

**Minutes**  
of a Meeting of  
**Yatton Parish Council**  
**Amenities & Properties Committee**  
held on  
**19 July 2010**  
at Hangstones Pavilion

Meeting Commenced: 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended: 9.00 p.m.

**Present:** Councillors Graham Humphreys (Chairman), Maurice Blunsdon, David Crossman, Martyn Hooper, Ian Payne, Viv Wathen and Jean Watson

**In attendance:** Councillor Lucy Perrott, Clerk and five members of the public.

**Public participation**

Four members of the public spoke about Agenda item 6 (land at the corner of Cherry Grove and High Street, Yatton) as occupiers of neighbouring land. All of them opposed the suggestion that cars should continue to be parked on the land, unless it was restricted to disabled parking. They suggested blocking off the land with planters. The residents said they would be willing to look after any planters.

**MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**AAP362: Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Mike Cox and Susan Morris, who were representing the Council at a meeting on the Hinkley Point C connector.

**AAP363: Declarations of Interest**

None

**AAP364: Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 June 2010**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2010 were approved as a correct record, with minor amendments to comments made in public participation, and signed by the Chairman.

### **AAP365: Exclusion of public**

RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda item 14 (Christmas lights) on the ground that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because consideration may involve disclosure of information exempt under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 (information relating to the financial affairs of the authority).

RESOLVED that Agenda item 6 (land at the corner of Cherry Grove and High Street, Yatton) be taken next.

### **AAP366: Land at the corner of Cherry Grove and High Street, Yatton**

In discussion members did not favour a seat as this might encourage anti-social behaviour. Restricting parking to disabled parking could not be enforced. Some members said that they had changed their minds after hearing residents' concerns. One member still felt that a compromise could be reached.

RESOLVED, by 6 votes to 1, that vehicles be excluded from the land, by bollards around the corner and planters by the private drive.

### **AAP367: Facilities at Broadcroft**

In discussion members considered that the ball-stop netting needed extending both below and above the current netting.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to place an order to extend the current netting, up to a limit of £1000.

RESOLVED that the Clerk report back on other improvements to facilities including a picnic table.

Members expressed disappointment at the cancellation of the Playbuilder project.

### **AAP368: Grant of new lease to Yeo Valley Lions for extended garage at Hangstones**

RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorized to instruct solicitors to negotiate a new 21-year lease, to commence when the extension has been built, the Lions to pay landlord's and tenant's costs.

### **AAP369: Cleaning arrangements for Hangstones pavilion**

The Clerk reported that he could not contact the former cleaner. He had therefore asked Perfect Cleaning Ltd to carry out an intensive clean of the hall, kitchen, hallway and disabled toilet at a cost of £207.50. The results had been very good. The firm had now quoted for 1½ hours a week at a cost of £30.

RESOLVED that Perfect Cleaning Ltd be awarded a contract to clean the hall, kitchen, hallway and disabled toilet at a cost of £30 per week.

The options for the changing rooms were (1) ask contractors to quote (2) ask the clubs to clean after use or (3) give extra hours to the grounds staff to clean as required. The grounds staff were in principle willing to do this and this had the advantage of flexibility.

RESOLVED that the grounds staff be offered extra hours to clean the changing areas as required, for a trial period of six months.

### **AAP370: Provision of dog bins**

The PACT had suggested a review of dog bins. In discussion members felt this was a matter for local neighbourhoods to express their needs. Members asked for a map of dog bins.

### **AAP371: Fir tree at Glebelands**

The Clerk reported that someone had removed a strip of bark all the way round. The tree surgeon considered that the tree would not survive. In discussion members suggested that the Horticultural Society might be willing to provide a replacement.

RESOLVED that the condition of the tree be monitored.

## **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

### **AAP372: Summary income & expenditure report (Annex 1)**

Noted

### **AAP373: Clerk's report**

(1) The new wicket was being installed.

(2) There were still problems with people climbing into the Rock Road astro-turf pitch and throwing things onto it.

(3) The landowner adjoining Hangstones had put up new fencing to prevent sheep from straying.

**AAP374: Future Agenda items**

(1) New grit bin at corner of Mendip Road and Frost Hill.

(2) Review of existing unfulfilled commitments

(3) Proposals for lighting at Hangstones

(4) Play equipment and picnic table at Broadcroft.

(5) Tree planting at Rock Road

(6) Drop kerb at Rock Road

(7) Signage

(8) Possible allotment sites.

(9) New dog bin at end of Chapel Lane, Claverham

(10) Hedging and fencing on Hangstones

**MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**AAP375: Christmas lights**

Members considered two quotes.

RESOLVED that the Clerk ensure that both companies are familiar with the site and the requirement to be present at the switch-on, and report back.

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Chairman

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