

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

Meeting Commenced: 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended: 8.40 p.m.

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

In attendance: Clerk, PC Phil Kinsella, PCSO Kate Turner and seven members of the public.

Public participation

Police report: PC Phil Kinsella summarised his proposal (Agenda item 11) to move the playpod to Court de Wyck School, Claverham, and use it to store the police mobile skatepark. The Parish Council would not be asked to insure the skatepark. He hoped that the playpod could be moved before the summer holidays.

Paul Quest commented:

- Agenda item 9 (recycling bank): Hangstones was unsuitable for a recycling bank. It was in a residential area and Hangstones itself was a recreational area. The car park would have to be open 24 hours a day. The appearance of the car park would be unsightly.
- Agenda item 11 (playpod): it was unclear where new play facilities on Hangstones would be located
- Agenda item 5 (hearing loop): Paul reminded the Committee of the commitment at the foot of every agenda
- General: Paul considered the Council could take a more pro-active approach to communication

Glenys Foster endorsed Paul's comments.

Allan Attwood, also speaking on Agenda item 9, considered a recycling bank would be of no use unless the car park was open 24 hours a day.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP330: Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Clare Bessant and David Crossman.

AAP331: Declarations of Interest

None

AAP332: Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 February 2010

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED that Agenda items 9 (recycling bank) and 11 (playpod) be taken next.

AAP333: Request from North Somerset Council to locate a recycling bank at Hangstones

The Clerk reported that the Co-op was likely to ask North Somerset Council to remove the recycling bank from its car park and that North Somerset Council had asked the Parish council if it would be possible to relocate the bank to Hangstones. In discussion members endorsed the comments made earlier by members of the public.

RESOLVED that the request be refused.

AAP334: Proposal to move the playpod from Hangstones to Court de Wyck School, Claverham

The Clerk emphasised that no final decision had been taken on where new play equipment on Hangstones would be located but repeated that as part of the project there would be the opportunity to spend Parish Council money on sites other than Hangstones. In discussion members suggested another mini-goal post on Broadcroft.

RESOLVED that the proposal to move the playpod to Court de Wyck School, Claverham, in order to house the police mobile skatepark be approved.

AAP335: Portable hearing loop

The Clerk reported that the supplier had recommended a system costing around £1200. However in discussion members noted that a simple portable loop costing around £200 was adequate for St Mary's Chapter House. The

Clerk noted that a simple loop would not in any event be wasted since it could be used in the Parish Office.

RESOLVED that the earlier decision of the Committee to purchase a simple loop for around £200 (22 February 2010, AAP324) be reaffirmed.

AAP336: Aerator

RESOLVED that the purchase of an aerator for £750 + VAT be approved (Grounds Maintenance, 211/4037).

AAP337: Removal of roots of tree at Rock Road car park

The Clerk reported that Yatton Junior Football Club were asking for £350 + VAT as the cost of removing the roots of the tree formerly at Rock Road car park. In discussion members considered that the Parish Council had contributed a great deal to the Football Club. Members also asked when a replacement tree might be planted.

RESOLVED that the request be refused.

AAP338: Garage leased to Yeo Valley Lions Club

The Clerk displayed plans showing a proposed extension to the garage at Hangstones leased to Yeo Valley Lions Club. Members noted that a planning application had been submitted. Members were conscious of the valuable work done for the community by the Lions.

RESOLVED that the Committee supports the extension in principle, subject to the costs of the planning application and all costs of varying the existing lease be met by the Lions Club.

AAP339: Dog bin at corner of Chescombe Road and Binhay Road

The Clerk reported that a resident had asked for this dog bin to be moved following an incident. However the North Somerset Dog Warden did not recommend moving dog bins once they were established.

RESOLVED that the dog bin remain where it is but that it be raised from its current level.

AAP340: Path on Hangstones field

The Clerk reported that he had some quotes but was awaiting others.

RESOLVED that acceptance of a quote be referred to the Council meeting on 10 May.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

AAP341: Summary income & expenditure report (Annex 1)

Noted

AAP342: Clerk's report

- (1) The container at Hangstones had been delivered. Members considered it was unobtrusive.
- (2) The chain across the overflow car park had been reinstated.

AAP343: 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) Prevention of car parking on the land at the corner of High Street, Yatton, and Cherry Grove.
- (5) Provision for cricket in Yatton and Claverham.
- (6) Play equipment and picnic table at Broadcroft.

Chairman

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