

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
of the  
**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
of the Parish of Yatton

**held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at Hangstones Pavilion, Stowey Road,  
Yatton BS49 4HS.**

Meeting opened 7.00 p.m.

Meeting closed 8.34 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor Jonathan Edwards (Chairman of Yatton Parish Council, in the Chair), Parish Councillors - Graham Humphreys, Chris Jackson, Peter Lomas, and Roger Wood. Niccy Hook (Yatton Youth Club), Michael Blackwell (Yatton Music Society), Sally Wilcock and Jonathan Godden (Strawberry Line Café and Cycle Project), Mavis Monahan (Speedwatch), Libby Watts (representing YACWAG), and 1 resident of the parish of Yatton.

**Also in attendance:** Lucy Kehoe, Jill Bradbury and Parish Council Gardener & part-time grounds staff Megan Thurgur.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Robert Jenner, Wendy Griggs, Caroline Sheard, Bryan Thomas, Jill Riddle (Yatton History Society), Alison Storm and Chris Wathen (Yatton United Charities), Wellspring Counselling.

Reports had been received from YACWAG, Wellspring Counselling and Yatton United Charities.

**2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26th April 2021.**

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26th April 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3. Chairman's Report – Overview of the Parish Council Year 2021-22.**

Chairman Jonathan Edwards welcomed everyone to the meeting, stating it was good to be back in person following the Zoom meeting last year. He gave a presentation which highlighted key events and work the Parish Council has been involved in over the past year.

He outlined the changes within the Council, welcoming 2 new Councillors Steve Lister and Steve Humphrey and thanked former Councillor Rachel Batchelor for her service to the Council, and highlighted that this leaves three Councillor vacancies still open. He introduced all the Council staff and thanked them for all their sterling work.

The projects and work he described encompassed grant payments; a joint project to instal a defibrillator at Hangstones; the new sign at the entrance to Hangstones highlighting the facilities; the increased number of dog waste bins on the extension of the Strawberry Line; new bollards installed on corner of Cherry Grove and the High Street. The North End Allotments

have opened, and he thanked staff for their hard work and perseverance. Following 20 years of work, plans have finally been registered for a new cemetery. The High Street Improvements are due to be completed March 2023. Trees have been cut down in preparation for the new pedestrian access to the schools through the Co-op carpark – construction work is due for completion by August 2022. 2 trees have been planted on Cadbury Hill to replace the ancient oak that fell in 2017: they have been included in the Queen's Green Canopy.

Parish gardener and part time grounds person Megan Thurgur gave an update on the continued improvements to the open spaces with particular projects including putting more native hedge in at the Orchard (off Glebelands) following success of last years, 4 new trees planted and a second wild flower meadow being created at Hangstones and the Peoples Border at Heathgate is being extended. Over the autumn 1000 bulbs were planted at Hangstones. Pitch maintenance takes up the majority of work hours but is worth it as visiting teams praise the high standard of the pitch.

The Chairman thanked all the organisations in the Parish, Councillors, and staff for their hard work in the many activities that had been pursued in the past year.

#### **4. Presentations from local organisations.**

All organisations who have received a grant from Yatton Parish Council are invited to give a short 3 minute presentation on how the funds have benefited residents in the parish.

**YACWAG** – Libby Watts thanked the Parish Council for the £150 grant which had enabled YACWAG to put on a community event, Wildlife Window Wanderland, over Valentines weekend. 59 houses in Claverham, Congresbury and Yatton got involved. She then showed a 2 minute video of all the window displays.

**Yatton Youth Club** – Niccy Hook (Youth Worker for the Youth Club) expressed how pleased they are to be open again after lockdown. They have started a Supper Club for 14-18 year olds where they cook a meal and enjoy eating together. The venue is becoming more of a community hub with the support of the Lions, with Yatton Food bank based there and the Alzheimer's Society meet there. In 2020 the Youth Club set up a café run by the older youth and sell cakes cooked in house, and they now have a 5\* Food Hygiene certificate. Niccy thanked Yatton Parish Council for their support.

**Strawberry Line Café and Cycle Hire** - The Café continues to be a great community facility. They had to reduce opening hours during covid, as there were no commuters, but are hoping to extend them again. They have taken on 2 extra members of staff which brings the total to 8; 4 identify as having additional needs.

Cycle Hire have increased their stock of adapted bikes and thank Yatton Parish Council for the grant for the tricycle and for storing the wheelchair-adapted bike. They have started providing mounted guided rides supporting less confident riders. A new container was obtained for storing the new stock and they are looking for artists to create a mural to brighten it up.

**Yatton Music Society** – Yatton Music Society started holding concerts again in September 2021 with local artists but are pleased also to be able to re-introduce artists from further afield going forward. Yatton Parish Council's grant is going towards a concert to celebrate the

Platinum Jubilee of HM the Queen on 30<sup>th</sup> April. Michael Blackwell reported they are often asked how they get such good artists to come to Yatton, but in fact the artists often ask to come.

**Strawberry Line Management Committee** - Chairman Jonathan Edwards was the Parish Council's representative on the Committee and gave a report of the last year. The grants awarded by parish councils have gone towards maintenance and repairs needed due to storm damage. He also mentioned that new sections are under construction around Thatchers at Sandford and the Nye Bridge Substation.

### **Written Reports Received.**

Yatton United Charities  
Wellspring Counselling.

### **5. Volunteer of the Year**

The Chair read the nominations for Volunteer of the Year:

Gareth Bevan, Strawberry Line Cycle Project  
Sue Jones, Wellspring Counselling  
Jean Watson, Claverham Ladies Guild  
Jon Watts, Claverham Cricket Club

The Chairman thanked everyone who had been nominated for their work and announced that the winner was Sue Jones. As winner, Sue was awarded a commemorative clock and certificate in recognition of her contribution as a volunteer and a cheque for £50 was awarded to Wellspring Counselling. The three runners-up were each presented with a certificate marking their nomination for the award.

### **6. Comments & questions from the floor.**

A resident asked in light of all the new developments at North End if the Parish Council had considered a redistribution of councillors. The Chair explained that the ward boundaries were set and not easy to change and that although Councillors are in wards they don't solely represent that ward. Cllr Roger Wood suggested the Parish Council looked at the number of residents in each ward.

The Chair thanked all those who had contributed and declared the meeting closed at 8.34 p.m.

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Chairman

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