

MINUTES

of the

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

of the Parish of Yatton

held on 21 March 2011

at Yatton Infants School, High Street, Yatton

Meeting opened 7 p.m.

Meeting closed 9 p.m.

Present: Councillor David Crossman (Chairman of Yatton Parish Council, in the Chair), Parish Councillors Jane Bollen, Mike Cox, Martyn Hooper, Robert Jenner, Ian Payne, Brian Phillips, Viv Wathen and Jean Watson, North Somerset Councillor Tony Moulin and 15 other residents of the parish of Yatton

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Wendy Griggs, Jill Iles and Sue Morris, and from Anne Richards (Citizens Advice Bureau), Michael Blackwell (Yatton Music Society), Chidinma Uzoh (Victim Support) and Gareth Withers & Katie Spencer (Strawberry Line).

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26 May 2010

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26 May 2010 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman drew attention to circulated copies.

4. Presentation on Bristol Airport

Mike Littleton spoke, assisted by Jacqui Mills and James Gore. Mike summarised the history of the Airport. It was now North Somerset's largest single-site employer and had been identified in 2003 as the leading airport in the south west. Mike summarised progress since the publication of the Master Plan and drew attention to the recent approval of the planning application.

In response to questions Mike confirmed that more passenger seating would be provided in corridors. He also said that airlines that persistently breached noise standards could be fined. Passengers with reduced mobility could always request assistance. There were no plans to increase the number of night flights.

The Chairman thanked Mike for his presentation.

5. Presentation on Yatton Parish Council and standing for election

Crispin Taylor, Clerk, gave a presentation informing residents of the role of the Parish Council, reminding them to register to vote and encouraging people to consider standing for election to the Parish Council.

6. Presentations by organisations funded by Yatton Parish Council and other local organisations

(a) Vision North Somerset

Russ Nickells spoke. The organisation provided services to visually impaired people, in particular providing advisers to visit people in their homes and suggest adjustments.

(b) North Somerset Special Needs Playgroup

Gill Stokes spoke. The intention was to develop and support activities for children with special needs. The Parish Council grant would be used to transport local children to the centre at Portishead.

(c) Methodist Church Youth Worker Group.

Niccy Lockhart spoke. She ran a youth forum and a skatepark user group, also a Youth Hub attended by around 15 young people. She had started a young parents group but this had now been handed over to North Somerset Council.

(d) MS Therapy Centre

Janet Epplestone spoke. The grant from the Parish Council had been used to provide oxygen therapy.

(e) Yatton PACT

Rhiannon Prys-Owen and Simon Reakes spoke. The PACT set local policing priorities. In addition the PACT had launched a group called CAY9, part funded by the Parish Council, to encourage responsible dog ownership.

The Chairman thanked all those who had given presentations.

7. Volunteer of the Year

The Clerk read the nominations for Volunteer of the Year:

Mary Langson, nominated by Royal British Legion, Royal British Legion (Women's Section) and Ancient Parish of Yatton United Charities

Kath Luxton, nominated by Victim Support

Keith Taylor, nominated by MS Tehrapy Centre and Yatton Lions

Mary Campbell, nominated by YCCCART

Richard Croucher, nominated by YACWAG

Ruth Sumerell, nominated by Yatton Local History Society

Geoff Gibbs, nominated by Yeo Valley Lions

Jonny Broad, nominated by North Somerset Buddy Scheme

Peter Westmoreland, nominated by Yatton Ramblers

The Chairman presented each nominee with a certificate.

The Chairman announced that the winner was Mary Langson.

8. Questions from the floor.

In response to a question on progress on the new burial ground the Clerk confirmed that a meeting with North Somerset Council and Dignity Funeral Services would take place shortly.

The Chairman thanked all those who had contributed and declared the meeting closed at 9 p.m.

Chairman

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