

**Draft Minutes**  
of a Meeting of  
**Yatton Parish Council**  
**Amenities and Properties Committee**  
**19<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Held at Hangstones Pavilion, Stowey Road, Yatton, BS49 4HS.

Meeting commenced: 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended: 8.13 p.m.

**Present:** Councillors: David Crossman, Jonathan Edwards, James Hooper, Graham Humphreys, Chris Jackson, Robert Jenner, Steve Lister, Peter Lomas, Jessie McArdle and Caroline Sheard.

**In attendance:** Clerk and Megan Thurgur (Parish Grounds staff).

**MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**AAP70/24: Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies had been received from Councillors Massimo Morelli and Bryan Thomas.

**AAP71/24: To receive Councillors' declarations of interests and consider any written applications for dispensations (the Committee may only grant a dispensation to enable a member to speak in public participation).**

NONE.

**MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**AAP72/24: Public participation.**

No members of the public present.

**MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**AAP73/24: Minutes of the Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (Agenda item 4).**

The minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**AAP74/24: If the Committee wishes to exclude the public the following resolution must be passed:**

'That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item(s) ... on the ground that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest [by reason of the confidential nature of the business] or [for other special reason which must be stated].'

**NOT REQUIRED.**

**AAP75/24: Parish Gardener and Groundsmen Report (Agenda item 6).**

Megan Thurgur had given a comprehensive report at the last meeting which was only three weeks ago therefore she had no updates to report this evening.

**AAP76/24: To consider the consultation responses about a new bench at Cherry Grove.**

Since the last meeting of the Committee the Clerk had carried out a consultation as requested to ascertain the opinions of placing a bench on the area at the junction of Cherry Grove and the High Street. The letters circulated to 42 residential and business properties in the vicinity. The Committee thanked Councillor Chris Jackson for delivering the letters. There had been thirteen responses received mostly from properties closest to the proposed location of the bench. Apart from one they were all not in support of installing a bench on the grounds of attracting antisocial behavior. There were also comments about the boulder that had been placed nearest to the garage encouraging people to climb onto the garage roofs. The responses were supportive of a planter at the location.

Members discussed the responses that had been circulated to them prior to the meeting. They asked the Clerk to highlight the area to the Police as a place where antisocial behavior can take place and ask them to keep a watch on it and to move the boulder further away from the garages.

**RESOLVED:** not to install a bench on the area at the junction of Cherry Grove and the High Street.

**AAP77/24: To consider a quote for work to an Ash tree on Rock Road (work to be done early in the new financial year).**

This item was deferred to the next meeting as a quote had not been received.

**AAP78/24: To arrange a cemetery working group meeting and visits to any established cemeteries of interest.**

The working group were to visit other cemeteries/burial grounds in the locality on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 1.30 pm. A further meeting will be arranged to discuss the style of fencing/gates at the entrance on Mendip Road and into the cemetery itself ahead of the Clerk obtaining quotes.

**AAP79/24: To discuss the idea of holding a workshop on how to administer life saving first aid.**

The committee discussed the idea especially the use of professional trainers and researching the feasibility and viable interest this may generate within the Parish.

**RESOLVED:** to form a CPR Training Workshop Working Group to research the feasibility of holding this event. Working Group members Graham Humphreys, James Hooper and Steve Lister.

**AAP80/24: To receive the Clerk's report (Agenda Item11).**

i) The Clerk advised that the EV Charge points discussed at the last meeting had been actioned. The details of Glebelands car park had been provided and the company were approaching charge point providers to ascertain interest in moving forward with this project. It was anticipated between 6 to 8 weeks to hear feedback.

- ii) The Clerk had submitted (on 15/2/24) locations provided by Speedwatch to North Somerset Highways and Road Safety Officers to gain approval hopefully in time to apply for the next round of grants in April. No reply had been received to date.
- iii) There had been two site meetings following the marking up of the site boundary in the cemetery field. The first one was with the adjacent resident, the Clerk, Cllrs David Crossman Robert Jenner and a contractor to discuss the details of the wall and fence to be installed as part of the levelling work on the boundary of the right hand property. The meeting went well with a clear conclusion of what was going to be installed and where on the boundary. The second meeting was today with the Clerk, the farmer who grazes the field, Councillor David Crossman and a contractor. This was to establish the location of water pipes, returnable valves and the farmhouse supply at the entrance on Mendip Road that supply the farmhouse. In addition to the site boundary fencing a small additional section of temporary fence was discussed while the cemetery was under development to allow the land to be grazed at the same time.
- iv) The Clerk advised that this was the last Committee meeting scheduled for 2023-24 and that the next meeting on the draft calendar was 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024. This was too long and therefore it was suggested that an additional meeting was held on either the 8<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> April. The Committee were happy with either date, the Clerk was to advise in due course.
- vii) A suggestion had been made to replace street weedkilling with road sweeping to control weeds. The cost of this had been looked into and this could be discussed at the next suitable meeting after the North Somerset Council weedkilling workshop on the 29<sup>th</sup> February.

**AAP81/24: Future agenda items.**

A new brass commemorative plaque for fallen of wars since WW2.

Christmas Lights Working Group Report including North End Christmas Tree and additional lighting locations.

Parish Finger Posts.

To species label Parish trees and to create a tree trail.

Bat boxes on Hangstones.

New cemetery time capsules and opening ceremony.

To create a hard surface path into Hangstones play area.

The use of weedkiller at the allotments.

Upgrading of the Cherry Grove area.

Replacing felled ash at Hangstones.

Design a Yatton Parish Council flag.

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Chairman

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