

# **Minutes**

of a Meeting of

## **Yatton Parish Council**

held on

**Monday 13 June 2011**

at Hangstones Pavilion

Meeting opened: 7.30 p.m. Meeting closed: 9.10 p.m.

**Present:** Councillors: David Crossman (Chairman), Maurice Blunsdon, Mike Cox, Martyn Hooper, Graham Humphreys, Robert Jenner, Susan Morris, Ian Payne, Brian Phillips, Rhiannon Prys-Owen, Caroline Sheard, Viv Wathen, Jean Watson and Theresa Williams, and (from Agenda item 8 onwards) Roger Wood

**Also in attendance:** Clerk, North Somerset Councillors Tony Moulin and Annabel Tall and nine members of the public

### **MATTERS FOR DECISION**

#### **COU22/11: Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jane Bollen and Wendy Griggs and North Somerset Parish Liaison Officer Karuna Tharmananthar.

#### **COU23/11: Declarations of interests by Parish Councillors**

Graham Humphreys declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda item 9 (new burial ground) in view of his business interests.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

#### **COU24/11: Public participation**

##### **Presentation by Woodspring Wings Model Aircraft Club**

John Dudley introduced Club President Bob Turner. Bob set out the history of the Club, one of the first in the country to have its own miniature airfield. The Club was held in high regard by the British Model Flying Association and held an annual air show. The Club was very concerned about National Grid's proposals for the Hinkley Point C connector. If National Grid chose Route 2 the Club would have to find another site and might even close. Bob asked parish councillors to support the Club in pressing for National Grid to consider alternatives

such as underground or undersea cables. The Club had already had a visit from Dr Liam Fox MP.

The Chairman thanked the Club officials for their presentation.

#### Other public participation

Pat Stevens spoke on Agenda item 9 (new burial ground). He was concerned about the Parish Council proceeding without being sure that any lease from North Somerset Council would allow the Parish Council to do what it wanted.

Ralph James spoke:

- (1) The sign for the entrance to Claverham on Claverham Road was lying in the hedge. He asked that it be replaced at the correct entrance to Claverham, at the end of Stowey Road.
- (2) He drew attention to the large number of staff working for the Parish Council.
- (3) On Agenda item 9 he considered that if any new facility was to be available to all residents of North Somerset it should be developed by North Somerset Council.

#### North Somerset Councillors' reports

Tony Moulin reported:

- (1) Resurfacing of the Stowey Park end of Stowey Road, and of Grassmere Road/Ashleigh Road, would be carried out this year.
- (2) A new footway would be constructed on the east side of the B3133 (Frost Hill) but he had concerns about the placing of the existing street lights. Tony and Annabel Tall were meeting highway officers to discuss this.
- (3) He drew attention to recent bonfires on Cadbury Hill

### **MATTERS FOR DECISION**

#### **COU25/11: Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 16 May 2011**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **COU26/11: Finance**

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

### **COU27/11: Co-option to fill a vacancy**

The Clerk reported that there was a vacancy as a result of insufficient nominations in Claverham Ward: The Parish Council had 35 working days, that is, until Friday 24 June, to fill this vacancy by co-option, after which North Somerset Council could order fresh elections to fill the vacancy

Members considered an application for co-option from Roger Wood.

RESOLVED that Roger Wood be co-opted to fill the vacancy in Claverham Ward.

Roger Wood made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took his seat as a member of the Council.

### **COU28/11: Contract for the supply and installation of the Community Spaces Development (formerly Playbuilder) at Hangstones**

Members considered the proposals from five suppliers, together with a briefing from North Somerset officers on technical aspects and the results of consultation (Annex 2).

RESOLVED that the proposal from Touch Wood Enterprises incorporating two zip wires be accepted.

### **COU29/11: New burial ground**

Graham Humphreys, having declared a personal and prejudicial interest, left the room.

The Clerk reported as follows:

'Discussions with North Somerset Council and Dignity Funeral Services have taken place but it seems unlikely that a feasible business plan can be developed. However North Somerset Council have confirmed that they are content to lease the proposed site to the Parish Council at a peppercorn rent to develop and manage a burial ground provided that (a) they are content with the Parish Council's business plan and (b) the facility is made available to all residents of North Somerset.'

In discussion members felt it important that the permitted use of the land should be clarified with North Somerset Council.

RESOLVED that the Clerk report back to the next meeting with names and charges of at least three specialist cemetery consultants.

Graham Humphreys returned to the room

### **COU30/11: Training for councillors**

The Clerk reported that he had received no response from ALCA to his request for a course in Yatton.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council for any councillors who wish to attend the training day on 2 July (£130 per person).

### **COU31/11: Appointments to committees and advisory committees**

RESOLVED that Susan Morris be appointed to the Amenities & Properties Committee and the Finance, Personnel & Administration Committee.

RESOLVED that Graham Humphreys be appointed to the Hangstones Redevelopment Advisory Committee.

### **COU32/11: Review of internal controls**

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

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

### **COU33/11: Annual Accounts and Annual Governance Statement (Annex 4)**

RESOLVED that the Annual Accounts and Annual Governance Statement be approved and adopted.

### **COU34/11: Draft Annual Report (Annex 5)**

RESOLVED that the draft Annual Report be approved for publication, subject to the number of litter bins being correctly stated.

## **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

### **COU35/11: Clerk's Report**

- Re-launch of Tree Warden scheme by North Somerset Council
- Part Night Street Lighting scheme affecting Arnolds Way, North End Road, Frost Hill, Claverham Road and Bishops Road is being introduced
- The Clerk has details of the highway works mentioned by Tony Moulin
- North Somerset Council has paid for all town and parish councils in North Somerset to be members of Action for Market Towns

### **COU36/11: Future agenda items**

- Quotes for consultancy on new burial ground
- Correct location of Claverham entrance sign

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Chairman

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