

Yateley Common Management Committee Notes

2nd July 2025 – 7.00pm Oak Room, Yateley Town Council

Present: Cllr Bob Harward (Chair YTC.) Nicki Paton (HCC) Jean Cheadle (HCC) Chris Gazzard (BAL) Gill McCallum (Admin Officer YTC)	In Attendance: 4 members of the public Apologies: Zoe Cotton (HIWWT) Mark Crisp (RSPB) Cllr Stuart Bailey (HCC) Cllr Pam Phelps-Jones (YTC)
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1.	Apologies & Welcome Those present were welcomed by Cllr Bob Harward and the meeting was opened at 7.10pm - car parking issues due to Yateley Road Race.
2.	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest
3.	Notes from previous meeting were accepted as correct Matters Arising:- none Updates – Blackbushe Airport - Chris Gazzard went briefly through his report and confirmed that there would be the standard waiting period of 3 months before the section 16 changes would be finalised. - He confirmed that some ground works and fencing have begun, mowing of paths has started and all other grass will be left to grow. - BAL have contacted Yateley Society regarding the new signage for the land.
4.	Questions from Local Residents A resident thanked Nicki and the Countryside team for clearing the ditch outside Baileys Close.
5.	Site Managers report - Nicki Paton went through her report previously sent out to all with the agenda. - Page 2 mentioned 1 small fire at Brandy Bottom, will be flayed this winter. - Signage – posters not used from competition therefore will be designed internally to be put up before summer holidays. - Rights of way – all in place now – taken some years but finally done. 2 small fires around Wyndams Pool but dealt with quickly. - Volunteers up on this time last year – good result and thanks to all. - Big Spring Clean ran in March – well attended and 179 volunteers attended. 28 to 3rd Aug Family Fun Day on 30th July – link to book on website. - Cllr Harward asked about consultation on grazing – Nicki Paton informed him that it is not affordable at present however, discussions will continue.
6.	HIWWT report Received after meeting and circulated with notes.
7.	RSPB Felling Proposal Report Cllr Harward asked the group to confirm they had read the report – Cllr Harward said he looking forward to up to date bird census. Nightjars seen in all areas and Nicki Paton confirmed this was a positive indication of increased numbers.
8.	Any Other Business A resident asked whether a response had been received regarding Little Vigo – none to date. He asked who owns the land around it and Chris Gazzard, Nicki Paton and Jean Cheadle outlined the areas responsible – BAL, Rights of Way, RSPB. Bridleways are cleared by Hampshire Countryside; Chris Gazzard referred the resident to HCC and OS maps. Chris Gazzard confirmed that a tree leading from Little Vigo has been cut back. The resident went

	on to ask about overgrown nettles and who is responsible for clearance. Cllr Harward said he would contact Cllr Tim Davies and Cllr Stuart Bailey regarding the issues to ascertain who is responsible.
9.	Next Meeting Date: Wednesday 5th November 2025 at the Oak Room, Yateley Town Council Wednesday 5th November 2025 Wednesday 4th March 2026

The meeting closed at 20:40hrs