

Minutes

of a Meeting of

Yatton Parish Council

Monday 9 November 2009

held at Hangstones Pavilion

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

Present: Councillors: David Crossman (Chairman), Clare Bessant, Maurice Blunston, Mike Cox, Martyn Hooper, Graham Humphreys, Jill Iles, Robert Jenner, Rosey Knifton, Ian Payne, Lucy Perrott, Brian Phillips, Viv Wathen and Jean Watson

In attendance: Clerk, North Somerset Councillor Tony Moulin and 15 members of the press and public.

Prayers were led by Peter Cresswell.

Public Participation

A number of members of the public spoke on the National Grid proposal for the Hinkley Point C connector. Points made included:

- Many houses at North End would be affected.
- The line should be put under the Bristol Channel in preference to any of the options offered by National Grid.
- If the line had to go overground then Route 1 (the route of the existing line) was preferable.
- Route 2 passed too close to the Strawberry Line.

A number of members of the public made comments on the withdrawal of the 351 bus service and late Sunday evening bus services. Points made included:

- Many people used the 351 service to get to work.
- School and college students needed the 351 service.
- First Bus accepted that the 7.15 a.m. service was well used.
- There were around 28 people on average on the 7.15 a.m. service.
- The route was designated a 'showcase route' by the West of England Partnership.

North Somerset Councillors' reports

Tony Moulin reported:

- (1) He planned to meet the North Somerset Council officer conducting the High Street safety survey at the PACT meeting on 26 November and asked if the Parish Council would want this to be their consultation as well.
- (2) The waste and recycling contracts had now been awarded and North Somerset Council would roll out the new system as from March 2010. Recycling in North Somerset was now up to 41% and it was hoped that the new system would raise it to at least 50%.
- (3) On the withdrawal of the 351 service Tony felt that First Bus was a risk-averse operator but urged the Parish Council to make its feelings known.

Jill Iles stated that North Somerset Council had no funds to support the 351 service.

Matters for decision

COU467: Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Trevor Bidwell-Ford, Jane Bollen, Wendy Griggs and Susan Morris, and from North Somerset Council Parish Liaison Officer Karuna Tharmananthar.

RESOLVED that Jane Bollen's illness be approved as a reason for her continuing absence.

COU468: Declarations of interests by Parish Councillors

David Crossman, Jill Iles, Robert Jenner and Rosey Knifton declared personal and prejudicial interests in Agenda item 6 (Hinkley Point C connector) as the value of their respective properties might be affected by the eventual route.

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

COU469: Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14 September 2009

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

COU470: Finance

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

COU471: Hinkley Point C connector

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

RESOLVED that Graham Humphreys take the Chair.

Graham Humphreys took the Chair.

Members considered the proposals by National Grid for the Hinkley Point C connector. Points made in discussion Included:

- National Grid had not made costings of any option (including the undersea option) available to the public
- The details in the mailshot to residents had been inadequate to alert residents properly to the effect the proposals might have.
- Despite the assurances by national Grid there was concern over the health risks.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to National Grid and Dr Liam Fox MP reporting the concerns of members, and that the Clerk make contact with other parish councils to seek to establish a common front, and that the Clerk ask National Grid to hold a further consultation meeting.

David Crossman, Jill Iles, Robert Jenner and Rosey Knifton returned to the room and David Crossman resumed the Chair.

COU472: Work on Cadbury Hill

Members considered a 2009/10 Action Plan submitted by Graham Morgan, Managing Agent (Annex 2). The Chairman and Clerk reported on their site visit to Cadbury Hill. Both considered the work set out in the Action Plan was appropriate.

Members also considered two tenders for the work.

RESOLVED that, subject to the agreement of Congresbury Parish Council, the work set out in the Action Plan be authorised and that the tender by Greemantle Ltd to carry out the work for £5000 + VAT be accepted.

COU473: Withdrawal of the 351 bus service and late Sunday evening services

Members considered the decision by First Bus to withdraw the 351 peak time bus service and late Sunday evening services.

The Clerk reported that there was a possibility another operator might provide a partial replacement.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to First Bus, North Somerset Council, Bristol City Council (as members of the West of England Partnership) and Dr Liam Fox MP expressing Yatton Parish Council's strong concern over this decision, emphasising the size of the population served by the 351 and asking for a meeting with First Bus.

COU474: New North Somerset waste and recycling system

Members asked a number of questions about the new North Somerset waste and recycling system which were answered by North Somerset Councillor Tony Moulin.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council supports the new scheme and also thanks North Somerset Council for the comprehensive information provided in *North Somerset Life* and elsewhere, but asks for the contractors to be monitored to ensure that waste, especially food waste, is not left on the road.

COU475: Red telephone kiosk at 120-122 High Street, Yatton

The Clerk reported that BT had made a mistake in offering the red telephone kiosk at 120-122 High Street, Yatton, for 'adoption' by the Parish Council. The kiosk was on private land and so was not available for 'adoption'. However the landowner was keen that the kiosk should be retained and had asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to contribute to its maintenance.

RESOLVED that this item be deferred until potential maintenance costs were known.

COU476: Street cleaning in Horsecastle Ward

The Clerk reported that two members of the public had complained that not enough money was being spent by the Parish Council on street cleaning in Horsecastle Ward. However neither the Clerk nor North Somerset Council was aware of any complaints from residents of Horsecastle Ward.

RESOLVED that councillors representing Horsecastle Ward be asked to monitor the state of the streets in Horsecastle Ward and report any concerns to the Clerk.

COU477: Membership of Avon Local Councils Association

RESOLVED to renew the Parish Council's membership of Avon Local Councils Association for 2010/11 at a cost of £1301.

Matters for information

**COU478: Report on the work of the Amenities & Properties Committee
(Annex 3)**

Noted

**COU479: Report on the work of the Finance, Personnel & Administration
Committee**

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Chairman

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