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OUR MISSION: To ensure the provision of high quality services in our communities of Yatton and Claverham

Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2011 (approved by the Parish Council on 13 June 2011)

Chairman's overview

Yatton Parish Council has completed several projects in the year ending 31 March 2011, and others are continuing.

The road safety improvements to High Street, Yatton, including the mini-roundabout at Claverham Road, which were jointly funded by Yatton Parish Council and North Somerset Council, have been completed. An area of open space at the corner of Cherry Road has been fenced off to prevent parking.

The Parish Council has been awarded £37,000 from the Government's Playbuilder project to support community play and fitness facilities at Hangstones. Five suppliers submitted proposals and we expect the work to take place over the summer.

We have recently engaged property experts Berkeley Place Ltd to draw up plans for the refurbishment of Hangstones pavilion. The cost of the works will be met from the Parish Council's existing reserves and there will be no need to ask council tax payers to fund the works, or to borrow money.

Further scrub clearance has taken place at Cadbury Hill (jointly owned with Congresbury Parish Council).

The Strawberry Line Café, which the Parish Council has supported financially, opened at Yatton Station.

The Parish Council has continued to contribute to services for young people, including £12,000 towards the cost of staff at Yatton Youth Club, £4,000 towards the cost of a youth worker, the payment of the Junior Football Club's utility bills and support for two Guides groups. Junior teams normally play free of charge at Hangstones.

Members agreed that the Parish Council should make use of Twitter and (from May 2011) Facebook, as part of the Community Engagement Strategy adopted by the Parish Council. The Parish Council has also adopted a statement of intent on training, emphasising the need for adequate training for both councillors and staff.

Parish Council Clerk Crispin Taylor was awarded the Certificate in Local Council Administration, with distinction. The Certificate is the basic qualification for clerks and is a pre-requisite for Quality status. The Parish Council has agreed to seek re-accreditation as a Quality council.

Clare Bessant resigned as a parish councillor during the year and Jill Iles, Rosey Knifton and Lucy Perrott stood down at the May elections (although Jill continues as a North Somerset councillor). I should like to thank all of them for their hard work for the parish. I welcome Rhiannon Prys-Owen, Caroline Sheard and Theresa Williams as new parish councillors and Annabel Tall as a new North Somerset councillor.

I should like to end by thanking my fellow councillors, North Somerset councillors Jill Iles and Tony Moulin for their invaluable input and the Parish Council's staff for their hard work.

David Crossman
Chairman of the Council

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Amenities and Properties Committee

Chair: Graham Humphreys
Vice-Chair: Trevor Bidwell-Ford

The first stage of the path round Hangstones field has been completed, making access to the play area easier. More hedging has been laid at Hangstones field and a new cricket wicket, partly funded by the Parish Council, has been laid in preparation for summer 2011. External lighting has been installed at Hangstones pavilion.

The Parish Council continues to be responsible for 103 street lights across Yatton and Claverham, 18 dog bins and 11 litter bins.

We have continued to maintain all the public areas we are responsible for such as the War Memorial and Glebelands,

Funding for the playpod on Hangstones field came to an end in March 2011 and the playpod will be removed. However it will be replaced by the new play equipment funded by the Playbuilder scheme (see the Chairman's overview above) The Parish Council hopes to fund some fitness equipment for all ages at

Hangstones and Broadcroft out of its own resources, and also replace the rocking horse at the Rock Road play area..

The safety surfacing at Rock Road has been replaced, as have a number of chains on our swings.

We have finished the year within budget and I would like to thank all Council staff for ensuring that all our plans have succeeded, fellow councillors for being as one in wishing to provide the best of amenities for the parish and all those parishioners who been involved in any manner of participation.

Christmas lights

The Parish Council wishes to thank all the businesses who kindly donated to the 2010 Christmas lights display and again to Cadbury Garden Centre for their donation of the Pages Court Christmas tree. The display this year has been updated with the purchase of new tree lights and festoon bulbs all of which were LED and therefore the cost in electricity for the display has been considerably reduced. A number of the street motifs were also replaced.

The lights were switched on at the annual event on Saturday 4 December with Congresbury Brass Band accompanying community carols and finally Santa arrived to give each child a little gift. The Parish Council wished to thank those members of the Lions who helped on the afternoon and Congresbury Brass Band for playing at this seasonal community event.

Planning Committee

Chair: David Crossman
Vice-Chair: Brian Phillips

The past year has been relatively quiet from a planning perspective with no new large applications within the parish. There have been a wide variety of applications for smaller extensions, conservatories, fences and walls, agricultural/ light industrial buildings, tree works and new signage. There were two applications for new dwellings and a number of extensions that included a live work element to them which will contribute towards reducing out commuting from the villages,

There was an unusual application for the change of use from residential to Class B8 (storage & distribution) a book depository with office space, often change of use is applied for to convert from commercial to residential. In Claverham Court de Wyck Primary School gained planning approval for an extension to provide a Children's Centre on the site.

The planning committee continue to work with the community to resolve problems such as planning enforcement complaints.

In addition to this the Parish has seen a number of approved plans from previous years come to fruition. The Strawberry Line Café (application 07/P/1770/LB) was completed and officially opened on 13 December. The outline application for the major development and expansion of Bristol Airport (application 09/P/1020/OT2) was approved in February 2011 and this resulted in full planning applications for allied developments. A proposal for a 251 bedroom hotel (10/P/1240/F) was approved in November 2010 and an application for a 20m wind turbine was approved in June 2010 and has now been installed.

An Affordable Housing Community Consultation took place in January and February 2011 to allow parishioners the review and comment on the Sequential Site Search Report and its findings that the Parish Council have worked on in partnership with English Rural Housing and North Somerset Planners. The resulting comments from this process are currently being analysed and the results will be available later this year.

The Planning Committee wish to thank North Somerset Councillors Jill Iles and Tony Moulin for their hard work and valued support in liaising with North Somerset Council, planning applicants and parishioners.

Finance, Personnel & Administration Committee

Chair: Rosey Knifton

Vice-Chair: Lucy Perrott

The Council has again awarded grants to organisations working for the benefit of the community in Yatton and Claverham. These are

April 2010

£750 North Somerset Against Domestic Abuse

June 2010

£100 Victim Support

£250 Yatton Music Society

£300 2nd Yatton Guides

and a contribution of £4275 to the Methodist Church Youth Worker Group towards the cost of employing a youth worker, and a further grant of £500 towards the cost of setting up a young parents group

November 2010

£200 Nailsea Festival of Music

£300 Vision North Somerset

£400 West of England MS Therapy Centre

£400 1st Yatton Guides

and a contribution of £6000 to enable North Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau to provide a weekly service in Yatton.

The Parish Council also contributed £12,000 towards the cost of employing staff at Yatton Youth Club.

The Parish Council's accounts for the year ended 31 March 2010 received an unqualified audit report.

Finally the Council was again able to set a zero rise in the precept for 2010/2011 by transferring money from reserves.

**Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011
(unaudited)**

	2010/11	2009/10
	£	£
Balances brought forward	468,789	499,517
(+)Annual precept	177,279	177,279
(+)Total other receipts	21,891	20,044
(-) Staff costs	(83,535)	(78,753)
(-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0
(-) Total other payments ¹	(130,693)	(149,298)
(=) Balances carried forward	453,731	468,789
Total cash investments	503,108	480,485
Total fixed and long term assets	734,880	720,395
Total borrowings	0	0

¹ Other payments include: (Y/E 31/03/11) capital expenditure on sports field and play areas £11,619, expenditure on road safety in High Street, Yatton £8,000 (Y/E 31/03/10) funding for new car park at Rock Road field £23,000

Parish Councillors

Claverham Ward (Claverham to Hollowmead):

Trevor Bidwell-Ford	01934 834707
Jean Watson	01934 838017
(1 vacancy)	

South Ward (Frost Hill to Chescombe Road/Well Lane):

Wendy Griggs	01934 834143
Graham Humphreys	01934 835469
Susan Morris	01934 832112
Ian Payne	01934 838421
Brian Phillips	01934 834416

North Ward (Chescombe Road/Well Lane to the railway line):

Maurice Blunsdon	01934 838223
Mike Cox	01934 833924
Martyn Hooper	01934 838389
Viv Wathen	01934 876833
Theresa Willams	01934 830193

Horsecastle Ward (railway line to Kingston Bridge)

Jane Bollen	01934 838897
David Crossman	01934 832154
Robert Jenner	01934 834675
Rhiannon Prys-Owen	07557 410565
Caroline Sheard	01934 832796

Clerk: Crispin Taylor, AILCM

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