

Minutes
of a Meeting of
Yatton Parish Council
Amenities & Properties Committee
held on
25 January 2010
at Hangstones Pavilion

Meeting Commenced: 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended: 8.50 p.m.

Present: Councillors Graham Humphreys (Chairman), Trevor Bidwell-Ford, Maurice Blunsdon, Mike Cox, David Crossman, Martyn Hooper, Viv Wathen, Jean Watson

In attendance: Clerk, Sgt. Debbie Budd, PC Phil Kinsella, PC Tim Richards and three members of the public.

Public participation

Glenys Foster referred to Agenda item 6 (access control at Hangstones) and commented that closing the access to the field between 38 and 40 Stowey Road might cause more behaviour problems near the car park.

Pat Stevens mentioned that there had been disturbances along the access the previous Saturday.

Police Report

The Chairman welcomed Sgt Debbie Budd and also welcomed PC Phil Kinsella back to work.

Sgt. Debbie Budd introduced herself as the new Clevedon sergeant. She was keen to engage with the Parish Council and was happy for members to contact her.

PC Phil Kinsella thanked the Chairman for his welcome. He was currently on a return to work programme with reduced hours, with beat support from PC Tim Richards. He would update the Hangstones action plan shortly. From 1 October 2009 to 21 January 2010 there had been 33 calls relating to Hangstones and Stowey Road, of which 14 related to anti-social behaviour. However there was a risk of anti-social behaviour being displaced to other areas such as Rock Road.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP305: Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Clare Bessant and Susan Morris.

AAP306: Declarations of Interest

None

AAP307: Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 November 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AAP308: Ballstop netting on Hangstones

The Clerk reported that it would cost around £6000 to increase the height of the netting. No further complaints had been received about balls going over the netting.

RESOLVED that no further action be taken.

AAP309: Access control at Hangstones field

Sgt Debbie Budd reminded members that if gates were to be locked someone would be needed to lock and unlock them, and also to persuade people to leave the field before the gates were locked. PC Phil Kinsella also mentioned that access control would require high fencing all around the field. Anti-social behaviour might be displaced to Rock Road. He felt that the current measures being taken by the police to control anti-social behaviour were having an effect. The access between 38 and 40 Stowey Road was useful for the police.

In discussion members emphasised the need to encourage acceptable behaviour and provide good facilities.

RESOLVED that no action be taken at present to control access to Hangstones field, but that the matter be reviewed after the summer.

AAP310: Lighting at Hangstones pavilion

PC Phil Kinsella suggested that the Crime Reduction Officer could advise on lighting

RESOLVED that the matter be further considered at the next meeting after advice has been obtained from the Crime Reduction Officer.

AAP311: Action plan for Cadbury Hill

Members considered an action plan submitted by Graham Morgan (Annex 1).

In discussion members asked if the noticeboard at the Henley Lane car park could be improved and if more cattle could be grazed.

Members asked for their thanks to be passed on to Graham Morgan and others involved in the preparation of the action plan.

RESOLVED that the action plan be approved.

AAP312: Path on Hangstones field

The Clerk reported that North Somerset Council had quoted for a (Stage 1) path linking the car park with the access and the existing tarmac path. The path would have the same surface as the Strawberry Line and would be accessible for wheelchairs and buggies, but not scooters. He had also received quotes for the extension of the path all round the field (Stages 2 & 3)..

Members asked the Clerk to investigate sources of funding for a path.

RESOLVED that the construction of Stage 1 be approved for 2010/11 and that the Clerk report back on sources of funding before expenditure is authorised.

AAP313: Purchase of play equipment

The Clerk reported that North Somerset Council had £45,000 of central government money under the Playbuilder Project which was available for spending in Yatton and Claverham. The project team would be consulting young people, and would also consult the Parish Council and local residents before any final decisions were taken. The money could be spent on a number of sites. Possible equipment included a zip-wire, climbing frames and barbeque stands.

Members asked about the possibility of play equipment for disabled people.

RESOLVED that the Committee welcomes this funding and asks the project team to keep the Parish Council informed on developments.

AAP314: Replacement of bins, benches and other furniture

Members made several suggestions, including: a dog bin on Stowey Road where footpath 21/3 left the road, more litter bins in the Precinct (perhaps sponsored by shopkeepers) and picnic tables on Hangstones and Broadcroft.

Members asked if the Clerk could provide a map of litter bins and dog bins.

RESOLVED that the Clerk report back with proposals.

AAP315: Container at Hangstones

Members considered painting the new container. The supplier would paint the container for £250.

RESOLVED that the container be painted dark green, by the Council's grounds staff if their time allows it, otherwise by the supplier.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

AAP316: Clerk's report

(1) The new noticeboard for Claverham was ready and would be delivered shortly. The header 'Yatton Parish Council' on the old noticeboard would be removed or painted over.

(2) The landowner had resurfaced the land at the corner of High Street, Yatton, and Cherry Grove but the neighbouring landowners had complained about damage to their land. The Clerk was attempting to resolve the issue.

AAP304: Future Agenda items

(1) Proposals for lighting at Hangstones

(2) Prevention of car parking on the land at the corner of High Street, Yatton, and Cherry Grove.

(3) Provision for cricket in Yatton and Claverham.

Chairman

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