

# Minutes

of a meeting of the

## Yatton Parish Council

### Finance, Personnel and Administration Committee

held on

**14 February 2011**

in Hangstones Pavilion

Meeting Commenced: 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended: 8.30 p.m.

**Present:** Councillors: Rosey Knifton (Chairman), David Crossman, Wendy Griggs, Graham Humphreys, Ian Payne, Lucy Perrott and Jean Watson

**In attendance:** Clerk and one member of the public

#### **MATTERS FOR DECISION**

##### **FIN399: Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Viv Wathen.

##### **FIN400: Declarations of Interest**

None

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

##### **FIN401: Public participation**

Simon Reakes spoke to Agenda item 8 (Green Dog Walkers) and updated the Committee following previous presentations. The group was now proposing to have their own arm bands printed. The cost of material was likely to be around £4 per user and the group was hoping for 100 users. The group had looked for funding from North Somerset Council and elsewhere but had been unsuccessful.

## **MATTERS FOR DECISION**

### **FIN402: Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 December 2010**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **FIN403: Grant application from PACT for Green Dog Walkers scheme**

RESOLVED to take Agenda item 8 (Green Dog Walkers) next.

Members considered the PACT application further. In discussion members considered that the scheme should extend to Claverham. There was discussion as to whether users should be asked to buy the material, or to make a donation, but members recognized that this was a matter for the PACT. Members considered that the scheme was a good idea and should be supported.

RESOLVED, by 6 votes to 1, to contribute up to £400 to the scheme, the money to be released on production of invoices (section 137).

RESOLVED that the funds be vired as necessary from unspent Administration budgets.

The group would be asked to make a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting.

### **FIN404: Registration of title to the Parish Council's land**

The Clerk reported that part of the War Memorial garden, the gift of Mr Salmon's Trustees, had already been registered. However the remainder (the former Village Pound) had no documents of title. The Land Registry required a separate application for 'possessory title' for this part, with a further payment of £40.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to submit an application to register this part of the War Memorial garden.

### **FIN405: Finance**

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

### **FIN406: Social networking strategy for the Parish Council**

Members considered a report from the Clerk (Annex 2). The Clerk reassured members that people could not post on Facebook anonymously. Although posts on Facebook might be critical of the Council

the advantage was the Clerk could correct factual errors quickly. People who posted excessively could be warned and if necessary banned.

Members were in favour of the Council using Twitter and Facebook but considered that the final decision should be for full Council.

RESOLVED that full Council be recommended to agree that the Parish Council use Twitter and Facebook.

### **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

#### **FIN407: Summary income and expenditure report (Annex 3)**

Noted

#### **FIN408: Clerk's report**

The Clerk reported that he would be asking the Chairman of the Council, along with two other councillors, to undertake his appraisal and that he would conduct an appraisal of the other staff..

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Chairman

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