

# Yeovil Town Council



Town House  
19 Union Street  
Yeovil  
Somerset  
BA20 1PQ

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**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**7:30pm**

**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  
30<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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

Tony Lock – Mayor of Yeovil Town

Wes Read – Deputy Mayor of Yeovil Town

Barry Boyton

Karina Parsons

Jade Cabell

Evie Potts-Jones

Tareth Casey

Ashley Richards

Karl Gill

Jeny Snell

Emma-Jayne Hopkins

Andy Soughton

Kaysar Hussain

Roy Spinner

Justice Jimba

Rob Stickland

Andy Kendall

Helen Stonier

Jamie Lock

Ruth White

Jane Lowery

Adrian Wilkes

Graham Oakes

Dave Woan

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- 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

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Disability	Religion or Belief
Gender Reassignment	Sex
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## **A G E N D A**

**Public Comment (15 Minutes)**

**11/326 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN**

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

**11/327 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(b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

**11/328 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous Town Council Meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026.

**11/329 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To note the Mayor and Deputy Mayor's recent and forthcoming engagements as attached at pages 6 to 8.

**11/330 CORRESPONDENCE**

Members to consider any correspondence received.

- The 94 Club (attached at pages 9 to 17).
- Any other correspondence

**11/331 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND OTHER MEETINGS**

To note the meetings of each Committee, any resolutions and recommendations contained therein to be ratified.

**Planning Committee** – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Presented by Cllr K Gill

**Leisure & Environment Committee** – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Presented by Cllr K Gill

**Culture, Events & Promotions Committee – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

There was no meeting as there was no business to transact

**Infrastructure (Property & Assets) Committee – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Presented by Cllr R Stickland

**Finance & Policy Executive – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

Presented by Cllr A Soughton

**11/332 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members who represent the Town Council on outside bodies should take this opportunity to report on any matters of interest.

**11/333 SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

To agree and adopt the revised Scheme of Delegation. (Scheme of Delegation to be circulated upon finalisation by the Finance & Policy Executive at its meeting to be held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026).

**11/334 UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF POTENTIAL LEGAL CHALLENGE**

The Chief Executive / Town Clerk will give a verbal update.

**11/335 PARISH WARD CHANGES**

Members to consider the report of the Chief Executive / Town Clerk regarding parish ward changes as attached at pages 18 to 19.

**List of Engagements attended/to be attended by the Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Tony Lock and Deputy Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Wes Read from 3 March 2025 to 5 May 2026**

<b><u>March Engagements</u></b>	
17/03/2026	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Tony Lock attended Yeovil Amateur Operatic Society's production 'Fiddler on the Roof' at Westlands Entertainment Venue
19/03/2026	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Tony Lock attended the Somerset Dementia Conference: Putting People First in Taunton
19/03/2026	The Deputy Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Wes Read visited LifeWays Mental Health Division at Thorne House
22/03/2026	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Tony Lock attended a Luncheon with The High Sheriff at Wells Town Hall followed by a procession to the Legal Service at Wells Cathedral
23/03/2026	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Tony Lock officially opened the new Italian restaurant 'Atrium'
25/03/2026	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Tony Lock cut the ribbon at Tulip Ceremony in aid of the campaign for Elimination of Violence against Women and Girls
27/03/2026	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Tony Lock attended the Yeovil Art Weekender launch party at Yeovil Art Space
28/03/2026	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Tony Lock joined the Yeovil Art Weekender parade through the town
29/03/2026	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Tony Lock attended the Yeovil Half Marathon, 10k and Mini Mile event in the town centre

## April Engagements

02/04/2026	The Deputy Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Wes Read will attend Compton View Easter Party
10/04/2026	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Tony Lock will attend Ferndown Civic Day
11/04/2026	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Tony Lock will attend Yeovil Street Pastors commissioning service at Yeovil Baptist Church
12/04/2026	The Deputy Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Wes Read will attend Weymouth's Civic Service
16/04/2026	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Tony Lock will attend Portland Civic Day
18/04/2026	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Tony Lock will visit Potter House Care Home
19/04/2026	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Tony Lock will attend Chickerell's Civic Service
20/04/2026	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Tony Lock will attend Yeovil Football Club end of season meal
22/04/2026	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Tony Lock will attend Blandford Forum Thanksgiving Civic Service
23/04/2026	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Tony Lock will attend the Yeovil Business Awards at Yeovil Town Football Club
25/04/2026	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Tony Lock will attend Yeovil Town Councils Town Crier Competition
26/04/2026	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Tony Lock and Deputy Mayor of Yeovil, Cllr Wes Read will attend the East Somerset Scouts, St Georges Day parade in the town
28/04/2026	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Tony Lock will attend Yeovil College Art Project Awards Evening at the iAero Centre

## May Engagements

02/05/2026 - 04/05/2026	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Tony Lock will attend Steam rally and will be fundraising for Yeovil Hospital Charity
04/05/2026	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Tony Lock will attend the FND Friends community dog show



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**94 CLUB – FUTURE RECOGNITION PLANS REGARDING LOCAL HISTORY.**

Dear Yeovil Town Council,

1. The 94 Club, which is located at the above address, intends to submit an application to Somerset Council for the building to be locally listed. This request is made in recognition of the building's historical significance and in the light of the rapid modernisation taking place at the lower end of Middle Street.
2. In parallel, the Club will also be applying to Historic England for the installation of a Blue Plaque to mark the building's important association with the Second World War British Restaurant scheme, introduced under the leadership of Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill. As public awareness of British Restaurants has diminished over time, the 94 Club is committed to helping ensure this aspect of national and local history is not forgotten.
3. The 94 Club respectfully asks Yeovil Town Council to support both of these forthcoming applications.
4. A copy of the proposed application for the local listing of this building is enclosed. We would request that the Town Council would confirm their support for the enclosed application.

Chairman: D Holden

*D Holden*

Secretary: A Spalding

*A Spalding*

Treasurer: H Brownhill

*H Brownhill*

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**YEovil LIBERAL CLUB NOW KNOWN AS "THE 94 CLUB" – NOMINATION FOR LOCAL LISTING.**

1. **Summary of Significance.** The 94 Club is a well-preserved late-Victorian commercial and social building that makes a strong architectural and historical contribution to Middle Street. Its distinctive façade, long-standing civic associations, and role in the town's political and social life give it a clear local heritage value. The building is a rare surviving example of a purpose-built political club in Yeovil and remains an important marker of the town's late 19th-century development. **PICTURE ONE.**

2. **Location.**

- a. Address: 94 Middle Street, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 1LT. Grid Reference ST 56081 15934. Latitude 50.94117, Longitude -2.62646.
- b. Parish: Yeovil.
- c. Setting: Prominent position on Middle Street, forming part of a coherent late-Victorian commercial frontage.
- d. It is part of a streetscape that has been steadily eroded over the last few decades.

3. **Description of the Building.**

- a. Formerly known as the Yeovil Working Mans' Liberal Club. **NOTE 1.**
- b. The building of the new club in Middle Street next to the Gas Works was underway in 1895. **NOTE 2.** The Memorial Stone of the new Liberal Club was laid on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 1895 by Mrs Strachey, wife of the local Liberal M.P. for South Somerset. **PICTURE TWO.**
- c. Type: Purpose-built Liberal Club with commercial ground floor.
- d. Materials: The whole of the front is of local Ham Hill stone. The remainder is of traditional brick.
- e. Architectural Features:
  - (1) Blue lias (believed) stone foundations.
  - (2) The entrance is approached a couple of steps made of the locally produced Keinton stone.
  - (3) Symmetrical upper façade with strong vertical emphasis.
  - (4) Above the doorway is a balcony of solid Ham stone, above which in the centre are the words, in raised letters, "Liberal Club."
  - (5) Stone lintels and sills.
  - (6) Decorative brick panels and string courses.
  - (7) Surviving original proportions and fenestration.
  - (8) Distinctive parapet line contributing to the rhythm of the streetscape.
  - (9) Original metal air vents.
  - (10) The ground floor has been altered for commercial use, but the upper storeys retain their historic character and remain highly legible as a late-Victorian club building.

- (11) Internally locked off bullseye windows in ground floor of eastern side of building beneath a large ham-stone lintel. **PICTURE 3.**
- (12) A series of eight architectural finials above the top gables.
- (13) A ham stone carving of the building dated 1895 in the top right hand gable. **PICTURE 4.**
- (14) A ham stone carving on the building with the initials S.S.L.C. (South Somerset Liberal Club) in the top left hand gable confirming its original connection as a political club. **PICTURE FIVE.**

4. **Historical Significance.**

- a. The Liberal Club was a major social and political institution in Yeovil during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.
- b. It served (and still does) as a hub for civic engagement, debate, and community events, reflecting the strong Liberal tradition in the town.
- c. The building represents a period when political clubs were central to local identity and social life.
- d. It is one of the few surviving buildings in Yeovil directly associated with organised political culture of this era.
- e. Newspaper archives show the building hosting meetings, lectures, dinners, and charitable events, making it a key venue in the town's civic landscape.

5. **Architectural Significance.**

- a. A good and increasingly rare example of a Victorian political club building in Somerset.
- b. Retains its original upper façade with minimal alteration.
- c. Contributes positively to the character and historic grain of Middle Street which has now mostly been modernised to reflect modern architectural styles.
- d. Demonstrates the architectural language of civic pride typical of late-Victorian Yeovil.
- e. Its scale, materials, and detailing complement neighbouring historic buildings, giving it a strong group value.

6. **Community Value.**

- a. The building has been a recognisable landmark for over 130 years.
- b. Many residents know of its role as a social venue (including many famous musicians and groups during the 1960's live music era, meeting place, and part of the town's everyday life.
- c. The club remains part of Yeovil's collective and current memory and contributes to local identity.

7. **Rarity and Representativeness.**

- a. Purpose-built social and political club buildings are now uncommon in Somerset.
- b. The Yeovil 94 Club is a representative example of a once-widespread building type that has largely disappeared.
- c. Its survival offers insight into the town's political and social history.

- d. During World War Two the building was first requisitioned for use by the 7<sup>th</sup> Guards Brigade in September 1939. It was then taken over by the Yeovil Town Council and became a British Restaurant in 1942. Very few buildings that were British Restaurants exist or are recognisable as such today. There are no Blue Plaque buildings for British Restaurants in the United Kingdom.

8. **Integrity and Condition.**

- a. Despite ground-floor alterations, the building's upper façade remains intact and highly readable.
- b. Original materials and detailing survive.
- c. The structure continues to contribute to the historic streetscape.

9. **Conclusion.**

The Yeovil 94 Club clearly meets the criteria for local listing on the grounds of architectural interest, historic interest, social value, and group value. It is a distinctive and meaningful part of Yeovil's built heritage and deserves recognition and protection as a locally significant building.

Notes:

1. Western Chronicle dated Friday 24th August 1894 calling the Club the Yeovil Working Mans' Liberal Club.
2. The Western Chronicle dated Friday 15 February 1895, page 6, reported on the Yeovil Working Men's Liberal Club being under construction.

PICTURE ONE

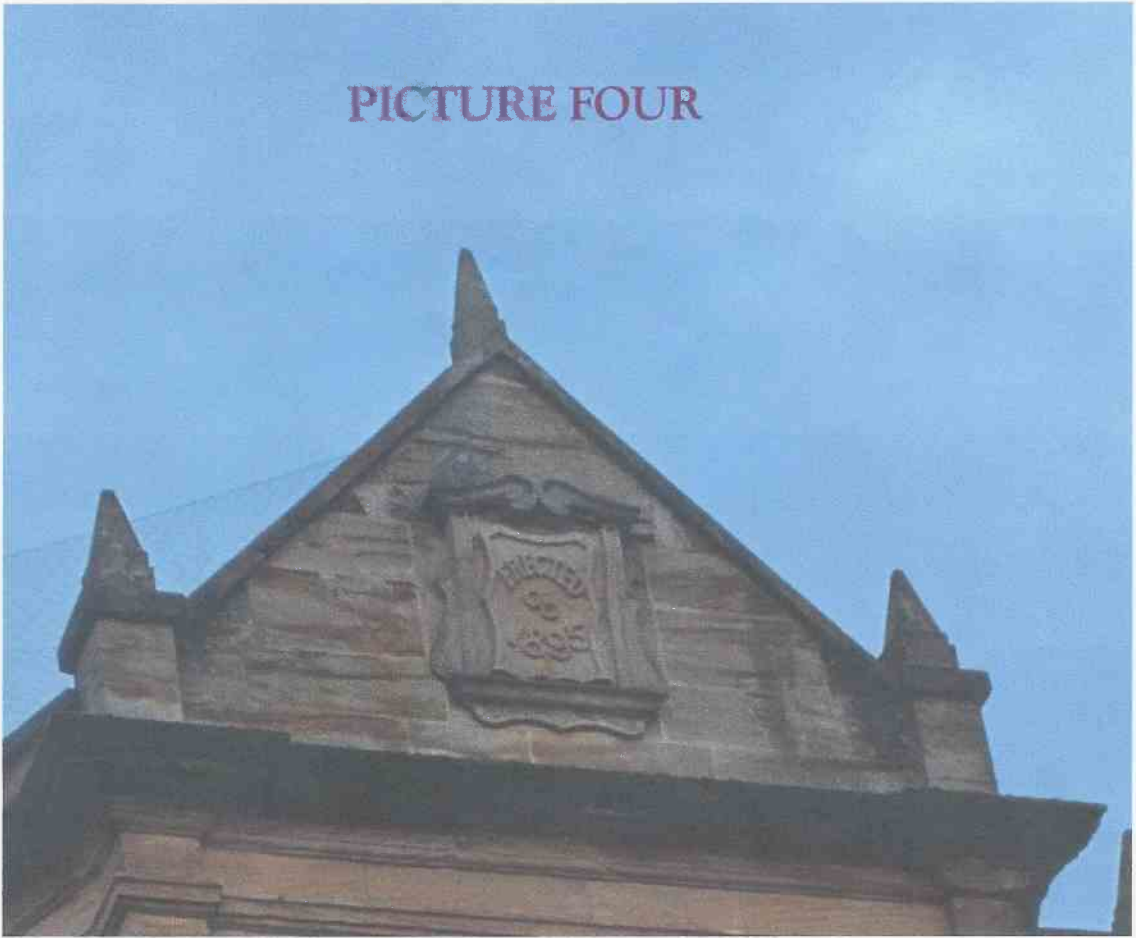


PICTURE TWO





PICTURE FOUR



PICTURE FIVE



## 11/335 PARISH WARD CHANGES

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has completed a review of electoral arrangements for Somerset Council. The review recommends reducing the number of councillors from 110 to 96 to improve electoral equality and representation.

Under the proposed changes, the council would be divided into 93 electoral divisions, comprising 90 single-member divisions and three two-member divisions. These changes are subject to approval by Parliament and, if approved, are scheduled to take effect at the local elections in May 2027.

For consistency with the revised division boundaries, the parish electoral arrangements for Yeovil Town Council have also been updated. As a result, the number of parish wards will be reduced from eight to six, as detailed in the table below.

<b>Current Arrangements</b>		<b>Revised Arrangements</b>	
Abbey Manor South	1	Yeovil Central	6
Crofton Park	1	Yeovil College	5
Grove Avenue	1	Yeovil Lyde	5
Wyndham Hill	1	Yeovil Preston Plucknett	2
Yeovil College	6	Yeovil Summerlands	2
Yeovil Lyde	4	Yeovil Westlands	4
Yeovil Summerlands	5		
Yeovil Westlands	5		
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

Further information can be found by following this link: [Somerset | LGBCE](#).

A boundary map can be found on the next page.

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