

**Draft Minutes**  
of  
**Yatton Parish Council**  
held on  
**Monday 9 November 2020**  
Remotely via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/589050719>

Meeting opened: 7.30 p.m. Meeting closed: 9.35 p.m.

**Present:** Councillors: David Crossman, Jonathan Edwards, Graham Humphreys, Chris Jackson, Robert Jenner, Peter Lomas, Massimo Morelli, Steve Phippen, Caroline Sheard, Bryan Thomas and Roger Wood.

**Also, in attendance:** Clerk, District Councillor Steve Bridger and District/Parish Councillor Wendy Griggs, Rev. Tim Scott, Parish Liaison Officer John Wilkinson and two representatives from Gigaclear.

**Prayers were led by Rev. Tim Scott.**

**MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**COU140/20: To receive apologies for absence, and to approve reasons where appropriate.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Rachel Batchelor and the local beat Police team.

**COU141/20: To receive declarations of interest by Parish Councillors and to consider any written applications for dispensations.**

Councillor Graham Humphreys declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda item 12. He was semi-retired from his business in monumental stonework and he did not work on it in Yatton. The working group had no powers of decision or expenditure. Furthermore, the working group would not be carrying out any background work on the plans for the new cemetery that had any commercial implications at all. His help and expertise was of benefit to the planning stages of the new cemetery.

**MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**COU142/20: Public participation.**

The representatives from Gigaclear gave an overview of the work that has taken place in Yatton to date. The south part of the village and Claverham were due to be completed by Christmas. The remainder of the network install in the village was taking place next year and should be completed by June 2021. The closure of Claverham Road commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> November was discussed. The representatives advised there were two free connections to community buildings available in Yatton. The church asked if they could be considered for a free connection and it was suggested that the Parish Council managed the bids for this. The Gigaclear network was extending as far as the North End roundabout and the new developments were making their own arrangements with internet suppliers. It maybe that another company who was working towards Yatton from Kenn may be able to provide better connection to areas e.g. Ham Lane that suffered from very poor speeds. It was highlighted that potentially the internet connection network could become fragmented the more companies that become involved and this may lead to gaps in service. The Clerk was asked to contact Curo about who they would be using and

also the other company that was working in Kenn to try and establish how far their network was coming into Yatton.

#### North Somerset Councillors' report.

District Councillors Steve Bridger and Wendy Griggs had both circulated written reports ahead of the meeting. They both outlined the contents of the reports which included items about school to home travel, the second lockdown community response, waste and recycling services, complaints about Gigaclear roadworks, the Local Plan 2038 consultation and forthcoming planning applications and other planning updates. There were questions about the Claverham Road closure notification, parish rewilding and the forthcoming climate meeting. The reports were available on the Parish Council website.

#### Parish Liaison Officer Report

Parish Liaison Officer John Wilkinson reported that the second lockdown was different to the first one and it was worth checking North Somerset Council website for the services that are still open e.g. libraries are still offering services, waste and recycling centres are open this time.

#### Police report

The Clerk read a report submitted by the Police. There had been 25 crimes with the most common being violence against a person (10). There had been no crime at all in Kenn and Kingston Seymour. There had been a catalytic convertor theft and vehicle theft problems in Clevedon. The Police reminded of the importance of locking vehicles.

### **MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**\*\*\* Councillor Wendy Griggs left the meeting.**

**COU143/20: To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 were approved as a correct record and were to be signed by the Chairman when convenient to do so.

**COU144/20: Exclusion of public:**

**If the Council wishes to exclude the public for a particular agenda item, the following resolution must be passed:** 'That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item(s) ... on the ground that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest [by reason of the confidential nature of the business] or [for other special reason which must be stated].'

**NOT REQUIRED.**

**\*\*\* Councillor Wendy Griggs returned to the meeting.**

**COU145/20: Finance**

To authorise payments, including to note receipts and petty cash payments for November 2020.

**RESOLVED:** To authorise payments, including to note receipts and petty cash payments for November 2020.

**COU146/20: To approve the Annual Report 2019-20.**

**RESOLVED:** to approve the Annual Report 2019-20. The Clerk would submit the report for printing and arrange circulation.

**COU147/20: To consider forming a Community Resilience Working Group.**

The core group of the Community Response in Yatton was well represented by members of the Parish Council (Councillors Caroline Sheard, Steve Phippen and Wendy Griggs) already. Therefore it was decided that a working group was not required. The emergency supplies at Hangstones was a current future agenda item.

**COU148/20: To consider tree planting on Barberry Farm Road Green Space.**

**RESOLVED:** that the Parish Council supported the planting of trees on the green space.

They wished to consult with the surrounding residents once the ideas for which variety/number of trees had been formulated. The Clerk was to work with the Grounds staff on ideas which would be circulated to members prior to consulting with residents.

**COU149/20: To consider making a donation to the Parish Council Airport Association to assist in the fighting of the airport application appeal.**

**RESOLVED:** not to make a donation to the PCAA.

**COU150/20: To consider installing a defibrillator in the Claverham phone box.**

**RESOLVED:** to install a defibrillator in the phone box to be funded by a donation from a resident with any shortfall in funding to be taken from EMR 356 Defibrillator Fund.

The Parish Council agreed to the installing of a small plaque in memory of a member of the donor's family.

**COU151/20: To consider Councillor Graham Humphreys joining the New Cemetery Working Group.**

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor Graham Humphreys joined the New Cemetery Working Group.

**COU153/20: To receive a report on the proposed new burial ground off Mendip Road.**

A response had still not been received from North Somerset Council to the questions they had raised regarding insurance and legal costs following the submission the parish council had made (4/9/20). Parish Liaison John Wilkinson apologized and agreed he would chase a response. It was also not known when the Heads of Terms the Parish Council agreed to would be brought before North Somerset Council for approval.

The New Cemetery Working Group had met at the beginning of the month to discuss the work required for submitting a planning application. Measurements were to be taken of the site ahead of requesting new plans to be drawn.

**COU153/20 To consider a quote to renew the chains and shackles on four swings at Hangstones play area and to fell and stump grind the two conifers at the burial ground.**

**RESOLVED:** to approve a quote of £925.00 from GB Sport & Leisure for the new shackles and chains for 4 swings at Hangstones.

**RESOLVED:** to approve a quote of £900 from Churchill Tree Care for felling the conifers at the burial ground and removing all waste.

**RESOLVED:** to approve a quote of £300 from Churchill Tree Care for grinding the stumps of the conifers at the burial ground and removing all waste.

**Matters for Information**

**COU154/20: Clerk's Report.**

i) The internal interim audit was to take place remotely. This has created a few hours additional work retrieving audit selected paperwork to scan and send.

ii) The new external socket for the Claverham Christmas Tree lights was to be fitted 13<sup>th</sup> November.

iii) The Junior Football Club have appealed the Parish Council decision to refuse the lifting of the alcohol covenant.

iv) The North End Allotments were not signed off by North Somerset Council because the fence is still not in the correct position. Our solicitor has chased Bloor's as she has still not heard from them.

v) Chairman Jonathan Edwards shared the latest traffic data from the speed activated sign. Pre-lockdown it was 5,000 vehicles a day (only records in one direction). During the full lockdown in March/April it reduced to 2,000 and over the summer increased back to the pre-lockdown volume. In this second lockdown it has reduced again back down to 3,000 and below.

vi) Chairman Jonathan Edwards spoke about the recent fire in the former Jewson's building by the station and what an eyesore the building was. There were health and safety concerns regarding the stability of the building since the fire. Network Rail should be contacted and this was to be a future agenda item.

vii) The Clerk was to chase the installation of the Chestnut Park noticeboard and contact North Somerset Council about making the play area a dog-free zone and to find out if it had been signed off by North Somerset Council under the S106 agreement. Chairman Jonathan Edwards was to pursue dog bin installation along the new section of Strawberry Line at the forthcoming Strawberry Line Management Committee meeting.

**COU155/20: Future agenda items.**

The new proposed burial ground off Mendip Road.

Discuss providing Hangstones Pavilion as an emergency base in the event of residents requiring a refuge including keeping a store of essential basic supplies.

The Junior Football Club have appealed the Parish Council decision to refuse the lifting of the alcohol covenant.

The fire damaged former Jewson's building and surrounding land by the railway station.

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Chairman

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