

Minutes

of a Meeting of

Yatton Parish Council

Monday 8 March 2010

held at Hangstones Pavilion

Meeting opened: 7.30 p.m. Meeting closed: 8.45 p.m.

Present: Councillors: David Crossman (Chairman), Clare Bessant, Maurice Blunson, Mike Cox, Wendy Griggs, Martyn Hooper, Graham Humphreys, Robert Jenner, Susan Morris, Ian Payne, Lucy Perrott, Viv Wathen, Jean Watson and (from 8 p.m.) Jill Iles

In attendance: Clerk, North Somerset Councillor Tony Moulin, and 2 members of the press and public

Prayers were led by John Andrews

Public Participation

Paul Quest thanked the Parish Council for ordering a hearing loop.

Paul also referred to the stakeholders' meeting on Hangstones redevelopment that was to be held on 15 March. He noted that the meeting had not been publicly advertised. He was concerned that residents should not be alienated.

The Clerk advised that the intention was to target users and potential users, ask for their suggestions for what might be provided and assess their commitment. There would be further public consultation.

North Somerset Councillors' reports

Jill Iles was at a North Somerset meeting and would arrive later.

Tony Moulin reported that the Bristol International Airport planning application had been called in to the Planning & Regulatory Committee, meeting in April.

Matters for decision

COU516: Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Trevor Bidwell-Ford, Jane Bollen, Rosey Knifton and Brian Phillips.

COU517: Declarations of interests by Parish Councillors

David Crossman, Robert Jenner and (when she arrived) Jill Iles declared personal and prejudicial interests in Agenda item 10 (working party with Yatton Against Pylons) as the value of their respective properties might be affected by the eventual route of any pylons.

Clare Bessant declared a personal interest in the same item by reason of concerns for her family's health.

COU518: Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8 February 2010

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

COU519: Finance

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

COU520: Appointment of members to committees

RESOLVED that Martyn Hooper be appointed to the Planning Committee and Ian Payne to the Amenities & Properties Committee

COU521: Annual Parish Meeting

Members noted that the Meeting must be held between 1 March and 1 June, but that the Chairman would be away for most of May. Members considered it undesirable to hold the Meeting on a Friday evening, and it was unlawful to hold the Meeting during the day.

RESOLVED that the Annual Parish Meeting be held in April, between Monday and Thursday in the evening, at Claverham Village Hall if possible, failing which Yatton Village Hall, failing which the Methodist Church Hall.

RESOLVED that in addition to the usual items a speaker be invited from First Bus to talk about bus services in Yatton and Claverham, and also a speaker from North Somerset Council to talk about the new waste and recycling structure.

COU522: Annual Report

RESOLVED that committee chairs be asked to submit contributions by the end of April with a view to approval at the Council meeting in June.

Jill Iles joined the meeting.

COU523: Complaints procedure

Members considered a report from the Clerk (Annex 2) recommending the adoption of a new complaints procedure. The new procedure was intended in particular to set clear time limits and also to clarify the role of the Clerk. In addition the new procedure made it clear which areas were outside the scope of the complaints procedure. The Clerk reminded members that as parish councils were not subject to the jurisdiction of the Local Government Ombudsman it was important that the complaints procedure should be robust and transparent.

RESOLVED that the complaints procedure attached to the report be approved and adopted, with the addition of the words 'and full Council' in paragraph 13 after 'Committee'.

COU524: Working party with Yatton Against Pylons

David Crossman, Jill Iles and Robert Jenner, having declared personal and prejudicial interests, left the room.

RESOLVED that Graham Humphreys take the chair.

Graham Humphreys took the chair.

The Clerk reported that Yatton Against Pylons had suggested that a joint working party might be helpful as a channel of communications. He emphasised that such a working party would not have the power to take decisions or spend money and that any suggestions for Parish Council action should be reported back to the Council for consideration.

RESOLVED that Mike Cox, Martyn Hooper and Susan Morris be appointed to a joint working party with Yatton Against Pylons.

The Clerk advised that following advice from the Infrastructure Planning Commission that National Grid's pre-application consultation had been flawed National Grid would be providing further information on why options such as undersea cables had been discounted and would also be providing further opportunities for residents to discuss issues.

David Crossman, Jill Iles and Robert Jenner returned to the room and David Crossman resumed the chair.

COU525: Working party on rural housing

The Chairman reported that at the last meeting of the Planning Committee Louise Davidson of English Rural Housing and Charlotte Brace of North Somerset Council had suggested that it would be useful for there to be a joint working party on affordable housing, with representatives from the Parish Council, English Rural Housing and North Somerset Council.

RESOLVED that David Crossman, Jill Iles, Brian Phillips and Jean Watson, with Viv Wathen as reserve, be appointed to a joint working party on affordable housing with English Rural Housing and North Somerset Council.

COU526: Request by Horticultural Society to erect a tree

Members considered a request by Yatton Horticultural Society to erect a tree on Glebelands, at the Society's expense, to mark the 60th anniversary of the Society.

RESOLVED that the request be agreed to.

COU527: Severn Estuary Shoreline Management Plan

Members noted that the North Somerset Internal Drainage Board had expressed serious concerns (Annex 3) about the Management Plan, considering in particular that the defences of the Congresbury Yeo tidal pill were inadequate.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council endorses the North Somerset Internal Drainage Board comments and that the Clerk be asked to write to the Severn Estuary Coastal Group accordingly.

Matters for information

COU528: North Somerset Council briefing on the 'recycling revolution', Tuesday 9 March, Town Hall

Noted

COU529: Special General Meeting of Avon Local Councils Association, Thursday 18 March

Noted

COU530: Clerk's report

- (1) North Somerset Council's Planning & Regulatory Committee has recommended to full Council that there should be no change to the name of Yatton Parish Council.
- (2) Jane Bollen has thanked councilors for the flowers sent to her.
- (3) 'Transition Yatton' were showing a film on how people could work together to create community-based low-carbon solutions, Saturday 27 March, Horsecastle Chapel, 1.30 p.m.
- (4) Volunteers were wanted to collect allotment rents at the Horticultural Society Spring Show, Saturday 10 April, 2 - 4.30. Graham Humphreys and Viv Wathen volunteered.

COU531: Future agenda items

- (1) Review of Christmas lights.
- (2) Road safety.
- (3) Possibility of asking Council staff to carry out gritting.

Chairman

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