



Yatton Parish Council

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Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2017. (Approved by Yatton Parish Council on 10 July 2017)

Chairman's overview

This year we have seen a period of change, with both myself and Aleana Baird taking up new roles as Chair and Clerk. David Crossman is still with us as Vice Chair but the former Clerk Crispin Taylor has left Yatton Parish Council, I would like to thank him for all the advice and support he gave us during his time with us.

We have also seen changes within the Council, with Mike Petersen and Rhiannon Prys Owen leaving and we thank them very much for all their work. We welcome Becca Spinks & Andy Warren as new Councillors. We were able to thank some of our long servicing members this year and awarded both Maurice Blunson and Jean Watson Honorary Freemanships of the parish. Lucy Kehoe has joined us as part of the team in the Parish office and we have recruited Ben Ferris as Village Orderly for Yatton.

Along with all the annual work the Parish Council is involved in, looking after our green spaces, providing dog bins, financially supporting local groups, the Parish Council has been working on and supporting a number of projects in the village this year. Some have been completed and some are still on going.

- An application to regain our Fairtrade status again as a village is being assessed at the moment and we hope to hear back very soon.
- Neighbourhood & Developments plans for both Claverham & Yatton are being supported by the Parish Council.
- We are working with the Horticultural Society and our gardener Megan Thurgur to improve the gardens at Glebelands and also around the War Memorial which is a project to be completed in time for the 2018 centenary marking the end of WW1.
- We have begun work towards Gold Status in the Parish Council Recycling scheme with Bronze and Silver award status requirements almost complete.
- We continue to work with North Somerset Council and First Bus to improve the bus routes for our villages.
- We are working with neighbouring parishes in looking to designate quiet lane status to lanes within the Parish – Ham Lane/Claverham Drove and

also in forming a wider network of this designation of lane with our surrounding parishes.

- We are continuing the investigation into a new burial site for the parish with the ground water monitoring now in place which will be done over the next year. The results will then be submitted to the Environment Agency who will hopefully then support the progressing of the site through a more detailed planning application. The Parish Council will be applying for outline planning permission while the ground water investigations are taking place.
- New information signage has been installed on Cadbury Hill in conjunction with Congresbury Parish Council.
- We have purchased two phone boxes for future use, any ideas would be welcomed.
- It is with sadness that in August 2016 long standing resident Doris Stockham of Yatton passed away. She was a regular attender of Council meetings and involved with a number of local organisations especially guides for many years. She will be very much missed for her kind and considerate contribution.

We have also set a plan for the future work that we would like to do to improve the parish of Yatton. This list is on the website in full, we do plan to continue to add to this list as and when items arise. We hope this give the Parish a clear view of the areas we are working on.

None of this would be achieved without the hard work of the staff of Yatton Parish Council and members of the Parish Council, and I would like to thank them for all they have done this year. I would also like to thank the members of the public who have worked with the Parish Council especially the teams that have given many hours to the Neighbourhood Plans for Yatton & Claverham and also members of Yatton Horticultural Society, YACWAG, PACT including the Speedwatch team, Yeo Valley Lions and Yatton British Legion who's practical help and advice has been very much appreciated.

Theresa Mullan
Chairman of Yatton Parish Council

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Amenities and Properties Committee

Chair: Robert Jenner

Vice Chair: Graham Humphreys

The Parish Council continues to be responsible for 103 street lights across Yatton and Claverham and 20 dog bins.

We also maintain all the public areas we are responsible for such as Hangstones, Rock Road and Broadcroft in Claverham, the War Memorial and Glebelands, the burial ground and a small area off Barberry Farm Road. We also mow Well Lane, Heathgate open space and Cadbury Farm Road open space. This year a new ride on mower was purchased. The work to improve the War Memorial Gardens and Glebelands continues with the help of the Horticultural Society who have given their time for which we are very grateful and for helping the Parish Council gardener Megan Thurgur. Thank you very much also to YACWAG for their help and advice in managing the trees in the orchard area and to neighbouring residents Paul and Leslie Griffin for their work in the orchard carrying out weeding, planting and mowing.

Winter work at the War Memorial included tree work and clearance on the bank and this summer a new border is to be prepared for autumn planting, further maintenance work to the chain fencing and repointing on some parts of the wall. There has been some planting work carried out at Heathgate to enhance the area by Megan and thank you to the resident who has kindly supplied water to maintain the shrubs while they establish.

An extension to the path at Hangstones Pavilion was installed this year and now provides a hard surface track around the entire perimeter of the recreation field. During this work some of the soil was used to remodel the BMX track.

The Parish Orderlies in Yatton and Claverham has been welcomed by residents who had expressed concern about particular areas of the Parish needing attention due to unsightly littering. A special thanks to Ray Lovejoy for his help in keeping parts of Yatton tidy and weed free especially Top Scaur and more recently outside the Library.

Christmas Lights 2016/17

Due to work being carried out at Pages Court the Switch on event was unable to take place but the Christmas trees there and in Claverham were still on display. The new surfacing and landscaping work at Pages Court is due to take place in the summer which may influence the display for Christmas 2017.

Planning Committee

Chair: Richard Westwood

Vice-Chair: Theresa Mullan

The past year has seen a similar number of planning applications (80) as received in 2015-16. These consisted of the normal wide variety of applications for smaller extensions, conservatories, fences and walls, agricultural/ light industrial buildings, tree works and new signage.

The 150 Bloor homes site at North End continues to grow however the two approved outline applications for a further 200 homes by Bloor and 170 homes by Hallam Land are yet to submit Reserved Matters applications which will provide all the details for those sites. The Outline application for 60 dwellings off Stowey Road, Yatton has gone to appeal following its refusal by North Somerset Council, this is due to take place between 31st October and 3rd November 2017. The 70 dwellings on land off Chestnut Drive, Claverham has been withdrawn. The application for 83 dwellings on Moor Road, Yatton by Persimmon Homes (16/P/0888/F) is still awaiting decision by North Somerset Council.

The Parish Council is continuing to support the creation of the two Neighbourhood Plans with the Claverham Plan now out for final consultation before independent examination. The last stage will be the referendum and if passed it will then be fully adopted and included within the North Somerset Council Local Development Plan. Yatton Neighbourhood Plan had completed its range of consultation events for the draft plan and will be working on the outcomes with a view to progressing to it being independently checked for compliance.

The Planning Committee are continuing to work in any way they can to shape the future of Yatton in a way that benefit the Parish.

The Planning Committee wish to thank North Somerset Councillors Jill Iles and Judith Hadley for all their work over the last year.

Finance, Personnel & Administration Committee

Chair: Jonathan Edwards

Vice Chair: Ian Payne

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

- Yatton Moor Children Centre - £300 to provide 'pop ups' promoting information about services in Yatton including promoting a 'Dr Bike' bike repair scheme.
- Community, Alcohol & Drugs Misuse Forum - £500 to cover transport costs of taking pupils to alcohol and drug awareness sessions.

- Vision North Somerset - £249 to help support local blind and partially sighted people to access Information Technology.
- Weston Disability Information & Advice Line. £100 to assist with their 'home visit's project.
- Yatton Music Society - £300 to provide funding for a concert 22nd October 2016.
- 2nd Yatton Guides - £300 to cover hall hire.
- Yatton Moor Parochial Church Council - £200 for the repair and maintenance of St Mary's tower clock.
- Strawberry Line Grant - £600 to assist with projects and maintenance of the line.

For the year ending 31 March 2017 the Parish Council funded a grant for weekly outreach sessions in Yatton by North Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau £4,378.

The Parish Council's accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 received an unqualified audit report.

The Parish Council continues to publish all payments over £500 on its website.

**Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017
(Unaudited)**

	2015/16	2016/17
	£	£
Balances brought forward	180,463	188,379
(+)Annual precept	195,000	195,000
(+)Total other receipts	28,778	30,118
(-) Staff costs	(88,963)	(87,462)
(-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0
(-) Total other payments	(126,899)	(113,311)
(=) Balances carried forward	188,379,	212,723
Total cash & investments	213,518	229,326
Total fixed and long term assets	965,902	976,989
Total borrowings	0	0

Parish Councillors

Claverham Ward (Claverham to Hollowmead):

Roger Wood	01934 832182
Clare Bessant	01934 833275
Massimo Morelli	07745 763010

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

Wendy Griggs	01934 834143
Graham Humphreys	01934 835469
Ian Payne	01934 838421
Andy Warren	07837 860061
Paul Bane	07834 908791

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

Jonathan Edwards	01934 838265
Martyn Hooper	01934 838389
Viv Wathen	01934 876833
Vacancy	
Theresa Mullan	01934 830193

Horsecastle Ward (railway line to Kingston Bridge)

David Crossman	01934 832154
Christopher Jackson	07879 413423
Robert Jenner	01934 834675
Rebecca Spinks	01934 832842
Caroline Sheard	01934 832796

Clerk: Aleana Baird

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