

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

Meeting commenced: 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended: 8.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Mike Cox (Chairman) Trevor Bidwell-Ford, Maurice Blunston, David Crossman, Martyn Hooper, Graham Humphreys, Robert Jenner, Ian Payne, Rhiannon Prys-Owen and Jean Watson

In attendance: Clerk, Administrative Assistant Aleana Baird and three members of the public

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP36/11: Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Brian Phillips

AAP37/11: Declarations of Interest

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AAP38/11: Public participation

None.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP39/11: Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 August 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 August 2011 were approved as a correct record, subject to the removal of Brian Phillips' name from the list of those present, and signed by the Chairman.

AAP40/11: Arrangements for Christmas lights in 2011

Aleana Baird updated the Committee. The existing contractor had proved satisfactory in 2010. There had been little feedback. She hoped to be able to purchase new motifs and make other improvements within the existing budget. She was confident that a tree could be placed next to the shop in Claverham. Aleana proposed an individual to switch on the Christmas lights.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that WGS be re-appointed as contractors subject to their quote being comparable with that for 2010;
- (2) that a tree should be placed in Claverham if feasible;
- (3) that the individual proposed by Aleana Baird be invited to switch on the lights;
- (4) that the Clerk be authorised to purchase new motifs and make other improvements within the existing budget.

AAP41/11: Maintenance of the memorial garden at the Burial Ground

The Clerk reported on the state of the memorial garden. The brickwork was crumbling and the garden was not attractive.

Members suggested that the maintenance of the garden could be a project for councillors. Trevor Bidwell-Ford offered to report free of charge on the state of the garden. and a working party of councillors could be invited to undertake maintenance.

RESOLVED that Trevor Bidwell-Ford be asked to report free of charge on the state of the garden.

AAP42/11: Sheep straying onto Hangstones field

The Clerk reported that this continued to be a serious problem, and that letters to the owner of the sheep had produced no result. One of the ball-stop nets now required replacement as a result of damage caused by sheep.

RESOLVED that the owner's insurer be invited to appoint an assessor to attend a site meeting in order to assess damage caused by straying sheep.

AAP43/11: Grit bins in Claverham

The Clerk reported requests for grit bins in Claverham as follows:

- bottom of Whitehouse Road (steep hill leading to nursing home)
- north end of Jasmine Lane (T-junction)
- Claverham Drove (steep bridge over railway)

Cost £100 each bin.

RESOLVED that a bin be purchased for each of the above locations (252/4045).

AAP44/11: Provision of Community Play Space (formerly Playbuilder) equipment at Hangstones

Members noted that the tree work approved on 8 August would be carried out on 8 September.

The Clerk reported that the supplier of the new equipment had asked for advance payment of one third of the total quoted price on account of materials. This was not in accordance with normal practice, which allowed for phased payment as each item was satisfactorily installed.

RESOLVED that the request for advance payment be refused.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

AAP45/11: Income & expenditure account (Annex 1)

Noted

AAP46/11: Clerk's report

- (1) Email from residents of Church Road thanking the Parish Council for the work carried out at the wildflower garden.(Annex 2)

AAP47/11: Future agenda items

- (1) Requests for grit bins in Yatton.
- (2) Re-planting of the wildflower garden: meeting to be held with residents of Church Road.

Chairman

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