

Minutes

of a Meeting of

Yatton Parish Council

Monday 12 July 2010

held at Hangstones Pavilion

Meeting opened: 7.30 p.m. Meeting closed: 9.15 p.m.

Present: Councillors: David Crossman (Chairman), Clare Bessant, Trevor Bidwell-Ford, Maurice Blunsdon, Jane Bollen, Mike Cox, Martyn Hooper, Graham Humphreys, Jill Iles, Robert Jenner, Rosey Knifton, Susan Morris, Ian Payne, Lucy Perrott, Viv Wathen and Jean Watson

Also in attendance: Clerk, PC Phil Kinsella and five members of the public

Prayers were led by Rev. Ian Hubbard

Public Participation

Four residents of properties on the lane leading from Streamcross (Agenda item 11) spoke to complain about the 'Claverham Park Road' sign being put up without consultation and to ask for the lane to be named 'Streamcross'.

Doris Stockham pointed out that many of the white lines on roads in Yatton were fading.

North Somerset Councillors' reports

Jill Iles reported:

- There would be a Keep Britain Tidy campaign in September which the Parish Council was asked to support.
- Work was continuing with the Core Strategy in order to deter speculative applications.

Police report

PC Phil Kinsella reported that the Hangstones are seemed to be quiet but there were continuing problems in the Rock Road area. The police were actively investigating and were hopeful of a result.

Phil was still trying to progress moving the play pod to Court de Wyck School, Claverham.

The Chairman thanked Phil for his report.

Matters for decision

At the start of the meeting the Clerk presented those councillors who had attended a course on the Power of Well-being with their certificates of attendance.

COU567: Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Wendy Griggs, Brian Phillips, North Somerset Councillor Tony Moulin and North Somerset Parish Liaison Officer Karuna Tharmananthar.

COU568: Declarations of interests by Parish Councillors

Martyn Hooper declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda item 5(b) (authorisation of payment of contribution to cricket wicket) as a member of Claverham Cricket Club.

David Crossman, Jill Iles and Rosey knifton declared personal and prejudicial interests in Agenda item 10 (Hinkley Point C connector) as the value of their respective properties might be affected by the eventual route. Clare Bessant declared a personal interest in the same item by reason of concerns about her family's health.

COU569: Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14 June 2010

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2010 were approved as a correct record, subject to the correction of a minute to record the 'appointment' of Maurice Blunsdon as a Trustee of Richard Durban's Trust, rather than 're-appointment', and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED that Agenda item 11 (lane off Streamcross) be taken next.

COU570: Name of lane running south from Streamcross.

The Clerk read three letters from residents of properties in the lane complain about the 'Claverham Park Road' sign being put up without consultation and asking for the lane to be named 'Streamcross'.

The Clerk reported that the 'Claverham Park Road' sign had been put up following a mistake by North Somerset Council officers. The lane had never been officially named by North Somerset Council.

Jill Iles reported that she had discussed the matter with North Somerset Council officers. North Somerset Council had asked the Parish Council for its comments on a name some years ago and the Parish Council had asked for local residents to be consulted. This had not yet been done and was currently a low priority.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council reaffirm its request for North Somerset Council to consult with local residents before taking any decision on a name.

COU571: Finance

Payment of staff costs (Annex 1) was authorised.

Martyn Hooper, having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the next item, left the room.

Payment of a contribution of £4999 towards a cricket wicket on Hangstones, as approved under delegated powers by the Amenities & Properties Committee on 7 June, was authorised.

Martyn Hooper returned to the room.

COU572: Renewal of the Parish Council's subscription to the Parish Councils Airport Association

The Finance, Personnel & Administration Committee had recommended approval. Hilary Burn, Chair of the PCAA, had attended the Committee meeting and said that the PCAA had formed a working group to draft a new constitution to make the PCAA's procedures and finances more transparent.

RESOLVED that this matter be deferred until the new PCAA constitution is available.

COU573: Committee membership

RESOLVED that Jill Iles be added to the Planning Committee.

COU574: Renewal of Quality status

Members considered a report from the Clerk (Annex 2). In discussion some members considered that Quality status was another level of bureaucracy. There were no tangible benefits to Quality status. Others considered that the Parish Council had worked hard to be a Quality council in 2007 and the status should be maintained. Other parish councils noticed that Yatton was a Quality council.

The Clerk considered that some work would be needed to meet the new tests and also to put the portfolio of evidence together.

RESOLVED, by 13 votes to 3, that the Parish Council work towards renewal of Quality status and that a working party be appointed in due course to assist the Clerk and make recommendations.

COU575: Revision of standing orders

Members considered a report from the Clerk (Annex 3).

RESOLVED that a working party of David Crossman, Mike Cox, Martyn Hooper, Jill Iles and Sue Morris be appointed to assist the Clerk in drafting new standing orders and to make recommendations.

COU576: Letter from National Grid setting up 'community forums' on the Hinkley Point C connector

David Crossman, Jill Iles and Rosey Knifton, having declared personal and prejudicial interests, left the room and the Vice-Chairman took the Chair.

Members considered a letter from National Grid (Annex 4). The Clerk read a letter from Wraxall and Failand Parish Council (Annex 5). Members considered that although National Grid was still not offering proper consultation on undersea and underground options the Parish Council should continue to have input.

RESOLVED that Mike Cox and Sue Morris represent the Parish Council at the 'inception' meeting in Nailsea on Monday 19 July.

David Crossman, Jill Iles and Rosey Knifton returned to the room and the Chairman resumed the Chair.

COU577: North Somerset Partnership draft Older People Strategy

RESOLVED that the Clerk submit comments on the basis of any comments made by members.

Matters for information

COU578: Clerk's Report

- North Somerset Council had suspended its Public Rights of Way work programme so maintenance would only be carried out in response to complaints
- Funding for the play pod would come to an end in March 2011. North Somerset Council officers would be meeting parish councils to discuss the way forward.
- The Playbuilder funding of £45,000 for Hangstones was no longer certain.

- The recycling banks in the Co-op car park had been removed at the request of the Co-op.
- The questionnaire on Hangstones redevelopment had been handed over to Royal Mail for delivery.

Chairman

____/____/2010