

Minutes

of the meeting of the

Yatton Parish Council

Finance, Personnel and Administration Committee

held on

22 March 2010

in Hangstones Pavilion

Meeting Commenced: 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended: 8.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Rosey Knifton (Chairman), David Crossman, Graham Humphreys, Ian Payne, Lucy Perrott, Viv Wathen, Jean Watson

In attendance: Councillors Jill Iles and Brian Phillips, Clerk

Public participation

Presentation by grant applicant

North Somerset Against Domestic Abuse: Juley Howard spoke. The application was for a new programme running courses for people most at risk. Juley would like to target people in Yatton and Claverham with courses run in Clevedon or Yatton, starting in May. Of the £750 applied for £500 was the cost of running the course and £250 was the cost of a targeted leaflet drop in Yatton and Claverham. Some money had already been received from Clevedon Town Council.

The Chairman thanked Juley for her presentation.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

FIN317: Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Wendy Griggs.

FIN318: Declarations of Interest

None

FIN319: Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 November 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

FIN320: Exclusion of press and public

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded during consideration of Agenda item 13 (arrangements for street cleaning, and staffing review) on the grounds that its consideration may involve disclosure of information exempt under paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 (information relating to an individual).

FIN321: Grant application by North Somerset Against Domestic Abuse

Members considered an application by North Somerset Against Domestic Abuse for a grant of £750 towards the cost of courses for people in Yatton and Claverham (Annex 1).

RESOLVED that the grant of £750 be awarded as requested (section 137)

FIN322: Request for contribution towards cost of handrail at entrance to St Mary's Church

The Clerk reported that the Parochial Church Council proposed to put a handrail on the slope leading from The Causeway to St Mary's Churchyard and had asked the Parish Council for a contribution towards the cost as the entrance was a public footpath. The total cost would be £280.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council contribute £140 towards the cost, to be vired from 252/4017 (Open Spaces, Health & Safety) (power to maintain public footpaths)

FIN323: Review of fees and charges for 2010/11

Members considered a report from the Clerk (Annex 2).

Members noted that allotment rents and burial fees more than covered maintenance costs.

RESOLVED that no change be made to allotment rents.

RESOLVED that no change be made to burial fees.

Members considered that an increase in charges for Hangstones hall would not result in a significant increase in revenue.

RESOLVED that no change be made to Hangstones Hall charges

In discussion of pitch charges members noted the contribution made by Yatton Junior Football Club to provision for young people locally and also that the Club used only mini-pitches, and its use of pavilion facilities was minimal.

RESOLVED that Yatton Junior Football Club continue to be permitted to use the mini-pitches at no charge.

Members noted that Winscombe Ladies Football Club regularly used the full pitches and the mini-pitches. Members were unsure as to the financial state of Winscombe Ladies and also as to the percentage of players who were local. Members also noted that the block booking charge to Yatton Athletic Football Club had remained unchanged since 2007.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the Committee is minded to charge Winscombe Ladies for use of the pitches
- (2) that the Committee is minded to increase the charge to Yatton Athletic
- (3) but that the Amenities & Properties Committee be given an opportunity to comment before a final decision is made, and that the clubs be given a further opportunity to comment.

FIN324: Training for councillors in the power of well-being

The Clerk reminded members that one of the conditions for exercising the new 'power to promote well-being' was that 80% of councillors had received training on the power. Avon Local Councils Association had arranged a training session on Monday 19 April at a cost of £25 per councillor.

RESOLVED that training be authorised for every councillor able to attend.

FIN325: Authorised signatories for notifications under the Local Government Pension Scheme

RESOLVED that the Clerk and the Finance Assistant be authorised signatories for notifications under the Local Government Pension Scheme

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

FIN326: Summary Income and Expenditure Report (Annex 3)

Noted.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

FIN327: Arrangements for street cleaning, and cleaning of Hangstones pavilion

The Clerk reported that the member of staff who undertook street cleaning in Yatton, and cleaned Hangstones pavilion, had resigned.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that one of the grounds staff be given an additional 7 hours per week for street cleaning in Yatton, at the same rate as the resigning member of staff
- (2) that the Clerk invite quotes for a cleaning contract at Hangstones and report back.

Chairman

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