

Minutes

of the Annual Meeting of

Yatton Parish Council

Monday 10 May 2010

held at Hangstones Pavilion

Meeting opened: 7.30 p.m. Meeting closed: 10.05 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Trevor Bidwell-Ford (Vice-Chairman, in the Chair), Maurice Blunsdon, Mike Cox, Wendy Griggs, Graham Humphreys, Jill Iles, Robert Jenner, Rosey Knifton, Susan Morris, Lucy Perrott, Brian Phillips, Viv Wathen and Jean Watson

Also in attendance: Clerk, North Somerset Councillor Tony Moulin, North Somerset Parish Liaison Officer Karuna Tharmananthar and one member of the public

Matters for decision

COU532: Election of Chairman

RESOLVED that David Crossman be elected Chairman of the Council, to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council

RESOLVED that the Chairman be permitted to make his Declaration of Acceptance of Office at or before the next Full Council meeting.

COU533: Election of Vice-Chairman

RESOLVED that Graham Humphreys take the Chair for the election of Vice-Chairman.

Graham Humphreys took the Chair.

RESOLVED that Trevor Bidwell-Ford be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council, to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council

The Vice-Chairman took the Chair

Public Participation

Presentation by Tracey Wells, Yatton Moor Children's Centre

Tracey Wells introduced herself as Assistant Locality Leader, Early Years, managing the children's centres in Central locality. Children's centres were established to reach out to communities. Each centre had a 'universal' remit to support early years provision, advise volunteers and offer information and guidance. In addition there was 'targetted' work, dealing with referrals from other agencies, running parenting courses for those with specific needs and a young parent's group for 14-25 year olds. Locality Leaders worked closely with Leaders in other agencies: education, health, &c, to ensure that there was good communication about potentially vulnerable children.

The Chairman thanked Tracey for her presentation.

North Somerset Councillors' reports

Tony Moulin reported:

- The Bristol Airport planning application would be considered by the Planning & Regulatory Committee on 24 May
- Planning officers were asking for more information on the proposed wind turbine at Smart Systems
- North Somerset Council was conducting a review of street lights, not just to save money but also as part of its work to reduce carbon emissions
- The PACT continued to express concerns about policing, especially about support by senior officers for the PACT

Jill Iles reported:

- A review of service commissioning, covering areas such as the Museum and the Playhouse, was continuing and no decisions had yet been taken.
- There continued to be uncertainty as to whether Claverham would be in the 'service village' of Yatton

North Somerset Parish Liaison Officer Karuna Tharmananthar reminded members that it was not necessarily a disadvantage to be outside the settlement boundary. Permitted development outside the settlement boundary would be more restricted.

Matters for decision

COU534: Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Clare Bessant, Jane Bollen, David Crossman, Martyn Hooper and Ian Payne.

COU535: Declarations of interests by Parish Councillors

Jill Iles, Robert Jenner and Rosey Knifton declared personal and prejudicial interests in Agenda item 14 (meeting to discuss consultation on the Hinkley Point C connector) as the value of their respective properties might be affected by the eventual route.

COU536: Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8 March 2010

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice-Chairman

COU537: Exclusion of public

RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda item 22 (quotes for construction of a path on Hangstones field) on the ground that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because consideration will involve the disclosure of information exempt under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of the authority).

COU538: Finance

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

COU539: Appointment of committees

Members noted the existing terms of reference of committees (Annex 2)

RESOLVED that an additional term of reference be added to those for the Finance, Personnel & Administration Committee:

'To authorise payments in cases of urgency or where it is inconvenient to await the next meeting of full Council'

RESOLVED that matters relating to Cadbury Hill be added to the list of matters reserved to full Council.

RESOLVED that committees be appointed as follows:

Amenities & Properties Committee: Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Council (*ex-officio*), Clare Bessant, Maurice Blunsdon, Mike Cox, Martyn Hooper, Graham Humphreys, Susan Morris, Ian Payne, Viv Wathen and Jean Watson

Finance, Personnel & Administration Committee: Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Council (*ex-officio*), Wendy Griggs, Graham Humphreys, Rosey Knifton, Lucy Perrott, Ian Payne, Viv Wathen and Jean Watson

Planning Committee: Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Council (*ex-officio*), Maurice Blunsdon, Jane Bollen, Mike Cox, Wendy Griggs, Robert Jenner, Rosey Knifton, Ian Payne, Brian Phillips, Viv Wathen and Jean Watson

Members expressed their thanks to Jill Iles for her hard work and valuable input on the Planning Committee

COU540: Appointment of advisory committees

RESOLVED that advisory committees be appointed as follows:

Road Safety Advisory Committee: Maurice Blunsdon, David Crossman, Mike Cox and Jean Watson

Hangstones Redevelopment Advisory Committee: David Crossman, Martyn Hooper, Graham Humphreys, Robert Jenner, Susan Morris, Brian Phillips and Viv Wathen

New Burial Ground Advisory Committee: Trevor Bidwell-Ford, David Crossman, Robert Jenner, Jill Iles and Viv Wathen

COU541: Appointment of representatives on outside organisations

RESOLVED that representatives be appointed as follows:

Ancient Parish of Yatton United Charities: David Crossman for a further 4-year term

Avon Local Councils Association: Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Council, with power to appoint substitutes

Bristol International Airport Consultative Committee: Jane Bollen

Community Drugs Misuse Forum: Mike Cox

Campaign to Protect Rural England: Wendy Griggs

Health and Wellbeing Forum: Jane Bollen and (if more than one representative is permitted) Susan Morris

North Somerset Citizens' Advice Bureau: no representative

[Richard Durban Trust: Maurice Blunsdon for a further four-year term]

Rural Working Group: Jane Bollen

Strawberry Line Management Committee: Trevor Bidwell-Ford

YACWAG: Jill Iles

Yatton Music Society: Viv Wathen

Yatton PACT: Viv Wathen and (if more than one representative is permitted) Ian Payne

Yatton Traders Association: (if it still exists) Trevor Bidwell-Ford and Maurice Blunsdon

Yatton Youth Club Management Committee: Mike Cox

Yatton Village Hall Management Committee: Wendy Griggs

Members considered the renewal of the Parish Council subscription to the Parish Councils Airport Association. Members were concerned about the lack of balance in the PCAA's statements. Although the Parish Council was opposed to expansion of the Airport which is detrimental to the environment members recognised that public opinion in the Parish is not one-sided, and they were not convinced that it is right to use public money to support what is in effect an anti-airport campaign. Members also endorsed the concerns expressed by Blagdon Parish Council in its letter of 10 May (Annex 3).

RESOLVED that the subscription to the Parish Councils Airport Association be not renewed and that the PCAA be informed of the reasons for this decision.

COU542: Meeting dates for 2010/11

Members considered a report from the Clerk (Annex 4). The Clerk considered that the bi-monthly pattern had not adversely affected the quality of decision-making.

RESOLVED that the bi-monthly pattern be continued and that full Council meetings be held as follows, all at Hangstones at 7.30 p.m.:

Monday 14 June 2010

Monday 12 July 2010

Monday 13 September 2010

Monday 8 November 2010

Monday 10 January 2011

Monday 14 March 2011

Monday 16 May 2011 (Annual Meeting, one week later than normal because of elections)

COU543: Questionnaire on redevelopment of Hangstones pavilion

Members considered a draft questionnaire, for circulation to every household in the villages (Annex 5). The Clerk reported that the cost of delivery by Royal Mail would be £500, although a few properties in the BS21 postcode area would need alternative delivery. In addition there would be the cost of printing 3535 copies. Each copy would need an individual number for security purposes.

In discussion members suggested changes to the formatting to make the questionnaire more attractive, and the inclusion of a sketch of Option 2 (rebuild).

RESOLVED that the questionnaire be approved, subject to changes in formatting and the inclusion of a sketch of Option 2, and the cost of printing and delivery by Royal Mail be approved.

COU544: Representative at meeting called by the Infrastructure Planning Commission

Jill Iles, Robert Jenner and Rosey Knifton, having declared personal and prejudicial interests, left the room.

The Clerk reported that the Infrastructure Planning Commission had invited the Parish Council to a meeting on 18 May to discuss pre-application consultation on the Hinkley Point C connector. This was distinct from the presentations organized by National Grid to which all councilors had been invited.

RESOLVED that Mike Cox be appointed as the Parish Council's representative at the meeting on 18 May.

Jill Iles, Robert Jenner and Rosey Knifton returned to the room.

COU545: Draft town and parish charter

The North Somerset draft town and parish charter had been circulated to members and the Clerk presented a report with draft comments (Annex 6).

In discussion members felt that detail might be lost if plans in planning applications were sent electronically. The comments could include examples where clustering would have been of benefit. Members felt strongly that there was a lack of consultation on strategic decision.

RESOLVED that with the inclusion of members' comments the Clerk's draft comments be approved.

COU546: Councillors' training on the power of well-being

The Clerk reported that 14 out of 18 councillors had attended the recent training session. However 17 councillors (80% of the total number of seats) needed to attend before the Council could be eligible to use the power.

RESOLVED that the four councillors who did not attend training be encouraged to attend any future course.

COU547: Review of internal controls

Members considered a report from the Clerk (Annex 7) on the outcome of a review of internal controls by Rosey Knifton and Ian Payne.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and the draft statement on Internal Control attached to the report be approved and adopted.

COU548: Deed transferring ownership of land at the corner of Cherry Grove and High Street, Yatton, to the Parish Council

The acquisition of this land at no cost to the Parish Council had been approved on 14 September 2009 (COU465).

RESOLVED that Trevor Bidwell-Ford and Maurice Blunsdon be authorised to execute the transfer deed on behalf of the Parish Council

Members asked the Amenities & Properties Committee to consider issues concerning this land, including possible rates liability.

COU549: Annual General Meeting of the National Playing Fields Association, 16 June 2010, Kenilworth

RESOLVED that Graham Humphreys be appointed as the Parish Council's representative at the Annual General Meeting of the National Playing Fields Association.

Matters for information

COU550: Clerk's Report

Sundry correspondence for information, including:

- (1) Branch report from Avonside Campaign to protect Rural England
- (2) Avon & Somerset Police Authority Newsletter

(3) Notice of a training course on Community Engagement, 18 May, Long Ashton

(4) The claims against the Parish Council relating to football injuries at Hangstones in 2008 had both been settled with no liability and no payments being made.

Matters for decision

COU551: Quotes for construction of a path on Hangstones field

Members considered four quotes for the construction of a path on Hangstones field, approved by the Amenities & Properties Committee on 25 January 2010 (AAP312),

RESOLVED that the quote from North Somerset Council in the sum of £3900 + VAT be accepted.

Chairman

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