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Minutes
of a Meeting of
Yatton Parish Council
Amenities & Properties Committee
held on
21 February 2011
at Hangstones Pavilion

Meeting Commenced: 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended: 9 p.m.

Present: Councillors Graham Humphreys (Chairman), Trevor Bidwell-Ford, Maurice Blunsdon, David Crossman, Martyn Hooper, Susan Morris, Ian Payne and Jean Watson

In attendance: Clerk, Administrative Assistant and six members of the public

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP422: Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Viv Wathen.

AAP423: Declarations of Interest

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AAP424: Public participation

Pat Stevens spoke:

- On Agenda item 7 (stiles on Hangstones) he considered that stiles would lead people to think there was a footpath and suggested post-and-rail fencing with stock-proof netting instead.
- He asked if the Council had a policy on dividing large allotment plots when a tenancy came to an end. The Chairman agreed this should be a future Agenda item.

Alan Frecknall spoke to Agenda item 9 (seat on Glebelands in memory of Bert French). He drew attention to the letter from the Village Social Club and the petition with 115 signatures that accompanied the letter. The Social Club

Committee were firmly of the opinion that a seat on Glebelands, and not any other kind of structure, would be appropriate.

Alan Evans spoke to the same item as a neighbouring resident and asked to be consulted on the siting of any seat.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP425: Minutes of the Meetings held on 17 January 2011 and 25 January 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2011 and the extraordinary meeting held on 25 January 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AAP426: Exclusion of public

RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda items 14 (grounds maintenance contract for 2011), 15 (banking up turf at Rock Road) and 16 (quotes for repainting play equipment at Rock Road) on the ground that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because consideration may involve disclosure of information relating to the financial affairs of the authority.

AAP427: Christmas lights

Administrative Assistant Aleana Baird reported (summary at Annex 1). Members also considered an email from a member of the public (Annex 2).

In discussion members reported that they had received positive feedback on the 2010 installation. Members considered that little change was needed. However they favoured the idea of a tree in Claverham by the new shop.

RESOLVED that Aleana Baird progress plans for a tree in Claverham, identify any issues with utilities and report back with the likely cost of putting a hole for a tree.

AAP428: Request for a seat on Glebelands in memory of the late Bert French

RESOLVED that Agenda item 9 be taken next.

Members considered a letter from the Village Social Committee and emails from Alan Evans (above) and Tony Moulin (Annex 3). The Clerk also reported that the Horticultural Society had concerns about the request setting a precedent, and also about interference with the Summer Show. The police

had no objection in principle to a seat but would like to be consulted on design.

In discussion members considered that any seat should be wooden to fit with the existing seats.

RESOLVED that the request for a seat be approved, subject to the seat being wooden and subject also to police approval of the design.

AAP429: Stiles on Hangstones field

The Clerk was suggesting this to avoid damage to the hedge by people climbing over. In discussion members agreed with Pat Stevens (above) that a stile might suggest that there was a footpath.

RESOLVED that a unit of post-and-rail fencing with stock-proof netting be erected in existing gaps in the hedge behind the goal on pitch 1 and also behind the BMX track.

AAP430: Play in Yatton and Claverham

The Clerk reported that Yatton Parish Council had now been awarded £37,000 for the Community Spaces Project (formerly Playbuilder) for the provision of facilities on Hangstones. There would be a public meeting to discuss options on Tuesday 29 March at 7 p.m. in Hangstones. North Somerset officers would also approach schools and youth groups. North Somerset officers would prepare a specification to go to suppliers and tenders would be considered by the Parish Council at its meeting on 16 May.

Members also considered play and fitness provision on other sites. Members asked if provision for older young people could be considered at Broadcroft.

AAP431: Subscription to Fields in Trust (formerly the National Playing Fields Association)

Cost £35. members were not convinced that the Parish Council received any benefit from membership.

RESOLVED not to renew membership.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

AAP432: Summary income & expenditure report (Annex 4)

Noted

AAP433: Clerk's report

- (1) Jean Watson had approached community groups regarding use of the playpod if it was moved to Court de Wyck School. There would be a meeting to discuss this on Monday 7 March at 7.30 p.m. in Hangstones.
- (2) Replacement of swing seats and shackles at various play areas, as recommended by the North Somerset play rangers, would be carried out shortly.

AAP434: Future Agenda items

- (1) Requests for grit bins at Whitehouse Road, Jasmine Lane and Claverham Drove, Claverham
- (2) Pitch charges at Hangstones
- (3) Policy on dividing up allotments.

(The public left the room.)

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP435: Grounds maintenance contract for 2011

Members considered a quote for extending the contract.

RESOLVED that the quote for grounds maintenance at Glebelands and the Burial Ground from Weston Outdoor Services in the sum of £2350 be accepted.

Members noted that next year, after three years of the existing contractor, the Clerk would invite several quotes.

AAP436: Quote for banking up turf at Rock Road play area

This work was required following the installation of safety surfacing. Members considered a quote.

RESOLVED that the quote from Weston Outdoor Services in the sum of £530 (Confidential Annex 4) be accepted.

AAP437: Repainting play equipment at Rock Road

The Clerk reported that only one quote had so far been received.

RESOLVED that this item be deferred.

Chairman

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