

Minutes

of a Meeting of

Yatton Parish Council

held on

Monday 14 November 2011

at Hangstones Pavilion

Meeting opened: 7.30 p.m. Meeting closed: 9.25 p.m.

Present: Councillors: David Crossman (Chairman), Maurice Blunsdon, Jane Bollen, Mike Cox, Martyn Hooper, Graham Humphreys, Robert Jenner, Susan Morris, Ian Payne, Brian Phillips, Caroline Sheard, Viv Wathen, Jean Watson, Theresa Williams and Roger Wood

Also in attendance: Clerk, North Somerset Councillor Jill Iles, North Somerset Parish Liaison Officer Karuna Tharmananthar and five members of the public

Prayers were led by Rev. John Andrews

MATTERS FOR DECISION

COU52/11: Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Trevor Bidwell-Ford, Wendy Griggs and Rhiannon Prys-Owen

COU53/11: Declarations of interests by Parish Councillors

David Crossman declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda item 9 (Hinkley Point C Connector) as part of the proposed route lay across his property.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COU54/11: Public participation

Cameron Drury presented a paper summarizing the proposed funding of Yatton Youth Club and the Methodist Church Youth Worker Group (Annex 1). A youth support worker was needed at the Youth Club as the youth worker could not run a session on her own. The Parish Council was being asked for an extra £2500.

Juley Howard spoke:

- She asked the Parish Council to support the PACT application for Road Safety Week (Agenda item 11)
- YACWAG had discussed plans for the Diamond Jubilee in 2012 (Agenda item 13) and felt this would give people the opportunity to get involved in tree planting. YACWAG suggested planting 60 trees in Yatton and Congresbury.

Stephen Attrill also referred to the Diamond Jubilee (Agenda item 13) and offered as local scout leader to organize a Jubilee bonfire beacon on Cadbury Hill at no cost to either parish council.

North Somerset Councillors' reports

Jill Iles was concerned about the forthcoming closure of the B3133 in Kenn, which would result in large numbers of lorries coming through Yatton.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

COU55/11: Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12 September 2011

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

COU56/11: Finance

Payments were authorised and receipts and petty cash payments noted (Annex 2).

COU57/11: Appointment of members to committees

RESOLVED that Roger Wood be appointed to the Finance, Personnel & Administration and Planning Committees.

COU58/11: Working party on provision in Yatton and Claverham for young people

RESOLVED that a working party be appointed, terms of reference:

- To consider existing and potential future provision for young people in Yatton and Claverham, including but not limited to provision funded by Yatton Parish Council and/or North Somerset Council
- To meet and take advice from existing and potential future providers
- To make recommendations to the Parish Council on future provision, including but not limited to the role of the Parish Council in such provision

RESOLVED that Theresa Williams (Convener), Mike Cox, Wendy Griggs, Susan Morris, Rhiannon Prys-Owen, Caroline Sheard, Viv Wathen, Jean Watson and Roger Wood be members of the working party.

COU59/11: Hinkley Point C Connector

David Crossman, having declared a personal and prejudicial interest, left the room

RESOLVED that Jean Watson take the chair.

Jean Watson took the chair.

Mike Cox reported on recent meetings. The community forum with an independent chair would continue. Mike considered that continuing engagement with the process was important. The report on the feasibility of undersea cables had not yet been published.

North Somerset Parish Liaison Officer Karuna Tharmananthar emphasised the important role of town and parish councils in highlighting the effect of the proposals on local communities.

RESOLVED that Mike Cox continue to represent the Parish Council on the community forum.

David Crossman returned to the room and resumed the chair.

COU60/11: Proposed zebra crossing outside 130 High Street

The Clerk reminded members that the Parish Council had agreed to fund a zebra crossing outside 130 High Street (Minute COU634, 14 March 2011, estimated cost £23,000).

Members considered a Stage 1 Road Safety Audit prepared by North Somerset Council (Annex 3). The Clerk reported that subsequent to this a site meeting had been held with the engineer and it appeared that all the issues could be addressed. In particular residents of Atlay Court would be asked to take care when they or their visitors turned left out of Atlay Court.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council re-affirm its commitment to this project.

COU61/11: Application by Yatton & Claverham PACT for grant to fund resources for Road Safety Week

Members considered a grant application by Yatton & Claverham PACT for a grant of £750 to fund resources for Road Safety Week (Annex 4). The Clerk provided further details of costings (Annex 5). In discussion

members considered that such a large grant would not be an effective use of resources.

RESOLVED to award a grant of £50 (section 137)

COU62/11: North Somerset Council's bid for funds from the Local Sustainable Transport Fund

Members considered a letter from North Somerset Council asking for parish council support for a bid for funds from the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (Annex 6).

RESOLVED that the Parish Council express its support for the bid, and suggest that any funds be applied towards local community transport schemes, e.g. volunteer buses and car schemes for carers.

COU63/11: Diamond Jubilee 2012

Members considered ways of marking The Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

RESOLVED that subject to the agreement of Congresbury Parish Council and to consideration of any archaeological implications the proposal for a bonfire beacon on Cadbury Hill be supported on the understanding that no funds were required from the parish councils.

RESOLVED that the proposal for tree planting be supported.

The Clerk was asked to investigate the Woodland Trust's offer of free trees.

Members suggested that a tree could be planted in the wildflower garden at Glebelands and/or the site proposed for a new burial ground.

COU64/11: Membership of Avon Local Councils Association

The Clerk reported that the only paid member of staff was unable to carry out her duties at present so the Association was being managed by volunteer councillors. He thought it unlikely that the town councils in North Somerset would rejoin as long as the current situation continued. The Association was a valuable source of information and advice but much of it could be obtained from elsewhere.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council re-affirm its decision not to rejoin.

COU65/11: Annual Parish Meeting 2012

RESOLVED that:

- The Annual Parish Meeting be held near the end of April on a date to be determined by the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman
- Claverham Village Hall or failing that Court de Wyck School be approached as a venue
- The choice of a speaker be delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the chairman.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

COU66/11: Clerk's Report

- Stage 2 of North Somerset Part Night Street Lighting scheme, being rolled out, will affect High Street, Yatton, Kenn Moor Road and Wemberham Lane.

COU67/11: Future agenda items

- Parish Council budget for 2012/13

Chairman

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