

Minutes

of a meeting of the

Yatton Parish Council

Finance, Personnel and Administration Committee

held on

10 October 2011

in Hangstones Pavilion

Meeting Commenced: 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended: 8 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Ian Payne (Chairman), Trevor Bidwell-Ford, David Crossman, Wendy Griggs, Graham Humphreys, Susan Morris, Viv Wathen, Jean Watson and Theresa Williams

In attendance: Clerk and two members of the public

MATTERS FOR DECISION

FIN19/11: Apologies for Absence

None

FIN20/11: Declarations of Interest

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

FIN21/11: Public participation

Niccy Lockhart and Cameron Drury spoke on Yatton Youth Club. It appeared certain that North Somerset Council would withdraw all funding from the Youth Club on 31 March. Without alternative funding Niccy would be made redundant. Niccy had prepared a Youth Strategy for Yatton and Claverham, which suggested that if the Parish Council increased its contribution from £12,000 to £15,000 the Youth Club could remain open for two evening sessions and there would be opportunity for detached project work.

Niccy pointed out that in the last year anti-social behaviour had reduced by 60%.

Cameron mentioned that the Youth Club would have to consider how to balance the books on its building expenditure.

The Chairman thanked Niccy and Cameron for their comments and assured them that their comments would be considered as part of the budget-setting process.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

FIN22/11: Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 July 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

FIN23/11: Exclusion of public

RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda item 11 (reduction in hours of a member of staff) on the ground that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because consideration may involve disclosure of information relating to an individual.

FIN24/11: Finance

Payments were authorised and receipts and petty cash payments noted (Annex 1).

RESOLVED that payment of an interim invoice from Touch Wood for the community play equipment at Hangstones in the sum of £14,540 + VAT (Annex 2), be authorised.

FIN25/11: Comments to the North Somerset independent remuneration panel on allowances to members of parish councils

Members considered a letter from North Somerset Council (Annex 3) asking for comments on a scheme for allowances to members of parish councils. In discussion members felt it was not appropriate for members of Yatton Parish Council to receive a basic allowance. Members noted that the scheme for payment of travelling and subsistence allowances would continue.

RESOLVED that North Somerset Council be informed that Yatton Parish Council will not be paying basic allowance to its members.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

FIN26/11: Summary income and expenditure account (Annex 4)

Noted

FIN27/11: Clerk's report

- (1) The external auditors had given Yatton Parish Council a clean audit report for the year ended 31 March 2011.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

FIN28/11: Reduction in hours of a member of staff

Members considered a request by a member of staff for a reduction in hours (Confidential Annex 5).

RESOLVED that the request be approved.

Chairman

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