

DRAFT MINUTES

of the

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

of the Parish of Yatton

held on 25 March 2019

at Hangstones Pavilion, Stowey Road, Yatton

Meeting opened 7.00 p.m.

Meeting closed 9.15 p.m.

Present: Councillor Jonathan Edwards (Chairman of Yatton Parish Council, in the Chair), Parish Councillors Graham Humphreys, Chris Jackson, Robert Jenner, Peter Lomas, James Macqueen, Massimo Morelli, Ian Payne, Bryan Thomas, and Roger Wood. Jason & Suzy Clarke (Yatton Rugby Club), Ann Ramsey (Strawberry Line Café), Simon Reakes & Alistair Jones (Royal British Legion), Niccy Hook (Yatton Youth Club), David Ford & Mike Blackwell (Yatton Music Society), K Taylor (MS Therapy Centre) District Councillor Jill Iles, Mavis Monahan (Speedwatch) Michael Loader (Somerset Storyfest) and 2 residents of the parish of Yatton.

Also in attendance: Clerk Aleana Baird.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors David Crossman, Wendy Griggs, Martyn Hooper and Caroline Sheard. Parish Gardener Megan Thurgur, Mary Langson, Clerk to Yatton United Charities, Fiona Cope (Citizens Advice Bureau), Yatton Junior Football Club, Wellspring Counselling, Vision North Somerset and Senior Community Link.

All reports and information was displayed at the meeting.

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26 March 2018.

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26 March 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

***** The meeting allowed some participants under agenda item 6 to speak early as they had commitments elsewhere that evening.**

Yatton Music Society – The society was in its 39th year and continued to offer live concerts and recitals by national professional musicians and local musicians in St Mary's church. It believes in providing quality music for all tastes and the range of music reflects is designed to appeal to as wider audience as possible. Mike Blackwell gave an overview of the music offered

over the past year and the concerts that were still to take place this spring. He thanked the Parish Council for all their support.

Strawberry Line Café - Anne Ramsey thanked the Parish Council for the grant they had given stating that it had been spent on boiler repairs and other essential maintenance of the listed building. She then showed a short film of the work the café does in providing employment for people with learning disabilities, the kind of roles they carry out and the benefit it brings to them.

Somerset Storyfest – Michael Loader thanked the Parish Council for the grant that had provided two sessions at Court de Wyck school working with pupils and Yacwag inspiring stories through nature experience and knowledge including a visit to Cadbury Hill. The organisation had started in 2012 and linked with community art groups, schools and other youth organisations.

Yatton Royal British Legion - Simon Reakes gave an update on the loss of the women's section of the British Legion last year but that women are most welcome to join the newly formed Yatton British Legion, he also advised that unfortunately army cadets were no longer able to meet in Yatton as they had lost use of the youth club, they were probably to move to Clevedon. Alistair Jones both spoke of the GP90 pilgrimage the Parish gave grant towards attending last year and what an incredible event it was. A CD was available on the on the British Legion website.

West of England MS Therapy Centre – Mr Taylor gave an overview of the work the centre does in helping with not only multiple sclerosis but other conditions including cancer, ME, sports injury's, stroke, autism and Parkinson's. They opened 5 days a week and were self-funding through membership and grants. They had 21 volunteers and a number of paid physios and it was a very happy place that brought great benefit to a large number of people. He thanked the Parish Council for their support.

3. Chairman's Report (Annex 1)

The Chairman's Report was circulated at the meeting. The Chair gave a presentation which highlighted key events and work the Parish Council has been involved in over the past year. These included the sad loss of two former Parish Councillors Viv Wathen and Paul Bane. The changes within the Council over the past year with thanks to former members, there had been no new Councillors within the last year. He introduced all the Council staff and welcomed the new groundsman Jeff Shipway who joined in May 2018 and that Finance Officer Wendy Bentley was retiring in May 2019, her role was to be taken by Jill Bradbury who was in training. He thanked them for all their work.

The projects and work encompassed, planning, awarding grants, new speed activated signs, the new burial ground project, new play equipment at Hangstones and Rock Road and the repainting of all the other play equipment. The continued improvement work at all the open spaces with particular projects at Glebelands and the Orchard, Heathgate and War Memorial. He gave an update on S106 funding for the parish. He thanked all the organisations in the Parish for their hard work in the many activities they pursued.

4 Presentation on becoming a Parish Councillor.

A presentation was given by Councillor Robert Jenner on the role of a Councillor, the qualifications required, how the Council is constructed and the work carried out by it as a corporate body and its committees and working groups and their responsibilities. Parish

Council elections were due to take place 2nd May 2019 and Councillor Jenner encouraged anyone interested to put themselves forward for nomination.

5. Update on the Neighbourhood Planning for Yatton and Claverham.

Councillor Chris Jackson gave a presentation.

Claverham Neighbourhood Plan

Claverham Neighbourhood Plan was 'made' on the 20th February 2018 and so incorporated into North Somerset Council Planning Policy.

Yatton Neighbourhood Plan

The Yatton Neighbourhood Plan was approved by the Planning Inspector, Yatton Parish Council and North Somerset Council to go forward to referendum which was to take place on 11th April 2019.

An overview of the S106 system to the new CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) which is non-site specific was given. The CIL system will mean that if a community has a Neighbourhood Plan 25% of CIL funding will come to the Parish, if there is no plan then only 15% of CIL is paid to the Parish.

6. Presentations by organisations funded by Yatton Parish Council and other local organisations

(a) Yatton Youth Club.

Niccy Hook the youth worker at the Club gave a presentation on the progress and achievements of the past year. In this forthcoming year the following improvements and new services are planned, new kitchen was due to be installed April 2019, a new youth led café 'The Rock' was opening in May 2019, new toilets including an accessible toilet, summer daytime opening, toddler soft play, more detached youth work and a Wednesday project session. The numbers had really increased over the past year with Junior and senior sessions and one two one sessions were being offered. She thanked the Parish Council who provided grant funding that was key to the running of the youth club.

(b) Strawberry Line Management Committee.

Chair Jonathan Edwards was the Parish Council's representative on the Committee and gave an update on the path which had seen further improvements in the past year including a new

bridge at Congresbury. There was momentum behind the aspiration to open the line up so it links from Cheddar to Wells and from Yatton to Clevedon.

(c) Yatton Village Hall

The Village Hall had received a Parish Council grant last year which had been used for a new cooker.

- (d) Ancient Parish of Yatton United Charities submitted a written report.
- (e) Vision North Somerset submitted a written report.
- (f) Senior Community Link submitted a written report.
- (g) Wellspring Counselling submitted a written report.
- (h) Parish Gardener Meghan Thurgur had submitted display material and a written report on her gardening work projects.

7. Volunteer of the Year

The Chair read the nominations for Volunteer of the Year:

Jean Stevenson – Community Speedwatch.
Arthur Langley – YCCCART.
Suzy Clarke – Yatton Rugby Club.

The Chairman thanked everyone who had been nominated for their work and announced that the winner was Arthur Langley. As winner a cheque for £50 was awarded to YCCCART in and he was presented with a commemorative clock and certificate in recognition of his contribution as a volunteer.

8. Questions from the floor.

NONE.

The Chair thanked all those who had contributed and declared the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Chairman

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