

**Draft Minutes
of the Meeting of
Yatton Parish Council
held on
Monday 4 August 2025**

At Hangstones Pavilion, Stowey Road, Yatton.

Meeting opened: 4.00 p.m. Meeting closed: 4.39 p.m.

Present: Councillors: David Crossman, Jonathan Edwards, Gordon Gibson, Graham Humphreys, Peter Lomas, Caroline Sheard, Bryan Thomas and Roger Wood.

Also in attendance: Clerk and District Councillors Steve Bridger and Wendy Griggs.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

COU37/25: To receive apologies for absence, and to approve reasons where appropriate.
Apologies have been received from Parish Councillors Nick Adams, Ann Hodgson, Steve Humprey, Chris Jackson and Jessie McArdle.

COU38/25: To receive declarations of interests by Parish Councillors and to consider any written applications for dispensations.
NONE.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COU39/25: Public participation.
NONE.

North Somerset Councillors' Report.

District Councillor Steve Bridger gave the following updates:

- The new Sainsbury's was opening on Thursday 7th August and he advised that the large roof mounted sign was wrongly configured and would be turned off at 10pm until 7 am as dictated by the planning approval conditions.
- A new bus service is being introduced on the 1st September in addition to the X11. It will be an extension to the X10 which includes a stop at Yatton Station. The full details are not available yet but it was hoped across both services it will mean there is an hourly bus from Yatton.
- The District Councillors were meeting with Latimer who are going to put in an application for a development in Claverham.
- A consultation about libraries was commencing as cuts were needed to the service for costs saving. It would mean the potential closure of up to three libraries but Yatton was not one of the three.
- District Councillor Steve Bridger had arranged a meeting for residents who would be impacted by the construction of the Rectory Farm development to talk to the construction company about what they are putting in place during the building phase.

Councillor David Crossman asked District Councillor Steve Bridger if there was an update regarding the Batch development. He replied that there was no news regarding the judicial review but he had asked for an update.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

COU40/25: 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.

COU41/25: To consider the draft licence and head of terms for taking over responsibility for Horsecastle and Grange Farm Road play areas and open spaces.

The draft license and head of terms had been circulated prior to the meeting for Councillors to fully review. The Parish Council had already approved taking over both Horsecastle and Grange Farm Road play areas and open spaces in January 2025. Members discussed the document details and noted the draft licence was made for Nailsea Town Council and this should be highlighted to North Somerset Council.

RESOLVED: to accept draft licence and head of terms without any suggested amendments apart from the details of who the licence was for that is noted above

The Clerk would advise North Somerset Council of the Parish Council’s decision.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

COU42/25: Clerk’s Report.

- i) The Clerk advised the Council that she had been called out during the night to open Hangstones under the Emergency Shelter Scheme for it to be set up as a rest centre for an evacuation of Claverham residents following a large fire at a farm off Streamcross.
- ii) The Clerk raised the issue of marking the service to the Parish Council of Robert Jenner. It was decided to hold a collection for him and then decide how best to use the monies raised.

COU43/25: Future agenda items.

The new cemetery off Mendip Road.

Chairman

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