

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

Monday 11 September 2023

At Hangstones Pavilion, Stowey Road, Yatton.

Meeting opened: 7.30 p.m. Meeting closed: 8.45 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Jonathan Edwards, Graham Humphreys, Chris Jackson, Robert Jenner, Steve Lister, Peter Lomas, Jessie McArdle, Caroline Sheard, Bryan Thomas and Roger Wood.

Also in attendance: Clerk, District Councillor Steve Bridger, District Councillor Wendy Griggs (late arrival due to Governors meeting) James Hooper (prospective Cllr for co-option) and one member of the public.

Prayers or a Moment of Reflection was held.

The presentation from Hinckley C Connection Project was deferred to the November Full Council meeting.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

COU38/23: To receive apologies for absence, and to approve reasons where appropriate. Apologies have been received from Parish Councillors David Crossman, Steve Humphrey and Massimo Morelli and District Councillor Wendy Griggs.

COU39/23: To receive declarations of interests by Parish Councillors and to consider any written applications for dispensations.

NONE.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COU40/23: Public participation.

NONE.

North Somerset Councillors' report.

District Councillor Steve Bridger reported on the following items:

- The new bus service routes had commenced on Monday 4th September. The bus company had now posted new timetables at every bus stop again after a lengthy period of none being displayed. The timetables will be available in Yatton Library shortly. The new routes had impacted certain areas with some parts of parishes losing bus service cover they previously had and the Weston-super-Mare bus was taking a little longer on the new route.
- New Draft Local Development Plan – The plan was being drafted to take account of the change from a Government housing target number to 2036 of 21,000 over to a locally developed housing requirement which was reduced to approximately 14,000. This was still a very significant number when North Somerset was so constrained for development by flood zones (in particular flood zone 3), AONB and green belt. A more rigorous application of flood zone 3 as no development areas may assist in fighting The Batch application. The pre-examination consultation on the plan was due this autumn with the plan being submitted for examination after Christmas. It was hoped it would be fully adopted by the end of 2024.

- The High Street Improvement Scheme – The two phases completed were the new ramp into the school from the Coop car park and the section at the end of Barberry Farm Road on the High Street. The next phases had been paused during the busy school holidays. This was to allow the remainder of the scheme to be re-costed due to significant increases in costs since the S106 was agreed in 2016/17. The S106 did not now cover the delivery of the scheme alone with additional money from a number of other funding sources having been identified. The next phase of the scheme will be delivery of the 20mph zones including Mendip and Stowey roads and the raised crossings. It was hoped this was started by Christmas. The rest of the scheme was being costed.

Councillors raised a number of points of view regarding the experimental TRO (Traffic Regulatory Order) on the High Street between The Eagles and Grassmere Road. It appeared that vehicles were disregarding it and parking outside the two bays. District Councillor Steve Bridger advised that it was still only recently introduced and it was possible to 'tweak' the TRO if evidence was provided of issues. He confirmed that any of the delays in the work at Barberry Farm/High Street that were caused as a result of workmanship problems caused by companies recent installations in footways etc. would result in correction costs being recovered from them. He also advised that the extension of the 30mph on North End Road that it was hoped would extend to the Bridge Inn was to go as far as Ham Lane. The new Toucan crossing on North End Road was waiting for National Grid connections, it was hoped to be operational by mid-October.

Parish Liaison Officer Report

No report as new Liaison Officer not appointed yet.

Police report

PC James Rochford reported that Yatton had been quiet compared to other places. There had been a few offences of vehicle and dog theft, a catalytic converter theft and an incident of rogue trading by a person claiming to be a roofing specialist. He highlighted that the rogue trader was very persuasive and preyed on vulnerable people. He highlighted the good relationship the Police had built with the youth club and the primary schools. The question of fly tipping was raised and PC Rochford highlighted how difficult it was to catch people doing it unless they left evidence of who they were with the rubbish. He advised if contractors were used to remove rubbish items that a waste carrier license was checked for prior to instructing the work.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

COU41/23: Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 3rd July 2023.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

COU42/23: Exclusion of public: NOT REQUIRED.

COU43/23: To consider the co-option of a new Councillor on to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: to co-opt James Hooper on to the Parish Council serving Claverham ward. Councillor Hooper opted to make his declaration of acceptance of office at the end of the meeting.

COU44/23: Finance.

To authorise payments, including to note receipts and petty cash payments for August and September 2023.

RESOLVED: to authorise payments, including to note receipts and petty cash payments for August and September 2023.

COU45/23: To consider a recommendation to Full Council from the Planning Committee to review both Yatton and Claverham's Neighbourhood Plans.

Members discussed the recommendation made by the Planning Committee and Councillor Steve Lister stated he was willing to work on the Yatton plan and Councillor Peter Lomas was willing to work on the Claverham plan.

RESOLVED: to review and renew both Yatton and Claverham Neighbourhood plans.

COU46/23: To discuss progress with the High Street Improvements.

Councillors agreed that District Councillor Steve Bridger had given a comprehensive and detailed report on the High Street Improvements Scheme. It was highlighted that since the experimental TRO had been introduced on the High Street the flow of traffic had improved and was allowing an increase in speed. Councillors were therefore pleased that the 20mph element of the scheme was to be delivered.

***** District Councillor Wendy Griggs joined the meeting.**

COU47/23: To approve the Annual Report 2022-23.

RESOLVED: to approve the Annual Report 2022-23 subject to one small amendment.

COU48/23: To comment on the North Somerset Council Corporate Plan 2023.

Councillor Chris Jackson had worked on draft comments with Councillor Peter Lomas assistance. The draft comments had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: to submit the comments on the Corporate Plan without amendment.

***** The Parish Council agreed to District Councillor Wendy Griggs giving a brief report on the opening of Yatton Infants School following the fire in the summer. The start of term had been difficult as everything was not quite in place for all four sets of children. However parents had been very supportive of the difficulties. To achieve a 'pop up school' in the short time frame was incredible; the lease for the pop up school was for two years.**

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**COU49/23: Clerk's Report.**

- i) The Clerk asked the meeting if anyone had received a circulation of leaflets taking issue with the Government on restriction of movement, food production and natural climate change or climate crisis. The District Councillors had received them and a member of the public who was a parish clerk. The material was not deemed suitable for progression by the Parish Council.
- ii) A thank you card for the Parish Council grant given to Great Western Ambulance had been received.

iii) The Clerk asked the Council if it was appropriate to remove Parish Liaison Officer report from the Council agenda as there had been no officer for two years. It was agreed that it was removed.

iv) The Clerk had circulated the External Auditors Report by email to all Councillors. There had been no matters raised regarding the audit. There had been a comment made which did not affect their audit opinion but mentioned that the External Audit Report 2021-22 had not been taken to a meeting it had been presented to the Council by email. This was because there were again no matters raised by in the 2021-22 audit so no action required. This was an agenda item for 9th October Finance Committee to discuss. Councillors gave a vote of thanks to the Clerk and Finance Officer for their diligent work on the Parish Council's finances.

v) The Clerk asked if ways to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II could be removed from future agenda items. Members agreed to this. The two new cemetery items were to remain.

vi) The tree on the corner of Cherry Grove and the High Street was to be removed as agreed by the Amenities & Properties Committee on 18th September 2023.

vii) The Clerk asked if Councillor Steve Lister was still interested in becoming a trustee to Yatton United Charities. He confirmed he was. The Clerk was to check the same question with Steve Humphrey.

viii) The Clerk was waiting now for plumbing and builder quotes for further work on Hangstones alterations.

ix) The 'Party in the Park' on Saturday 16th September started at 2 pm with the raffle at 5pm and music continuing into the evening (weather permitting). Any help setting up would be welcomed at 12.30 pm.

COU50/23: 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.

Chairman

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