

**Draft Minutes
of
Yatton Parish Council
held on
Monday 13 July 2020**

Remotely via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/589050719>

Meeting opened: 7.30 p.m. Meeting closed: 9.38 p.m.

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

Also, in attendance: Clerk, District Councillor Steve Bridger and District/Parish Councillor Wendy Griggs, Rev. Tim Scott and Parish Liaison Officer John Wilkinson.

Prayers were led by Rev. Tim Scott.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

COU109/20: To receive apologies for absence, and to approve reasons where appropriate. To consider accepting apologies from Councillor Rachel Batchelor for the next six months.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Rachel Batchelor.

RESOLVED: to approve apologies from Councillor Rachel Batchelor for the next six months from the date of this meeting.

COU110/20: To receive declarations of interest by Parish Councillors and to consider any written applications for dispensations.

NONE.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COU111/20: Public participation.

Rev. Tim Scott spoke about the great community spirit that has been shown throughout the Covid crisis and that there was further hardship to come in the next six months. The church had re-opened for private prayer but short services were commencing 19th July at 10 a.m. Chairman Jonathan Edwards thanked him for all the work he did in the community.

North Somerset Councillor's report.

District Councillor Steve Bridger gave a presentation about Community Resilience and ways in which the initiatives that had developed from the Covid crisis can be built on and future protected. Chairman Jonathan Edwards thanked Steve for his presentation and stated that members would discuss this under agenda item 6.

Parish Liaison Officer Report

Parish Liaison Officer John Wilkinson reported that the transition from lockdown was providing a lot more work than the initial closure had done. There was a Covid 19 Outbreak Plan on the North Somerset Council website and members were urged to look at it. The announcement from the Government regarding financial support for Councils was still being worked on as it was very complex. It was anticipated there would still be a shortfall in funding.

Police report

No report.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

COU112/20: To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2020.

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2020 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman in sight of the Council at the remote meeting and by hard copy through the post.

COU113/20: Exclusion of public:

If the Council wishes to exclude the public for a particular agenda item, the following resolution must be passed:

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 business of individual terms of employment.

***** District/Parish Councillor Wendy Griggs joined the meeting. She gave apologies for being late but she had been attending a School Governors meeting.**

***** The meeting was suspended and reconvened to allow Rev.Tim Scott to speak.**

COU114/20: To consider the role of the Parish Council in future Community Resilience that has built since the Covid 19 crisis.

Councillor Caroline Sheard spoke of the privilege she felt in being involved with all the hard work and willingness in the community to support vulnerable people. Members agreed that a Zoom meeting was set up with the key people that had set up the Community Response in Yatton to better understand the work ahead of considering how the Parish Council may assist. The formation of a working group following the meeting maybe considered at the September Full Council meeting. Councillor Chris Jackson raised the possibility of using Hangstones Pavilion in an emergency situation i.e. flooding with basic supplies in this event being stored to assist residents in the event they needed short term refuge.

COU115/20: To co-opt a new member to the Cadbury Hill Joint Management Committee.

RESOLVED: to co-opt Cllr Graham Humphreys on to the Joint Management Committee.

***** The meeting was suspended and reconvened to allow Rev.Tim Scott to speak.**

COU116/20 To consider re-opening the play areas, Hangstones Pavilion and the Parish Office.

The Clerk, prior to the meeting had supplied members with all the guidance from the Parish Council's Insurers, the Assoc of Play Industries and the Government and also a draft of the notices to be displayed.

RESOLVED: to re-open the play areas with the signage as soon as possible. The Clerk advised it would be tomorrow 14th July.

The Clerk reported that currently no regular group had indicated they wished to use the hall before September apart from one who was hoping for 22nd August. A Covid 19 Risk Assessment had been completed but was under constant review. The Clerk was doing further work on Covid 19 guidance for hall hirers and was going to offer to work with hirers on an individual basis depending on their requirements for use and their ability to comply with all Government guidelines on social distancing and gatherings indoors.

RESOLVED: that the hall and Parish Office re-opening was delegated to the Clerk and Chairman to re-open again as soon as hirers wished to return and could do so within all the guidelines for social distancing and gatherings and Covid 19 mitigation. All signage, additional hygiene/cleaning provision and measures to protect staff were in place prior to this being considered.

COU117/20 To consider the removal of the street light outside 10, Ashleigh Crescent.

The Clerk had circulated all the responses to a consultation letter sent to every house in Ashleigh Crescent prior to the meeting. There had been 7 responses, 1 in support of the proposal and 6 against it.

RESOLVED: that for reasons of security, health and safety of residents and other pedestrians and setting a precedent in the parish the light will not be either removed or moved (the latter was deemed as difficult and costly). The Clerk was asked to write to all the residents to inform them of the decision.

COU118/20 To consider commenting on the new NALC draft Code of Conduct.

RESOLVED: to make no comment on this draft of the Code of Conduct as it was satisfactory in its current form.

***** The meeting was suspended and reconvened to allow Parish Liaison John Wilkinson to speak during the following item.**

COU119/20 Proposed new burial ground update.

A Zoom meeting was held with North Somerset Council Officers Martin O'Neil and Jenny Ford, Chairman Jonathan Edwards, Vice Chairman Chris Jackson, Amenities Committee Chairman Robert Jenner and the Clerk on 8th July. The meeting discussed establishing the land requirement now the proposal was for cremation interments only and further justification for requesting the full area of land which had been submitted following the Council meeting 9th March 2020. The meeting prompted a re-drafting of the area of land being requested equating

to half the field and including a provision for allotments and a reduced size car park for members to consider.

RESOLVED: to approve the submission of the re-drafted plan for half the land in the previous request and to provide reasons as discussed and ask for more timely responses to all future correspondence.

COU120/20 To consider the appointment of a new Parish Orderly – Confidential Item.

RESOLVED: that Andy Warren was appointed as the new Parish Orderly for Yatton.

Matters for Information

COU121/20: Clerk’s Report.

- i) An invitation to comment on the Neighbourhood Plan for Abbots Leigh, Ham Green, Pill and Easton in Gordano had been received. Councillor Chris Jackson was interested in looking at it.
- ii) Councillor Peter Lomas was to represent the Parish Council on a Parish Council Carbon Footprint Tool Working Group that ALCA had put forward asking for members.

COU122/20: Future agenda items.

The new proposed burial ground off Mendip Road.

To consider forming a Community Resilience Working Group.

Discuss providing Hangstones Pavilion as an emergency base in the event of residents requiring a refuge including keeping a store of essential basic supplies.

Chairman

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