

**Minutes  
of the Meeting of  
Yatton Parish Council  
held on**

**Monday 14 November 2022**

At Hangstones Pavilion, Stowey Road, Yatton.

Meeting opened: 7.30 p.m. Meeting closed: 8.44 p.m.

**Present:** Councillors: David Crossman, Jonathan Edwards, District/Parish Councillor Wendy Griggs, Graham Humphreys, Steve Humphrey, Chris Jackson, Robert Jenner, Steve Lister, Peter Lomas, Jessie McArdle, Caroline Sheard, Bryan Thomas and Roger Wood.

**Also in attendance:** Clerk.

**MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**COU61/22: To receive apologies for absence, and to approve reasons where appropriate.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Massimo Morelli, District Councillor Steve Bridger and the local Police beat team.

**COU62/22: To receive declarations of interests by Parish Councillors and to consider any written applications for dispensations.**

NONE.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**COU63/22: Public participation.**

No members of the public present.

North Somerset Councillors' Report.

District Councillor Wendy Griggs reported that she had been spending a lot of time working with two families who were having difficulties accessing home to school transport and special educational needs services. She was also progressing the remarking of the white lines on the school entrances on the High Street and Stowey Road and the 20mph flashing signs that are flashing all the time.

Parish Liaison Officer Report.

No report as new Liaison Officer not appointed yet.

Police report.

NONE.

**MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**COU64/22: Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**COU65/22: 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.**

**COU/66/22: Finance**

To authorise payments, including to note receipts and petty cash payments for November 2022.

**RESOLVED:** to authorise payments, including to note receipts and petty cash payments for November 2022.

**COU67/22: To discuss the Yatton Transport Hub Initiative.**

Councillor Caroline Sheard reported that the initiative was in the early stages of planning. The need for help with transport in Yatton had been identified by Yeo Valley Lions and Mendip Vale Medical Practice and this has been further brought in to focus by the end of a bus service in Yatton. The scheme was based on transport being offered by volunteers in private vehicles (subject to DBS checks) for medical appointments at hospitals and GP practices in Yatton and surrounding areas including Weston and Bristol. The initiative involves reaching out to organisations and the churches in Yatton to assist in promoting the scheme and hopefully gain a bank of volunteers willing to help with transport.

Councillors were supportive of the initiative and requested that all information was promoted through the Parish Council website, Facebook and noticeboards.

**COU68/22: To discuss road safety on Claverham Road.**

Councillor Peter Lomas highlighted that there were continuing problems with speeding vehicles and HGVs flouting the weight limit signs. The parking along the road acts as traffic calming and Speedwatch regularly carry out speed checks at a police-approved location near the Catholic Church. Councillor Peter Lomas had carried out a photographic audit of the weight limit signs and highlighted that they were small, confusing, inconsistent and in some cases obscured by vegetation.

However he had contacted a North Somerset Council Highways Officer who concluded he was satisfied they were correctly positioned and referenced with no need to make any changes.

He highlighted that whilst only the police were permitted to stop offending HGVs, if the full details were provided to Trading Standards they could pursue companies in the UK only.

Councillor David Crossman raised the weight limit signage at Clevedon off the M5 which states a 7.5 ton limit to Yatton. This resulted in lorries using the moor roads including the hump-backed bridge to access Yatton. Some lorries were also going to Weston Super Mare junction then back to Yatton on the A370 and using the High Street. This was also exacerbated by lorries not using HGV standard Sat Navs.

Councillor Peter Lomas was to send the photo audit to all Councillors for information and Councillor Chris Jackson was to create a map of the weight limit signs. The issues were to be raised and progressed through the steering group with North Somerset Council, including representatives from Cleeve and Kenn Parish Councils if possible.

**COU69/22: To consider a grant application from YACWAG.**

The grant application was requested for £100 to provide a 'Window Wanderland' for Brilliant Birds in February 2023 following the success of the same event in February 2022.

**RESOLVED:** to approve a grant of £100 for this YACWAG project.

**Matters for Information**

**COU70/22: Clerk's report.**

- i) There had been a number of properties on the boundary between Rock Road playing fields and Rectory Drive that were using the fields as an extension to their gardens. This included green bags of garden waste, a pond liner, wire and growing plants. The Clerk had written a letter which was to be sent to all properties on the boundary requesting that this stops with all items to be removed asap.
- ii) The Christmas Market was unfortunately not going to take place 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The organiser was no longer able to commit to planning the event.
- iii) The Parish Council solicitor had contacted North Somerset Council's solicitor to progress the lease for the new cemetery. The Clerk was beginning work shortly on gaining quotes for fencing and surfacing, She was also organising a meeting with the two residents closest to the entrance driveway into the new cemetery.
- iv) A request to have a clothing bank at Hangstones from Planet Aid UK had been received. The Parish Council did not wish to proceed with this.
- v) The Clerk asked the Council if they wished to escalate the response from Royal Mail about the poor service in Yatton to the Postal Review Panel. Councillors thought that it had improved recently and it would be wise to wait and see how the service performs over Christmas. The Clerk was to ask Councillors again in January 2023.
- vi) The clerk reported under Standing Order 14a that a notification of a complaint had been received from North Somerset Council's Monitoring Officer that a Councillor had breached the Parish Council's Code of Conduct.  
Councillor Chris Jackson advised the meeting that he was the Councillor in the notification of complaint.

**COU71/22: Future agenda items.**

The new proposed cemetery off Mendip Road.

Weight limit signs in the Parish.

Newsletter provision.

Lease with North Somerset Council for the new cemetery.

Ways to commemorate the reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

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Chairman

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