

**Minutes**  
of a Meeting of  
**Yatton Parish Council**  
**Amenities & Properties Committee**  
held on  
**18 July 2011**  
at Hangstones Pavilion

Meeting commenced: 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended: 8.30 p.m.

**Present:** Councillors: Mike Cox (Chairman) Trevor Bidwell-Ford, Maurice Blunston, David Crossman, Martyn Hooper, Graham Humphreys, Robert Jenner, Ian Payne, Brian Phillips, Rhiannon Prys-Owen and Jean Watson

**In attendance:** Councillor Roger Wood, Clerk and two members of the public

**MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**AAP13/11: Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Susan Morris..

**AAP14/11: Declarations of Interest**

None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**AAP15/11: Public participation**

Les Howland reported a number of thefts from the allotments, which the Clerk agreed to pass on to the police.

Glenys Foster reported that there were still overgrowing brambles on Stowey Road.

**MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**AAP16/11: Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 June 2011**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **AAP17/11: Management of the wildflower garden at Glebelands**

Members considered a letter from residents of Church Road, a letter from YACWAG and an email from a member of the public (all at Annex 1). The Clerk also reported that the continual scrutiny was putting grounds staff under stress.

Members commented that the area was an eyesore and the long grass encouraged dog mess. Wild flowers and long grass did not mix. Concerns were expressed that parts of the site was attracting unwelcome vermin and needed to be managed. The centre of the village was not the appropriate place to establish and maintain a wildflower meadow. The Parish Council complied with its biodiversity duty throughout the villages, not on a single site. The concerns of adjoining residents should be respected.

The Clerk reported that the turf at the side of the area, which had been the subject of comments, would be removed.

RESOLVED that:

- The North Somerset Biodiversity Officer be invited to survey the site.
- Residents be involved in the future planting of the site.
- Over the period of time the grass should be cut short and the area planted with flowers
- The buddleia should be cut back
- The Clerk write to YACWAG and local residents setting out the Committee's decision.

### **AAP18/11: Request for a sun-dial on Glebelands**

The Clerk reported a request from Yatton Horticultural Society for a sundial on Glebelands in memory of the late Cliff Nicholson. The sundial would fit with the existing artwork on Glebelands.

In discussion members supported the request but were concerned about too many structures on Glebelands.

RESOLVED that the request be agreed to.

### **AAP19/11: Management of trees on Glebelands adjacent to Church Causeway**

The Clerk reported a request from local residents for the trees to be pruned, as they were overshadowing their garden.

The Clerk also reported that the North Somerset Tree Officer had inspected the trees and did not consider that any work was appropriate.

RESOLVED that the request be refused.

**MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

**AAP20/11: Income & expenditure account (Annex 2)**

Noted

**AAP21/11: Clerk's report**

- (1) Setting street lights to switch off would require new bulbs and was likely to be costly.

**AAP22/11: Future agenda items**

- (1) New play equipment at Rock Road and Broadcroft (special meeting on 25 July or 1 August)
- (2) Requests for grit bins at Whitehouse Road, Jasmine Lane and Claverham Drove, Claverham

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Chairman

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