

# **Minutes**

of a Meeting of

## **Yatton Parish Council**

held on

**Monday 9 January 2012**

at Hangstones Pavilion

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

**Present:** Councillors: David Crossman (Chairman), Trevor Bidwell-Ford, Maurice Blunsdon, Jane Bollen, Wendy Griggs, Martyn Hooper, Graham Humphreys, Robert Jenner, Ian Payne, Rhiannion Prys-Owen, Viv Wathen, Jean Watson, Theresa Williams and Roger Wood

**Also in attendance:** Clerk, North Somerset Councillors Jill Iles and Tony Moulin, PC Paul Morris and eight members of the public

**Prayers** were led by Greg Cruse

### **MATTERS FOR DECISION**

#### **COU74/11: Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mike Cox, Susan Morris, Brian Phillips and Caroline Sheard

#### **COU75/11: Declarations of interests by Parish Councillors**

Theresa Williams declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda item 8 (temporary facilities for Yatton Athletic Football Club at Hangstones) as her husband was a member of the Management Committee of the Club.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

#### **COU76/11: Public participation**

Richard Sibley spoke in support of his proposal to challenge communities to 'abolish' youth unemployment.

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

Tony Moulin updated the Parish Council on discussions on youth provision.

Jill Iles urged the Parish Council to engage in dialogue with North Somerset Council on budget issues, especially youth provision and highway maintenance

#### Police report

PC Paul Morris reported that there had been a 60% decrease over the past year in incidents of criminal damage. He felt that good youth provision played an important part in reducing crime.

### **MATTERS FOR DECISION**

#### **COU77/11: Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 5 December 2011**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **COU78/11: Exclusion of public**

RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda item 12 (issues arising from the award of the contract for the refurbishment of Hangstones pavilion) on the ground that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because consideration may involve disclosure of information relating to the financial affairs of the authority.

#### **COU79/11: Finance**

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

RESOLVED that Agenda item 8 (temporary facilities for Yatton Athletic Football Club at Hangstones) be taken next

#### **COU80/11: Provision of temporary sanitation and changing facilities at Hangstones pavilion for the use of Yatton Athletic Football Club**

Theresa Williams, having declared a personal and prejudicial interest, left the room.

Members considered a request from Yatton Athletic Football Club for temporary changing and sanitary facilities during the period of closure of Hangstones pavilion (Annex 2). The facilities would also be used by Yatton Junior Football Club Under 18s. There would be around 15 Yatton Athletic matches and 6 Under 18s matches.

The Club had provided a quote of £7840 for providing a portakabin, including delivery but not collection.

In discussion members felt they had been given the impression that few home matches would be played in the spring. However they accepted that the Parish Council had given an assurance that temporary facilities would be provided if needed.

RESOLVED that:

- The Parish Council fund temporary facilities up to a maximum cost of £8000
- The Clerk make very effort in discussion with the contractors, the Football Club and others to reduce the cost

### **COU81/11: Parish Council budget for 2012/13**

Members considered a report from the Clerk, including a provisional out-turn for 2011/12 and a draft budget for 2012/13 (Annex 3). The Clerk drew attention in particular to his conclusion that in order to maintain a prudent level of reserves the Parish Council should either reduce its discretionary expenditure or increase the precept.

In discussion members considered:

- Several cost heads should be reduced by small amounts where possible
- Expenditure on Christmas lights could be reduced by £2000 without affecting the quality of the installations
- The Youth Provision Working Party was proposing additional expenditure of £5000 to maintain the current level of youth provision

RESOLVED that a special meeting be held on Monday 23 January to reach a final decision on the budget and precept for 2012/13

### **COU82/11: Development of a new burial ground and allotments at Mendip Road, Yatton**

Members considered a progress report from consultants Peter Mitchell Associates (Annex 4).

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

## **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

### **COU83/11: Clerk's Report**

- Health & Well-being Forum, 19 January, Weston-super-Mare
- Invitation from North Somerset Council to tour the Castlewood offices
- The Clerk has been appointed a Regional Advisor by the Society of Local Council Clerks

**COU84/11: Future agenda items**

- Arrangements for the Diamond Jubilee

(The public left the room.)

**MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**COU85/11: Issues arising from the award of the contract for the refurbishment of Hangstones pavilion**

Members considered a letter from one of the tenderers and noted that the Clerk would reply.

RESOLVED that the appointment of Keith Thomas Associates as structural engineers at a maximum fee of £3000 be ratified.

Members considered a quote from a architect for drawings to support the application for buildings regulations approval (Confidential Annex 5). .

RESOLVED that a second quote be obtained and that the Clerk be authorised to accept a quote in consultation with the Chairman.

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Chairman

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