

**Draft Minutes
of the Meeting of
Yatton Parish Council
held on
Monday 11 July 2022**

At Hangstones Pavilion, Stowey Road, Yatton.

Meeting opened: 7.30 p.m. Meeting closed: 9.07 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Jonathan Edwards, Graham Humphreys, Steve Humphrey, Chris Jackson, Robert Jenner, Steve Lister, Peter Lomas, Jessie McArdle, Massimo Morelli and Caroline Sheard.

Also in attendance: Clerk, Ian Bowley (led prayers) and two members of the public.

Prayers were led by Ian Bowley.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

COU22/22: To receive apologies for absence, and to approve reasons where appropriate.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Crossman, Bryan Thomas, Roger Wood, District Councillor Steve Bridger and District/Parish Councillor Wendy Griggs.

COU23/22: To receive declarations of interests by Parish Councillors and to consider any written applications for dispensations.

NONE.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COU24/22: Public participation.

A member of the public spoke regarding the Plastic Free Communities initiative. It encourages and assists communities in the aim to become plastic free by fulfilling certain criteria. Currently Weston Super Mare is the only place in North Somerset to hold this status. It was requested that Yatton Parish Council consider the initiative.

North Somerset Councillors' report.

No Report.

Parish Liaison Officer Report

No report as new Liaison Officer not appointed yet.

Police report

NONE.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

COU25/22: Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 16th May 2022.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

COU26/22: Exclusion of public:

RESOLVED: that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 10 on the ground that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business of competitive quotes.

COU/27/22: To receive an update and consider the next stage for Hangstones Alterations project.

An informal meeting was held with Chairman and Vice Chairmen of Council and Committees to discuss the alterations and consider the possible next steps for the project for Full Council to consider. The discussion concluded with the Clerk being asked to ensure the boiler is recommissioned as per quote and re-piped through the roof void, that a new sink is installed and the wall blocked in error is removed. The alterations costs to date were £3,425 + a skip and the new sink. The informal meeting members concluded that they considered that priority must be given to the cemetery project and they did not wish to undertake any loans for either project but wait for additional funds to come forward under Community Infrastructure Levy from recently approved developments and others yet to be determined. The alterations maybe progressed slowly using the small, earmarked reserve, S106 funds £16,000 and normal budget allocation in future years. These were the recommendations from the meeting that were put to Full Council for consideration.

RESOLVED: that the above plans were acceptable, the Clerk was asked to obtain a cost for blocking up the two remaining doorways and removing the last internal wall. The deadline for the £16,000 S106 funding was to be checked.

COU28/22: To receive an update on progress with the cemetery planning application.

The planning officer had advised that in light of the comments in objection to the application it would have to be reviewed by North Somerset Council's Ecologist. Fortunately the ecologist had kindly looked at the application quickly (thanks to requests from our District Councillors) and was happy with the application with just landscape conditions to apply. The Highways department had asked for amended drawings to reflect an increase in width adjacent to the parking bays from 4 meters to 6 meters. This had been done and resubmitted. The Highways review of this was not yet done. The next step will be for the planning officer to send a draft conditions of approval for us to review.

COU29/22: To receive a final update on the 'Picnic in the Park' event on Hangstones 16th July 2022.

Councillor Graham Humphreys thanked the working group members (Cllrs Jessie McArdle, Caroline Sheard, Steve Humphrey and Admin assistant Lucy Kehoe) for all their work. The event was being opened by Jonathan Edwards with Chris Jackson as Master of Ceremonies and Steve Lister running the raffle. He thanked them for their help. The performers, exhibitors and refreshments were organised with flyers promoting the event going out all week. He asked

for any other volunteers if they are able to help on the day at any point with preparations beginning at 12.30 pm.

COU30/22: To approve the signatories for the CCLA Public Deposit Fund.

RESOLVED: to approve Councillors Jonathan Edwards, Peter Lomas, Graham Humphreys and David Crossman as signatories for the CCLA Public Deposit Fund.

***** At this point members of the public left the meeting as the next item was confidential.**

COU31/22: To consider quotes for a new basket swing and zipwire and platinum jubilee drinking water fountain. Confidential Item.

The grants applications to North Somerset Council's Improving Play Spaces Fund had been submitted but no outcome of their success yet.

RESOLVED: to approve the basket swing quote from Proludic of £4,829.00.

RESOLVED: to approve the zipwire quote from Proludic of £11,379.00 (a further £300 discount was agreed for having both items from the same company). This was to be funded from Community Infrastructure Levy.

RESOLVED: to approve the purchase of the water fountain from MIW water coolers in purple for £5,560.00 to be funded from Community Infrastructure Levy and the silver maintenance package for £200 per annum. Councillor Jessie McArdle mentioned that Wessex Water were offering grants for fountains. The paving circles (£299) and a path connecting the fountain to the circular path and a commemorative slab were also to be created as part of the paving circle. The costs for this would be brought to a future meeting.

Matters for Information

COU32/22: Clerk's report.

i) The Clerk updated the Council on an issue with street lighting energy supply that had been first raised at Amenities Committee 27th June regarding the increase from £580 per month to £2,100. A new supplier had been found via Clear Utility Solutions which was 100% green energy and significantly less than the cost offered by Npower. This had prompted the inventory to be obtained from Western Power Distribution (WPD) and updated to reflect the change to LED on lights. The Clerk thanked Councillors Chris Jackson and Peter Lomas for all the work and help they had given in updating the details we hold on all parish lights, the types of poles, timers and lanterns at each location and the WPD inventory which is now correct. There are 97 lights, 21 of which are LED. Councillor Peter Lomas had calculated that there were 25 more lights that should be suitable to change to LED corn bulbs and the Clerk was asked to contact Weston Rail Services for a cost to do this work and at the same time check those 25 lights to see if they were suitable to change to part night timers. It was planned that work would be done on what could be done to change timers and save energy costs ahead of the autumn PPM (pre-planned maintenance) of all the streetlights and possibly incorporated into that process.

ii) The Clerk reminded Councillors they should not engage with members of the press; all such engagement should be through the office.

iii) The Clerk reported that the Repair Café looked like starting at the village market in September.

iv) The Clerk reported that it was proving difficult to get a quorate Cadbury Hill Joint Management Committee meeting.

v) The Clerk reported that the contractor who emptied dog bins had advised of a 10% increase in his charges. The Clerk was requested to obtain new quotes for the service. They would be taken to an extraordinary meeting of Full Council 1st August to review the quotes.

COU33/22: 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.

Weight limit signs in the Parish.

Newsletter provision.

Lease with North Somerset Council for the new cemetery.

Dog waste bin emptying contract 1st August 2022.

Plastic Free Communities Initiative 12th September 2022

Chairman

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