

**Draft Minutes
of the Meeting of
Yatton Parish Council
held on
Monday 12 July 2021**

Held at Hangstones Pavilion, Stowey Road, Yatton, BS49 4HS.

Meeting opened: 7.30 p.m. Meeting closed: 8.50 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Jonathan Edwards, Chris Jackson, Robert Jenner, Massimo Morelli, Caroline Sheard, Peter Lomas and Roger Wood.

Also in attendance: Clerk, District Councillor Steve Bridger and Rev. Tim Scott.

Prayers were led by Rev. Tim Scott.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

COU22/21: To receive apologies for absence, and to approve reasons where appropriate.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Rachel Batchelor, David Crossman, District/Parish Councillor Wendy Griggs, Graham Humphreys, Jessie McCardle and Bryan Thomas.

COU23/21: To receive declarations of interests by Parish Councillors and to consider any written applications for dispensations.

NONE.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COU24/21: Public participation.

A representative from Zero Carbon North Somerset (ZCNS) gave an overview of the organisation and its aims. He had been working on reactivating it since April this year following the pandemic lock downs. The organisation had formed a network of 50 groups to work on the strategic view of a 'Great Collaboration' of all groups working on zero carbon by 2030. The North Somerset Council Climate Strategy had produced 7 key themes and working groups were being formed to progress each of the themes. ZCNS were seeking support from all types of organisations to work on these aims but still had no financial funds at the moment. They were in dialogue with YACWAG and Make Yatton Greener.

The Yatton Parish Council Climate Emergency working group were to meet with ZCNS to understand and discuss the aims and objectives of ZCNS prior to the Parish Council deciding if they wished to join the network of groups.

North Somerset Councillors' Report.

District Councillor Steve Bridger reported that the Moor Road application had been refused by North Somerset Council for the second time. This should provide protection for the Orchard for some time to come, though an appeal or another new application may come forward in due course. The Bristol Airport appeal was commencing on Tuesday 13th July and would end in

October. Smart Systems had been using the Wemberham Lane access as an entrance and exit again last week. He was endeavouring to work with North Somerset Officers to try and stop them. He highlighted the problem of overgrowing vegetation on the North End Road pavement and along past the Rugby Club. He was trying to get all the old vegetation cleared back from the pavement surface so it was re-widened to its original width. He asked the Clerk for any update on the North End allotments. The Clerk was continuing to chase solicitors regularly and from the Parish Council perspective preparations were as ready as possible for when the land transfer was completed.

Councillor Peter Lomas had received complaints about the overgrown pavement on North End Road at the Village Market. Councillor Roger Wood asked about progress of the 24 homes on the North field application by Newland homes. Councillor Bridger advised it had not reached decision stage yet. The Clerk asked about the Stowey Park application and Councillor Bridger advised that it was also not determined yet and nothing had been heard about it for some time.

Parish Liaison Officer Report

No report as new Liaison Officer not appointed yet. Councillor Chris Jackson had attended a workshop which discussed the liaison scheme. It was under review as some functions fulfilled by a liaison officer were going on-line. It was unlikely a new officer would be appointed soon as alternatives were being explored e.g. closed Facebook group for Parish Council matters.

Police Report

A Police newsletter had been circulated prior to the meeting and was available on the Parish Council website and a link to Facebook. It included items on the retirement of the Chief of Police, Covid 19 advice, the starting of a new 'Mini Police' group at Yatton Junior School and crime figures. There had been 19 crimes, 10 public order offences, 4 thefts, 1 residential burglary, 1 criminal damage, 1 stalking & harassment and 2 violence with intent. The beat surgery 6th July and Bike Event 23rd July at the station had been promoted.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

COU25/21: Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 6th May 2021.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6 May 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

COU26/21: Exclusion of public:

Not required.

COU27/21 To consider commenting on the Boundary Commission Review.

RESOLVED: to submit the following comments to the Boundary Commission Review consultation.

Yatton Parish Council believes that the proposed boundary changes would have the effect of isolating it from its nearest neighbours. We feel that communities with similar interests should be grouped together so that they have effective representation in Parliament.

We therefore propose an alternative constituency arrangement consisting of the towns between Bristol and Weston-super-Mare (i.e. Clevedon, Nailsea and Portishead) together with their associated villages (i.e. Backwell, Congresbury and Puxton, Gordano Valley, Wrington and Yatton). This would create an electorate of around 70,500 facing broadly similar challenges and thus with broadly similar interests.

COU/28/21 To consider a quote for a microphone system for meetings in Hangstones Pavilion.

RESOLVED: to approve the purchase in principle of the system recommended by Audio Visual Direct £995. Prior to the order being made the Clerk was to ask for a trial and find out what is involved in setting up the system for meetings.

COU29/21 To consider purchasing a trolley for Claverham Parish Orderly.

RESOLVED: to purchase a Handi Cart Pro trolley for Claverham Parish Orderly at a cost of £312.50 ex vat. This cost may be reduced on placing the order.

Matters for Information

COU30/21: Clerk's report.

- i) The Clerk advised that when the Drainage Strategy arrived for the new cemetery it was to be given to Councillor David Crossman to review.
- ii) The Clerk had not heard yet from the Planning Officer who was to help with the submission documents for the new cemetery.
- iii) The Clerk had advised the Junior Football Club of the Amenities Committee decision declining permission to weed kill the pitches at Rock Road. A request had been made by the Club for more detailed reasons why it was not allowed and also requested that the same permission was also sought for carrying out weedkilling on the pitches on Hangstones. The Parish Council asked that this be discussed at the next Amenities Committee meeting on the 27th September.
- iv) The Clerk invited Councillor Peter Lomas to give an overview of a Zoom meeting held with the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB). CAB were emerging from the pandemic with a financial surplus and with 25 staff and 25 volunteers. The slides from the meeting were to be circulated to all Councillors when they arrived giving full details.

COU31/21: Future agenda items.

The new proposed cemetery off Mendip Road.
To consider a contribution of £2,000 towards publicity for the new Yatton to Clevedon bus service - September Full Council 2021.

Chairman

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