

Draft Minutes
of
Yatton Parish Council
held on
Monday 11 November 2019
at Hangstones Pavilion

Meeting opened: 7.30 p.m. Meeting closed: 9.45 p.m.

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

Also in attendance: Clerk, District Councillor Steve Bridger and District/Parish Councillor Wendy Griggs, Parish Liaison Officer John Wilkinson, 1 member of the press and 2 members of the public.

Prayers were led by Rev. Tim Scott.

A PRESENTATION WAS GIVEN BY NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL ON THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE RENTED ACCOMODATION AT STRAWBERRY FIELDS EXTRA CARE FACILITY IN CHESTNUT PARK.

**Chairman Jonathan Edwards was pleased to announce that Yatton War Memorial been awarded the Royal British Legion North Mendip Group Outdoor Memorial Cup in the annual War Memorial competition. The Council thanked the ground staff and parish gardener for all their hard work in achieving this award.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

COU53/19: To receive apologies for absence, and to approve reasons where appropriate.

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

COU54/19: To receive declarations of interest by Parish Councillors and to consider any written applications for dispensations.

NONE.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COU55/19: Public participation.

A resident who was a member of the Community Orchard Working Group spoke of his concern in the fruit trees attracting rats from the nearby rhyne and the health implications of Weil's disease. He wished to suggest flowering trees rather than fruit trees and urged the Council to plan and risk assess in detail now before tree planting takes place.

A member of the public spoke about the Community Orchard and could not agree with the previous speaker's comments.

Following discussion with Councillors it was suggested the Clerk contact Congresbury Parish Council who had an orchard next to the river and ask if they experienced any problems which might give helpful guidance.

Police report

The Police had provided a written report of crime figures for Yatton, Claverham, Kingston Seymour and Kenn it was unclear over what period of time. (11 crimes, the most frequent being: 4 public order offences, 3 theft or burglary, 2 assault, 1 possession of drugs and 1 other crime).

Councillors expressed disappointment in the lack of police presence at meetings, they had also recently not attended a PACT meeting which was specifically convened around their ability to attend. Later in the meeting it was raised by Councillor Bryan Thomas that there had been increasing issues on Chestnut Park and the Police were proving difficult to liaise with about them. Further to discussion a letter was to be written to the Police raising these concerns.

North Somerset Councillor's report.

District Councillor Wendy Griggs reported that Yatton were the only Parish Council to respond to the Baytree School consultation. The new medical centre were waiting for an Ecology Report to be completed. The new North End school was in the early stages of construction. She thanked Councillor Jill Iles for the work she had done helping an alms house resident and appreciated the continued support she was giving this resident. The staff parking facility application at Cadbury House hotel was to be delegated for decision to the planning officer. There had been other smaller issues with TPO's and business rates she was working on.

District Councillor Steve Bridger had attended a meeting with the new Police beat officer, PCSO's and North Somerset Council Community Response Officer to look at issues of parking/speeding at Court De Wyck school. The new development in Claverham was not due to bring forward a proper crossing to the school and there was a great deal of concern about this. The Parish Council with District Councillors supported by the Police and Community Response should urge North Somerset to revisit this with the developer. A 're-wilding' consultation was to open as part of the climate emergency declaration work by North Somerset Council with a view to 're-wilding' 25% of the green space that North Somerset manage. He suggested that the Parish Council Climate Emergency Working Group may wish to look at the consultation. It closes 24th January 2020.

Parish Liaison Officer Report

Parish Liaison Officer John Wilkinson reported that it had been a very busy period at North Somerset Council with budget, corporate plan and the general election which had slowed down the plan work delaying it until after the election had taken place. A consultation on the Corporate Plan was to be planned.

COU56/19: To receive a Make Yatton Greener update.

The Clerk read a statement on the launch and progress to date that the initiative had made. The launch had been successful especially in identifying the sections of people who were very interested in Making Yatton Greener but were not on the social media or online but were passionate about the subject. A future goal will be to make connection with these groups of people. The initiative had slowed since the launch due to a health set back but the aim was to resume work steadily as this situation improved.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

COU57/19: Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9th September 2019.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

COU58/19: Exclusion of public:

RESOLVED: 'That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 15 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.

** during the next item members agreed to suspend the meeting to speak to Parish Liaison Officer John Wilkinson. The meeting was reconvened thereafter.

COU59/19: To discuss a response to North Somerset Council regarding the proposed cemetery site off Mendip Road following the change in its position on the future progression of the site.

A meeting was scheduled with a newly allocated North Somerset Council Officer Wednesday 13th November, it was considered that the response was delayed until the outcomes of the meeting are known. They would be reported at the next meeting of Council. The Clerk advised Council that she had applied for an extension to the license for the ground water investigation boreholes which expired March 2020.

CO60/19 To consider a Community Orchard Draft Plan.

A draft plan has been produced by the Community Orchard Working Group for consideration prior to going out to consultation.

Discussion surrounded the importance of future maintenance, liability, health and safety of the project and the consultation outcomes may shape the project.

RESOLVED: to accept the draft plan in principle and to reconsider it following the responses from the consultation process at the January 2020 meeting of the Council.

COU61/19 To consider a request from the family of Tony Price to place a bench in his memory at a suitable place in the parish.

RESOLVED: to approve the placing of a bench in memory of Tony Price at a suitable location agreed by the Clerk, the family and if necessary the Police. It was suggested that the War Memorial was an appropriate place to consider by Councillor Steve Phippen.

COU62/19 To consider and readopt the Community Engagement Strategy.

RESOLVED: to re-adopt the Community Engagement Strategy and review again in 2023 unless any significant changes require it to be done sooner.

COU63/19 To consider appointing Councillor Roger Wood to the Climate Emergency Working Group.

RESOLVED: to appoint Councillor Roger Wood to the Climate Emergency Working Group.

COU64/19: To consider with Councillors individual agreement the issuing of all paperwork to Councillors using email.

RESOLVED: to allow all paperwork including summons to meetings by email subject to the consent by each individual Councillor. Councillors may withdraw consent at any time and in agreeing to emailed paperwork take responsibility for the diligent monitoring of their email.

COU65/19 To review Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

RESOLVED: To readopt Standing Orders with no amendment and to re-adopt Financial Regulations with two small amendments to figures of public service/works contracts in footnotes pg13 and the title of regulation 12.

COU66/19 Finance

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

***** Members agreed to allow the following item to be heard prior to the confidential item to allow members of the public to hear its content.**

COU67/19: To receive a report following meetings with other town and parish councils and North Somerset Council regarding potential areas of co-operation and delivery of services.

The first meeting was at the invitation of Clevedon Town Council and attended by Chairman Jonathan Edwards, Vice Chairmen Chris Jackson and the Clerk. It was to explore how the parishes could provide services in a more efficient and cost effective way than were currently carried out by North Somerset Council. The meeting was not inclusive of all Parish Councils and ended without achieving a clear consensus other than a commitment to invite all the parishes to any subsequent meetings. There had been no notes received of the meeting.

The Town and Parish Council Summit was attended by Chairman Jonathan Edwards and District/Parish Councillor Wendy Griggs. It was an introductory meeting attended by Executive members of North Somerset Council who outlined their new roles and responsibilities. A brainstorming session produced a lot of comments and ideas, these were to be collated for the next summit meeting.

COU68/19: To consider quotes for new play equipment at Rock Road play area. Confidential Item. Four quotes were provided.

RESOLVED: to accept the quote from Wicksteed for the Goosey Gander and Toddler Express including installation repairs to surface £8,024.30 and the quote from GB Sport & Leisure for the Mini Van Springer £989.40. Total £9,013.70

Matters for Information

COU69/19: Clerk's report.

- i) It was noted that Ian Payne had resigned from the Parish Council just after the September Council meeting.
- ii) The Clerk asked if members knew anyone who provided cleaning services in the Parish as the current person wished to give up once a replacement was found.

- iii) The compensation imposed by the Courts for the breaking of the patio door at Hangstones had been received £534.10.
- iv) The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) of £49,324.82 had been received.

COU70/19: Future agenda items

- i) Relationship with PACT.
- ii) Community Orchard Consultation Outcome Jan 2020 agenda.

Chairman

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