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

Meeting Commenced: 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended: 8.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors Graham Humphreys (Chairman), Maurice Blunsdon, Mike Cox, Martyn Hooper, Susan Morris, Ian Payne and Jean Watson

In attendance: Councillor Brian Phillips, Clerk and four members of the public

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP438: Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from David Crossman, Susan Morris and Viv Wathen.

AAP439: Declarations of Interest

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AAP440: Public participation

Brian Phillips spoke on Agenda item 7 (policy on dividing allotments). He drew attention to the Allotment Allocation Policy adopted by the Committee in March 2008. This had been adopted in response to concerns about the number of very small plots. He suggested the Policy should be re-affirmed.

Les Howland added that in 1946 there had been 27 full-size plots and there were now 74, many of them a quarter of the size recommended by the Government.

Glenys Foster asked if there was a police presence at Hangstones during the night. The Clerk replied that the police were well aware of residents' concerns and it continued to be a priority.

The Chairman thanked all members of the public for their constructive input over the year.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP441: Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 February 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AAP442: Exclusion of public

RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda item 10 (re-surfacing of Well Lane path) 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.

AAP443: Hall and pitch hire charges

Members considered the current list of charges (Annex 1). Members considered there was no scope for an increase in hall hire charges until the building was refurbished.

RESOLVED to recommend to the Finance, Personnel & Administration Committee that there be no increase in hall hire charges.

In discussion of pitch hire charges members considered that Yatton Athletic Football Club got a good deal. They asked the Clerk to provide costings for the Parish Council's expenditure on the field, and also for any research on the charging policy of other councils.

RESOLVED that the matter of pitch hire charges be deferred.

AAP444: Allotment Allocation Policy

RESOLVED that the Policy adopted in March 2008 (Annex 2) be re-affirmed.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

AAP445: Clerk's report

- (1) Playbuilder display, Tuesday 29 March. Five suppliers had submitted proposals. The Clerk emphasised that he had asked all the suppliers to submit proposals for accessible equipment.
- (2) Meeting to consider the future of the playpod, Monday 4 April.
- (3) The Clerk had agreed the siting and design of the seat in memory of Bert French with the Village Hall Social Committee.

- (4) The gardener who maintains the flower beds at the War Memorial has agreed to maintain the flower beds at Glebelands.

AAP446: Future Agenda items

- (1) Requests for grit bins at Whitehouse Road, Jasmine Lane and Claverham Drove, Claverham
- (2) Pitch charges at Hangstones
- (3) Repainting play equipment at Rock Road

(The public left the room.)

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP447: Re-surfacing of the path at Well Lane

Members considered three quotes (Confidential Annex 3).

RESOLVED that the quote from AMD Drives in the sum of £1500 be accepted.

Chairman

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