

Minutes

of a Meeting of

Yatton Parish Council

Monday 11 April 2011

held at Hangstones Pavilion

Meeting opened: 7.30 p.m. Meeting closed: 9.05 p.m.

Present: Councillors: David Crossman (Chairman), Maurice Blunsdon, Wendy Griggs, Martyn Hooper, Graham Humphreys, Jill Iles, Robert Jenner, Susan Morris, Ian Payne, Brian Phillips and Jean Watson

Also in attendance: Clerk, North Somerset Parish Liaison Officer Karuna Tharmananthar and twenty members of the public

Matters for decision

COU641: Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jane Bollen, Rosey Knifton, Lucy Perrott and Viv Wathen

COU642: Declarations of interests by Parish Councillors

None

Public participation

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A number of members of the public spoke on Agenda item 6 (proposal to draft a specification for the redevelopment of Hangstones pavilion).

Concerns expressed were:

- Public open space was at a premium and access to the field would be restricted if the pavilion became a leisure facility or sports hall.
- There would be parking problems if the facility became more attractive and people came from outside.
- There was no support from the community for large-scale redevelopment.
- There was concern about the lack of openness as to developments to date.

- Any decision could wait until a new council was elected.
- Was there a private company or pressure group behind the proposal?

In reply the Clerk said that this was a commercial proposal by a private company to draft a specification for refurbishment of the existing pavilion. There was no proposal for an indoor sports hall. Some work might be optional but other work such as a new roof and a new kitchen was not optional. There would be full public consultation on the specification before it was put out to tender.

Matters for decision

COU644: Exclusion of public

RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda item 6 (proposal to draft a specification for the redevelopment of Hangstones pavilion) on the ground that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because consideration may involve disclosure of information relating to the financial affairs of the authority.

COU645: Proposal to draft a specification for the redevelopment of Hangstones pavilion

The Clerk reported a proposal from Berkeley Place Ltd (confidential Annex 1) to draft a specification for the redevelopment of Hangstones pavilion, including drawings sufficient to support a planning application. The proposal was supported by indicative costings (confidential Annex 2).

Members noted the need in addition for a business plan to justify any expenditure.

RESOLVED unanimously that the proposal from Berkeley Place to draft a specification ready for tender, including drawings to support a planning application, be accepted, subject to the following:

- Berkeley Place to be paid £3000 a month for three months work, with the possibility of a fourth month;
- Berkeley Place to be paid for the work regardless of whether they are invited to tender for construction works
- The specification to include a new roof, larger main hall, new kitchen and bar, new small meeting room/office, internal reconfiguration and full refurbishment

- Monthly progress meetings with Berkeley Place
- Berkeley Place to be asked to include options for reducing energy consumption, e.g. solar panels on roof.

As this was the last meeting of the Parish Council before the elections Wendy Griggs proposed a vote of thanks to David Crossman. In reply David thanked all the councillors for their support, especially Jill Iles, Rosey Knifton and Lucy Perrott who were standing down, and also thanked the staff for their hard work for the Parish Council.

Chairman

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