

# Minutes

of a Meeting of

## Yatton Parish Council

**Monday 8 February 2010**

held at Hangstones Pavilion

Meeting opened: 7.30 p.m. Meeting closed: 9.40 p.m.

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

**In attendance:** Clerk, North Somerset Councillor Tony Moulin, North Somerset Parish Liaison Officer Karuna Tharmananthar, PC Phil Kinsella and 19 members of the press and public

**Prayers** were led by Cathy Horder

### **Public Participation**

Pat Stevens referred to the advance notice of the meeting stating that it would be a 'special meeting to discuss the redevelopment of Hangstones pavilion'. He felt that implied that redevelopment would be the only item on the agenda. He asked for discussion of redevelopment to be postponed to a special meeting where that was the only item on the agenda.

Paul Quest endorsed Pat's comments and made a number of detailed comments on the contents of the options appraisal report.

James Adams opposed spending a large amount of money on a single venue. Every option in the option appraisals report gave rise to an increase in running costs. He considered that some of the statements about sports facilities in local schools were misleading.

Glenys Foster considered that there must be full consultation.

### **North Somerset Councillors' reports**

Tony Moulin considered that any new pavilion should incorporate an indoor sports facility.

Tony also mentioned that the Children's Centre was now being staffed and that the Manager would be happy to come to a Parish Council meeting.

Jill Iles referred to press comment on the North Somerset Museum. All options were currently being considered, including a more central location and a mobile unit. No decisions had yet been taken.

### **Matters for decision**

#### **COU501: Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Jane Bollen and Ian Payne.

#### **COU502: Declarations of interests by Parish Councillors**

Martyn Hooper declared a personal interest in Agenda item 9 (redevelopment of Hangstones pavilion) by virtue of his connection with Claverham Cricket Club.

Jill Iles declared a personal interest in Agenda item 7 ('call-in' of Bristol International Airport planning application) as a North Somerset Council representative on the Airport Consultative Committee.

#### **COU503: Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 January 2010**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **COU504: Parish Council contribution to development at Rock Road sports field**

The Clerk circulated copies of an email (Annex 1) from the Football Foundation confirming that all necessary funding for the project had been secured.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council contribution of £23,000 be released to Yatton Junior Football Club.

#### **COU505: Finance**

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

#### **COU506: Redevelopment of Hangstones pavilion**

The Clerk referred to the options appraisal report and presentation that had been circulated to members (Annex 3).

Robert Jenner, Chairman of the Hangstones Redevelopment Advisory Committee, introduced the report and presentation. He drew attention to the set of costed options. The drawings in the presentation were merely indicative. He considered that the Parish Council had a

responsibility to the whole parish and that full consultation was essential.

In discussion members felt that the options appraisal report formed a solid foundation for consultation. The pavilion was currently under-used and options for generating more revenue should be investigated. The views of local residents were important but so were the views of users and potential users. There was support for indoor facilities. Option 3 could form the basis for a planning application even if at this stage the immediate plan was for a like-for-like replacement.

Karuna Tharmananthar advised that North Somerset Council could help with approaches to fundraising.

RESOLVED that (1) consultation on all options with all residents, users and potential users be arranged and (2) the Clerk investigate possibilities for fundraising.

Members asked for their thanks to Robert Jenner for his persistent hard work on the project to be recorded.

#### **COU507: 'Call-in' of Bristol International Airport planning application**

The Clerk referred to an email (Annex 4) from the Parish Councils Airport Association asking the Council to support the Association's request for the Bristol International Airport planning application to be 'called in' by the Government Office for the South West.

In discussion members noted that the decision on the application would be made by elected members of North Somerset Council, not by the Executive. Members considered that the decision should be left in the hands of democratically elected members and that if the application were called in this might mean that parish councilors and North Somerset councilors had less ability to influence negotiations and suggest conditions. Members noted that after North Somerset Council had made a decision there would be a period during which the Government Office for the South West could call in the application.

RESOLVED by 14 votes to 2 not to support a request to call in the application at this stage.

#### **COU508: Grounds maintenance contract for 2010**

The Clerk reported that the current contractor, Weston Outdoor Services, had offered to extend their contract for 2010 for £2350, the same price as 2009 (Annex 5). The Council could accept that offer, or could invite tenders. The Clerk considered it good practice to invite tenders every three years.

RESOLVED that the offer by Weston Outdoor Services to extend their contract for 2010 for £2350 be accepted.

**COU509: Work on footpath 21/3 from Stowey Road, Yatton, to Streamcross, Claverham**

Members considered a quote by North Somerset Council (Annex 6) for works on footpath 21/3 from Stowey Road, Yatton, to Streamcross, Claverham, including the replacement of stiles by kissing gates, at a cost of £2509 + VAT.

Members asked the Clerk to investigate whether North Somerset Council had any section 106 money available for this work.

RESOLVED that the quote be accepted and the expenditure be authorised, subject to the availability of any section 106 money.

**COU510: Bus lane on the A370 north of Smallway, Congresbury**

Members considered a letter from North Somerset Council (Annex 7) giving information on the new bus lane on the A370 north of Smallway, Congresbury. Members were disappointed that there had been no consultation with Yatton Parish Council, despite the effect that the bus lane might have on traffic turning right onto Smallway towards Yatton. Members were concerned that there would be an increased use of Claverham Road as a rat run. The only people who might benefit would be users of the X1, which did not serve Yatton or Claverham.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to North Somerset Council expressing disappointment at the lack of consultation.

**COU511: Sustainable Communities Act 2007 (Amendment) Bill**

Members considered a briefing from the National Association of Local Councils (Annex 8). The Clerk reported that the Bill was due for a Second Reading on Friday 26 February. However its chances of becoming law were poor as the Government was unlikely to make time available.

RESOLVED that the briefing be noted.

**Matters for information**

**COU512: Clerks' training**

The Clerk reported that he had successfully completed all modules of the Working With Your Council training package and would now be preparing his portfolio for the Certificate in Local Council Administration.

### **COU513: Special General Meeting of Avon Local Councils Association**

Members noted that a Special General Meeting of Avon Local Councils Association had been called for 18 March to consider revised subscription levels (Annex 9).

### **COU514: Clerk's report**

- (1) Next meeting of North Somerset Group of Avon Local Councils Association, Thursday 11 February at Kingston Seymour.
- (2) Four-session training course for councilors, 5 May, 7 July, 8 September and 6 October in Whitchurch, Bristol.
- (3) Mega-PACT, Thursday 25 February, 7.30 p.m., Horsecastle Chapel

### **COU515: Future agenda items**

- (1) Invitation to Children's Centre Manager
- (2) Consultation process for Hangstones redevelopment

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Chairman

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