

**Minutes**  
of a Meeting of  
**Yatton Parish Council**  
**Amenities & Properties Committee**  
held on  
**30 November 2009**  
at Hangstones Pavilion

Meeting Commenced: 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended: 9.15 p.m.

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

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

**Public participation**

Pat Stevens referred to Agenda item 8 (access control at Hangstones) and spoke in favour of permanently blocking the access way between 38 and 40 Stowey Road. He referred to a report by the Clerk which had favoured the car park as the sole entrance. There was no public right of way across the access way and although there was an easement the only body that benefited was the Parish Council.

Peter Gendle and Roger Hooper spoke on Agenda item 10 (cricket provision in Yatton and Claverham) and referred to the note circulated to councillors (Annex 1). Claverham Cricket Club had 199 members, of whom 31 were seniors and 125 were youth cricketers, including 11 girls under 10. There were too many members and too few pitches. Either a natural or an artificial wicket could be provided, although an artificial wicket was preferable for beginners. However they accepted that an artificial wicket might not be practicable on Hangstones. They urged the Parish Council to demonstrate support for cricket in Yatton and Claverham.

Glenys Foster supported the previous speakers. She felt that fostering good sportsmanship among young people might help to prevent anti-social behaviour.

## **MATTERS FOR DECISION**

### **AAP293: Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Clare Bessant.

### **AAP294: Declarations of Interest**

Martyn Hooper declared a personal interest in Agenda item 10 (cricket provision in Yatton and Claverham) as a member of his family was Chairman of Claverham Cricket Club.

### **AAP295: Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 October 2009**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 October 2009 were approved as a correct record, with the addition of apologies from Trevor Bidwell-Ford, and signed by the Chairman.

It was noted that the new Claverham noticeboard would be located by the post-box at the junction of Claverham Park and Claverham Road.

RESOLVED that Agenda item 10 (cricket provision in Yatton and Claverham) be taken next.

### **AAP296: Cricket provision in Yatton and Claverham**

Members considered a paper submitted by Claverham Cricket Club (Annex 1). It was noted that any new provision could take effect only for the 2011 season. Members also noted the possibility of grant funding from North Somerset Council for youth sports.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that Yatton Parish Council expresses its support for cricket in Yatton and Claverham
- (2) that North Somerset Council and councillors be asked about the possibility of land being made available for cricket
- (3) that the options for natural and artificial wickets on Hangstones be discussed with Claverham Cricket Club
- (4) that opportunities for grant funding from North Somerset Council and elsewhere be investigated.

### **AAP297: Committee budget for 2010/11**

Members considered a budget spreadsheet (Annex 2).

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the provision for Hangstones Recreation Health & Safety (211/4017) be increased from £2000 to £5000 to provide for further hedging and fencing
- (2) that the provision for capital expenditure on play equipment (299/4924) be increased from £2000 to £5000 to provide for a rolling programme for play equipment upgrading
- (3) that the Clerk be authorised to insert a figure for a Hangstones path when a quote is received.

### **AAP298: Safety surfacing at Broadcroft**

The Clerk reported that a long-term surface would cost £8000 to £9000. a like-for-like replacement which would last around five years would cost around £3000. In discussion members considered that a five-year solution would be adequate.

RESOLVED that a further quote be obtained for like-for-like replacement and that the matter be further considered at the next meeting.

### **AAP299: Increasing the height of 'ballstop' netting at Hangstones**

The Clerk reported that a quote had not yet been received

RESOLVED that the matter be further considered at the next meeting

### **AAP300: Access control at Hangstones**

The Clerk reminded members that while the Police did not consider the access way between 38 and 40 Stowey Road essential they did find it helpful in permitting quick access to the field. The Clerk also mentioned that if pedestrian gates to Hangstones were to be locked at night someone would be needed to lock the gates and ensure that there was no-one on the field.

RESOLVED, by 8 votes to 1:

- (1) that data be obtained from the Police on incidents on Hangstones field at night
- (2) that quotes be obtained for lockable pedestrian gates at the car park and a barrier a lockable gate on the access way.

**AAP301: Lighting at Hangstones pavilion**

In discussion members were not in favour of lighting Hangstones pavilion every night

RESOLVED that the Clerk ask an electrician for recommendations for lighting Hangstones pavilion and car parks when the building is in use at night.

**MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

**AAP302: Summary Income and Expenditure report (Annex 3)**

Noted

**AAP303: Clerk's report**

The Clerk had posted a note on the website asking for comments on the possibility of switching off street lights (AAP289 refers) but had received no comments. He would try to get some press publicity.

**AAP304: Future Agenda items**

New play equipment at Barberry Farm

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Chairman

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