

Minutes
of a Meeting of
Yatton Parish Council
Amenities & Properties Committee
held on
26 October 2009
at Hangstones Pavilion

Meeting Commenced: 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended: 8.50 p.m.

Present: Councillors Graham Humphreys (Chairman), Maurice Blunsdon, David Crossman, Martyn Hooper, Susan Morris, Viv Wathen, Jean Watson

In attendance: Councillor Ian Payne, Clerk, two members of the public.

Public participation

The Chairman congratulated Les Howland on winning First Prize in the Best kept Allotment competition.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP281: Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Clare Bessant and Mike Cox.

AAP282: Declarations of Interest

None

AAP283: Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 September 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2009 were approved as a correct record with the correction of a spelling mistake and signed by the Chairman.

AAP284: Committee budget for 2010/11

Members considered a budget spreadsheet (Annex 1).

In discussion members suggested that consideration be given to the following:

- Access control at Hangstones
- Path round the perimeter of Hangstones
- Improvements to the BMX track
- Further hedge-laying and fencing at Hangstones
- Additional play equipment at Barberry Farm play area

Members also suggested that there should be a rolling programme for improvement of play areas, perhaps with one play area specified for each year.

RESOLVED that the budget be further considered at the next meeting of the Committee and that the Clerk be asked to provide projected out-turns for 2009/10.

AAP285: Provision of a new noticeboard in Claverham

RESOLVED that a new wooden noticeboard be purchased for Claverham, at a cost of up to £1500 and that, subject to the landowner's agreement the noticeboard be placed on the grass at the junction of Claverham Park and Bishops Road.

AAP286: Replacement of the safety surfacing at Broadcroft

The Clerk reported that the safety surfacing at Broadcroft needed replacing before it became a safety risk. The cost would probably be between £4000 and £5000. One quote had already been obtained.

RESOLVED that the Clerk obtain further quotes and report back to the next meeting of the Committee.

AAP287: Use of the £2000 reserve earmarked for play equipment

Maurice Blunsdon agreed to consult residents about new play equipment at the Barberry Farm play area.

RESOLVED that the reserve be used for extra play equipment at Barberry farm play area, if residents would like this, and also for mini-goal posts at Broadcroft.

AAP288: Management of the bush by the cremation plots in the Burial Ground

RESOLVED that the bush by the cremation plots in the Burial Ground be removed.

AAP289: Management of street lights

Members considered the environmental benefit and cost saving of switching off some of the Parish Council's street lights.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be asked to mention the possibility of switching off some of the Parish Council's street lights on the website and in the press, and to report back to the next meeting of the Committee.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

AAP290: Summary Income and Expenditure report (Annex 1)

Noted

AAP291: Clerk's report

- (1) Ballstop netting was now up at Hangstones and Broadcroft.
- (2) The Clerk was obtaining a second quote for work on the BMX track.
- (3) The hedge layer would start work at Hangstones on 31 October.
- (4) The builder was replacing the cladding on Hangstones pavilion on 28 October.
- (5) The gates to the Rock Road play area would be re-fitted shortly.
- (6) The Clerk would ask the contractor either to secure or to remove the fence panels at Rock Road car park as they were a safety hazard and were achieving no purpose.
- (7) There would be a site visit to Cadbury Hill on Friday 6 November (David Crossman and Martyn Hooper will attend)

AAP279: Future Agenda items

- (1) Further consideration of 2010/11 budget.
- (2) Access control at Hangstones
- (3) Decision on £2000 reserve earmarked for play equipment
- (4) Report back on quotes for replacing safety surfacing.
- (5) Report back on residents' views on timing of street lights
- (6) Users' proposals for improving the BMX track

Chairman

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