

**Draft Minutes**  
**of**  
**Yatton Parish Council**  
**held on**  
**Monday 8 March 2021**

Remotely via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/589050719>

Meeting opened: 7.30 p.m. Meeting closed:9.58 p.m.

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

**Also, in attendance:** Clerk, District Councillor Steve Bridger, Rev. Tim Scott, Parish Liaison Officer John Wilkinson, PCSO's Gary Knox and Rachel Sellars, Alison Storm (Clerk to Yatton United Charities), representatives from Hinckley C Connection Project, North Somerset Council Officers Sally Varley and Stephen Bishop, James Bellis (Chairman of Yatton Junior Football Club) and one member of the public.

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

A presentation by the Hinckley C Connection Project was made to the Council. It outlined the programme of work that will commence in the Parish in May 2021 and will conclude in 2024. The work will be in stages and not continuous. It will start with the temporary access roads at the A370, Wemberham Lane, Kenn Road and Lampley Road that will help to reduce the heavy traffic allied to the work. No traffic will be coming through the High Street. The work involves construction of the bases for the T-Pylons followed by their erection and wiring. Councillors asked questions about the times of day work will take place, concerns about impact on the B3133 and the safety problems caused by tight bends being used by very large vehicles, use of the High Street and the number of T-Pylons. The Travel Plans were to be sent to the Parish Council and a copy of the presentation.

**MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**COU173/21: To receive apologies for absence, and to approve reasons where appropriate.**

Apologies had been received from Parish/District Councillor Wendy Griggs.

**COU174/21: To receive declarations of interest by Parish Councillors and to consider any written applications for dispensations.**

Councillors David Crossman and Graham Humphreys both declared non-disclosable interests in agenda item 9 as they were both Trustees to the charity.

**MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**COU175/21: Public participation.**

The Clerk to Yatton United Charities, Alison Storm, gave an overview of the work done by the charity for the residents of Yatton, Claverham and Cleeve. The pandemic had seen an increase in the number of applications for assistance outside their normal grant timetable and the ability to help more people in this time of need would be very welcome and appreciated.

A member of the public gave the Council an update on progress with the hedgehog signs that the Council had given a grant for subject to suitable signs and locations being agreed by North Somerset Council/Department of Transport. She had also crowd funded £300 to add to the grant. When the details were fully known she would report back to the Council.

A North Somerset Council Officer spoke in support of agenda item 8. The financial support was for the setting of the statue i.e. landscaping and benches.

James Bellis, Chairman of Yatton Junior Football Club, thanked the Parish Council for hearing the appeal under agenda item 11. He gave a full explanation of exactly what the Club was trying to achieve (if the covenant was lifted, two events per year for which they will require a license from North Somerset Council and any objections to this can be made when they apply). They intended to invite all neighbours along to an open day once restrictions were lifted to allay any concerns. They felt that the other sports clubs in the parish were able to hold fundraisers and sell alcohol which was very good for increasing funds and they found raising funds without this reduced the level of success in getting people to attend.

**\*\* The Police asked if they could be heard next as they had to return to duties.**

#### Police report

The new full-time PCSO Gary Knox introduced himself to the Council, he was enjoying the job and looking forward to restrictions being lifted. The Police Newsletter circulated prior to the meeting highlighted recent crime and he mentioned theft of catalytic convertors which had been a recent problem. They were hoping to re-start Beat Surgeries and the bike marking events once restrictions allowed and would release dates soon.

#### North Somerset Councillors' reports.

District Councillor Wendy Griggs had circulated a written report ahead of the meeting.

District Councillor Steve Bridger had also circulated a report prior to the meeting. He highlighted the new charging of the green waste collections and he hoped the consultation on the High Street improvements would commence 22<sup>nd</sup> March – end of April. A meeting to discuss the Quiet Lanes Initiative was to take place tomorrow (9<sup>th</sup> March). The latest planning information was as follows: Rectory Farm was out for public consultation, Box Bush Farm, 39 houses application end of April, Rugby Club site and relocation of the Rugby Club – application early summer. Gigaclear had placed a box on the green at Derham Park which residents had objected to and he was trying to see what could be done to resolve this. Councillor David Crossman questioned how much longer before the pedestrian entrance into the school from the Co-op car park would take as it had been ongoing for 4 years. District Councillor Steve Bridger was hopeful it would be done this summer.

#### Parish Liaison Officer Report

Parish Liaison Officer John Wilkinson advised that he was leaving North Somerset Council at the end of March and this was his last meeting. A new Liaison Officer had not been appointed yet so any problems in the interim could be sent to Rhiannon Jones. The Parish Council thanked him very much for all his help and regular attendance of meetings during his time as Parish Liaison for Yatton.

### **MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**COU176/21: To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were approved as a correct record and were to be signed by the Chairman when convenient to do so.

**COU177/21: Exclusion of public:**

**RESOLVED:** that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 14 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the competitive quotes.

**COU178/21: Finance**

To authorise payments, including to note receipts and petty cash payments for March 2021.

**RESOLVED:** To authorise payments, including to note receipts and petty cash payments for March 2021.

**COU179/21: To appoint Councillor Jessie McArdle to Committees and working groups.**

**RESOLVED:** to appoint Councillor Jessie McArdle to the Finance Personnel & Administration Committee and the Hangstones Emergency Base Working Group.

**COU180/21: To consider a request for financially supporting the Chestnut Park School statue.**

**RESOLVED:** to not financially support the statue setting at Chestnut Park.

**COU181/21: To consider a grant application from Yatton United Charities.**

The Parish Council acknowledged the importance of the assistance the charity gave to residents of Yatton, Claverham and Cleeve who were in difficult circumstances. This was the first time the charity had applied for a grant and they were encouraged to do so again in the future.

**RESOLVED:** to provide a grant of £1,000 to Yatton United Charities to be funded from the next financial year 2021-22 grants budget.

**COU182/21 To approve a Calendar of Meetings 2021-22.**

**RESOLVED:** to approve the calendar of meetings for 2021-22.

**COU183/21: To discuss the appeal by Yatton Junior Football Club of the Parish Council decision to refuse the lifting of the alcohol covenant on Rock Road recreation field.**

The Parish Council discussed the alcohol covenant at length in light of the previous decision to not allow the lifting of the covenant. The requirement of the football club to apply to North Somerset Council for individual licenses for each event they hold (they stated only two per year) would allow any objections to the licenses to be made. It was felt that other sports clubs (rugby and cricket) both had facilities for the sale of alcohol and fundraising for the football club for this minimal number of events would be of assistance. The Football Club had offered to hold an open day and invite all adjacent residents to see their new facilities and to inform and re-assure residents of how minimal the alcohol requirements would be and about the licensing process.

**RESOLVED:** to agree to the lifting of the alcohol covenant with all expenses to be covered by Yatton Junior Football Club.

**\*\* The meeting was suspended to allow District Councillor Steve Bridger to speak. It was then reconvened.**

**COU184/21: To consider commenting on the closure of Churchill Sport & Leisure Centre.**

The Parish Council was saddened to hear of the closure of the Sports Centre and were supportive of any initiatives that enabled the Sports Centre to re-open.

**COU185/21: To discuss the bin facilities on Chestnut Park.**

The Management Company had agreed to empty two litter bins (1 in the play area and 1 by the MUGA provided & installed by Bloor Homes) in Chestnut Park. However they did not wish to provide a dog bin service but acknowledged there was a problem in particular along the new section of Strawberry Line.

**RESOLVED:** that the Parish Council would supply, install and empty a dog bin on the section of Strawberry Line to be positioned opposite the play area by the path that leads back into the Chestnut Park estate.

**\*\*\* Members of the public left the meeting.**

**COU186/21: To receive a report on the proposed new burial ground off Mendip Road including quotes for the drainage specification and drawings of plan work required for a planning application. Confidential item.**

The Parish Council had received the confirmation that the North Somerset Council Executive decision to approve the lease of the land for a cemetery had also been approved. The Clerk was to write to adjacent residents of the land to update them with the progress. A more general update to the Parish was to follow once this had been done. Quotes for architectural work (1 quote) and drainage specifications (2 quotes) to progress towards a planning application for the cemetery were discussed.

**RESOLVED:** to approve a quote from PJ Orchard of £1,000 for architectural services including drawings, agency checks, Design & Access Statement and topographical survey work.

**RESOLVED:** to approve a quote of £1,125 from Syntegra for a drainage strategy and SUDS appraisal.

**Matters for Information.**

**COU187/21: To receive a report on a Centre for Sustainable Energy carbon tool.**

Councillor Peter Lomas had agreed to represent the Parish Council on a group that were assisting and testing the carbon tool as it was developed. The tool was now completed. This should enable parishes to see what their carbon footprint is and what effect any measures taken have on the total. To give an example each household in the parish of Yatton is estimated to generate 16.9t of CO<sub>2</sub> per annum. By comparison, the total household figure for Congresbury is 18.6t, Backwell 21.0t and Kenn 21.7t. How the tool could be used by the Parish Council was not clearly apparent at the moment. Councillor Peter Lomas was to provide a link and details to Council members.

**COU188/21: Clerk's Report.**

- i) The Clerk asked Councillor Robert Jenner for help with obtaining quotes for the alterations at Hangstones now the Structural Plans had been approved by the architect.
- ii) The next Finance Committee meeting was to be changed from 12<sup>th</sup> April to 19<sup>th</sup> April. This will mean the next Planning Committee meeting will be on 12<sup>th</sup> April.

**COU189/21: Future agenda items.**

The new proposed burial ground off Mendip Road.  
Installing a bench in the Community Orchard.

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Chairman

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