

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

Meeting Commenced: 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended: 9.05 p.m.

Present: Councillors Maurice Blunsdon, Mike Cox, David Crossman, Martyn Hooper, Graham Humphreys, Susan Morris, Ian Payne, Viv Wathen and Jean Watson

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

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP344: Election of Chairman

David Crossman took the Chair as Chairman of the Council

RESOLVED that Graham Humphreys be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

The Chairman took the Chair.

AAP345: Election of Vice-Chairman

RESOLVED that Mike Cox be elected Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

Public participation

Roger Hooper referred to Agenda item 9 (cricket provision in Yatton). The Lord's Taverners had agreed to contribute £3000 towards the cost of an artificial wicket on Hangstones field. The total cost would be £7200 + VAT. The offer expired on 11 June. The wicket would be guaranteed for 10 years. Roger invited councillors to visit Claverham Cricket Club.

Councillor Jean Watson enquired when the playpod would be moved to Claverham. The Clerk replied that he and the police were waiting for the North Somerset play workers to arrange this.

Councillor Brian Phillips referred to Agenda item 11 (memorial garden at the burial ground) and passed on the concerns of members of the public. The memorial plaques could no longer be seen. The garden needed tidying and trimming.

Councillor Susan Morris reported that Yatton Junior Football Club had agreed to plant trees along the Rectory Way side of Rock Road field to his the floodlights. The Clerk suggested that the contract should be placed by the Parish Council so that the VAT can be reclaimed.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP346: Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Clare Bessant and Trevor Bidwell-Ford

AAP347: Declarations of Interest

Martyn Hooper declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda item 9 (cricket provision in Yatton) as his son was chairman of Claverham Cricket Club.

Maurice Blunsdon declared a personal interest in Agenda item 11 (memorial garden at the burial ground) as his wife had written to the Parish Council to express her concern.

AAP348: Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 April 2010

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED that Agenda item 9 (cricket provision in Yatton) be taken next.

AAP349: Cricket provision in Yatton

Martyn Hooper, having declared a personal and prejudicial interest, left the room.

The Clerk commented that as the contract would be placed by Claverham Cricket Club the cost would include VAT. If the Committee wished to contribute £5000 or more the transaction would have to be approved by full Council.

In discussion members considered that the wicket would be valuable provision for young people in Yatton and that if it was attractive and well used it should not be vandalised.

RESOLVED to contribute £4999 towards the cost of an artificial wicket on Hangstones field (299/4935, Hangstones capital projects)

Martyn Hooper returned to the room.

AAP350: Schedule of meetings for 2010/11.

RESOLVED that meetings be held as follows, all at 7.30 p.m. in Hangstones:

Monday 19 July 2010
Monday 20 September 2010
Monday 18 October 2010
Monday 29 November 2010
Monday 17 January 2011
Monday 21 February 2011
Monday 28 March 2011
Monday 25 April 2011

AAP351: Comments from skatepark users

Niccy Lockhart submitted a written report (Annex 1) and commented on it. Users were grateful to the Parish Council for replacing the grinding rail. Users considered to be concerned about anti-social behaviour such as graffiti.

The Clerk mentioned that the police were still keen to progress the graffiti project but that funding was a problem.

Members considered it was impracticable for local residents to be asked to provide first aid as they would require training and also need to be CRB checked.

RESOLVED that the Clerk investigate the following and report back:

- Cigarette bin
- Possibilities for first aid kit
- First aid training
- Bicycle racks

AAP352: Land at the corner of Cherry Grove and High Street, Yatton

In discussion there was concern about:

- Cars being driven over the pavement
- Cars being drive over private land
- Possible loss of trade to shops on the High Street if parking space is reduced

RESOLVED that the matter be deferred to enable members to make further enquiries of neighbouring residents and businesses.

AAP353: Memorial garden at the burial ground

Members shared the concern of the public at the state of the memorial garden, which had never been maintained by the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council undertake the active management of the memorial garden, clear and tidy the garden and undertake some suitable planting.

AAP354: New litter bin at Rock Road car park

The Clerk reported that one bin had gone missing and the remaining one was too small.

RESOLVED that a new bin be purchased, cost £237.28 + VAT (212/4045. Rock Road bins).

AAP355: Concrete ramp for container at Hangstones

RESOLVED that a concrete ramp to the container at Hangstones be constructed, cost £260 (211/4037, Hangstones grounds maintenance)

AAP356: Ball-stop netting at Hangstones

The Clerk reported that a local contractor had quoted £900 to raise the height of the netting by 1.5 metres.

In discussion members considered that this money could be better spent on improved fencing.

RESOLVED that problems be monitored and the matter be reconsidered when the next round of hedging has been completed.

AAP357: Plaque for Yatton Library

A plaque had been paid for out of the Parish Plan grant but contained a spelling mistake.

RESOLVED that the plaque be re-made at the Parish Council's expense, cost £229 + carriage + VAT (252/4045, open spaces signs).

AAP358: Review of signage

Members considered that much of the signage on the Parish Council's properties was looking tired. Renewal could be considered as an ongoing project.

RESOLVED that the Clerk report back with examples of good signage and a project plan.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

AAP359: Summary income & expenditure report (Annex 2)

Noted

AAP360: Clerk's report

Hangstones car park had been locked over the holiday weekend. The Clerk would check to ensure this was a one-off problem.

AAP361: 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) Management of land at the corner of High Street, Yatton, and Cherry Grove.
- (5) Play equipment and picnic table at Broadcroft.
- (6) Tree planting at Rock Road
- (7) Drop kerb at Rock Road

(8) Facilities at skatepark

(9) Signage

(10) Possible allotment sites.

(11) New dog bin at end of Chapel Lane, Claverham

(12) Christmas lights

Chairman

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