

Draft Minutes
of
Yatton Parish Council
held on
Monday 9 September 2019
at Hangstones Pavilion

Meeting opened: 7.30 p.m. Meeting closed: 10.15 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Jonathan Edwards, David Crossman, Graham Humphreys, Chris Jackson, Robert Jenner, Peter Lomas, Massimo Morelli, Steve Phippen, Caroline Sheard, and Bryan Thomas.

Also in attendance: Clerk, District Councillors Steve Bridger and Wendy Griggs, Parish Liaison Officer John Wilkinson and 13 members of the public.

Prayers were led by Greg Cruse.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

COU32/19: To receive apologies for absence, and to approve reasons where appropriate.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Rachel Batchelor, Jill Iles and Roger Wood, PC Adam Clarke and PCSOs Rebecca Budd and Rachel Sellars.

COU33/19: To receive declarations of interest by Parish Councillors and to consider any written applications for dispensations.

NONE.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COU34/19: Public participation.

The choir director for Yatton Schools presented a short film of the choir singing the song they wrote entitled "What are we doing to our world."

The proposer of the "Make Yatton Greener" initiative spoke about the project.

A resident spoke in support of agenda items 6 (community orchard), 7 (climate emergency), and 8 (community project to Make Yatton Greener). It was pleasing to see the items being discussed and that they involved ordinary people in making a difference.

A resident of Stowey Road spoke on agenda item 6 and requested that the Parish Council consult with residents adjacent to the area being considered for the community orchard. He suggested that issues of crime and disorder should be discussed with the police and that a long-term view of the project be taken account of and discussed when planning the project should it come to fruition.

A resident spoke in support of agenda items 7 and 8 and the importance of involving the schools. The Parish Council was thanked for discussing the items. He was happy to assist with information on agenda item 9 regarding the re-instatement of the station footbridge roof as he had been involved with this work in the past through the Friends of Yatton Station group.

Police report

The Police had provided a written report of crime figures for Yatton, Claverham, Kingston Seymour and Kenn 19th July – 5th Sept (50 crimes, the most frequent being: 12 criminal damage, 16 theft or burglary and 14 public order, threats and harassment). The high profile incident in Claverham was still under investigation.

North Somerset Councillor's report.

District Councillor Steve Bridger circulated a written report to Council (Annex 1) on a number of matters including bus services, the new primary school, the North End archaeology event, the Curo site, waste and recycling collections. The full report was published on the website.

Parish Liaison Officer Report

A new Assistant Director for Community Services and Neighbourhood Management (Gemma Dando) had been appointed. North Somerset Council were digesting the recent government spending statement as it was the first increase in over a decade. North Somerset Council were waiting for more detailed feedback regarding the Inspector's initial comments on the Joint Spatial Plan. There was a new Corporate Plan for the priorities and visions of North Somerset Council.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

COU35/19: Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 15 July 2019.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

COU36/19: Exclusion of public:

RESOLVED: 'That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 12 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the commercial interest within the item.

COU37/19 To consider an initial proposal by Yeo Valley Lions for a community orchard at Hangstones.

RESOLVED: to support in principle the initial proposal for a community orchard at Hangstones and to form a working group. The members will be Cllrs Robert Jenner, Graham Humphreys and Massimo Morelli. It was also to include representatives from Yeo Valley Lions, YACWAG and local residents. The residents adjacent to the area were to be consulted. The Terms of Reference for the working group were to carry out consultations and take account of any comments when progressing the further details of the orchard which were to be bought back to the Parish Council for approval.

CO38/19 To discuss recognizing a ‘climate emergency’ and, as a first step, support the creation of a working group to raise awareness, identify local solutions, and propose ideas with regard to climate change.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council recognized a ‘climate emergency.’ The Climate Emergency Working Group was formed. The members were Councillors Jonathan Edwards, Caroline Sheard, Massimo Morelli and Bryan Thomas. The terms of reference were to raise awareness, identify local solutions and propose ideas on climate change to the Parish Council. The work was to be reviewed at the Annual Parish Meeting March 2020.

***** The following item was suspended and reconvened several times during discussion to allow members to speak to the proposer for the project.**

COU39/19 To discuss a proposal to ‘Make Yatton Greener’.

Councillors discussed the proposal to launch a community project including forming a community ‘Make Yatton Greener’ working group and use community engagement, digital media, newsletters and links with organisations and business in the parish to form a cohesive approach to the aim of the project. This included raising sponsorship to assist with funding either directly or by donated services. Councillors discussed the ways in which it was monitored both financially and for its impact in making Yatton a greener place. There were to be regular updates over the six month period.

RESOLVED: to support the six month proposal for Making Yatton Greener and to use the earmarked reserve recycling award £1,400 to fund the work. The Clerk was to liaise with the proposer/facilitator of the project on how the funds were spent to comply with financial regulations.

COU40/19 To form a working group to investigate the re-instatement of a roof cover over the bridge and a cycle ramp at the station.

RESOLVED: that the Station Footbridge Roof and Cycle Ramp Working Group be formed. The members were Councillors Chris Jackson, David Crossman and Jonathan Edwards. The terms of reference were to liaise with the necessary organisations and groups required to investigate the re-instatement of the footbridge roof and cycle ramps on the footbridge and to report progress to the Parish Council.

COU41/19 To discuss the recent request from North Somerset Council that the Parish Council carries out a survey to look for alternative sites in the Parish for a cremated remains only cemetery.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Chris Jackson and the Clerk investigate the request and write a letter confirming the investigations. A copy of the letter of response was to be given to District Councillors to follow up with at North Somerset Council.

**** Councillor Bryan Thomas left the room briefly and returned between these two items.**

COU42/19 Finance

RESOLVED: that the payments were authorised, including to note receipts and petty cash payments for August and September 2019.

Matters for Information

COU43/19: Clerk's report.

- i) A meeting with the new streetlight contractor Centregreat had resulted in new prices being provided in due course and outstanding lights that needed repair since March had been done.
- ii) The building regulations plans for the Hangstones alterations were nearing completion.
- iii) Yatton Music Society complementary tickets for the concert the Parish Council gave a grant for had been received and the Clerk asked if any Councillors would like to use the tickets.
- iv) Thank you letters had been received for grants awarded to the Strawberry Line Café, Wellspring Counselling, Somerfest Reading, Weston & North Somerset Disability Advice Line and Claverham Cricket Club.
- v) The data from the speed activated sign was now being downloaded and a short display of it was given to the meeting.
- vi) An extraordinary meeting was to be convened 23rd September to deal with two urgent items. It was to be held after the Planning Committee meeting.
- vii) James Macqueen had resigned from the Parish Council.
- viii) The confidential item was raised and was to be an item on the agenda for the extraordinary meeting on 23rd September.

COU44/19: Future agenda items

- i) Relationship with PACT.

Chairman

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