20Plan%20Oct%202021%2Epdf&parent=%2Fsites%2FSCCPublic%2FTransport&p=true&ga=1>

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED** to note the report.

*(Helen Ferdinand, Deputy Town Clerk – 01935 382424 or [helen.ferdinand@yeovil.gov.uk](mailto:helen.ferdinand@yeovil.gov.uk))*

**11/192      TELEPHONE BOX REQUEST**

Hello Lucy

With reference to the disused Telephone box, at the west end of Stiby road, opposite the entrance to St Anne's Gardens

We understand that this is now owned by YTC

The Westfield Community Association are wondering whether they would be able to carry out some 'Gorilla style planting' using climbing plants, which will in time cover the phone box, and enhance this within the area.

I look forward to hearing from you

Kind regards

Trudie Read

On behalf of the WCA



**11/193      SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE REQUEST**

**Contact Form Submission**

**Name:** xxxxxxxxxxxx

**Telephone:** xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

**Email:** xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

**Enquiry:** Good evening, I live in Preston Grove, Yeovil and have been concerned for a while about the speed some vehicles are travelling on this road. We have a primary school, special needs school and a doctors surgery and pharmacy opposite our house. A care home is behind us with constant deliveries, staff and visiting relatives. As you can imagine a constant flow of traffic especially in term time. I am asking that you fund a SID to be put in along this stretch of road, so that the traffic adheres to the 20/30 mph speed limit on this road. You could follow the recent example of Bridgwater Town Council and apply to the Avon & Somerset Road Safety Fund. Regards