

Draft Minutes
of a Meeting of
Yatton Parish Council
Amenities and Properties Committee
held on
22 February 2021

Held remotely via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/589050719>

Meeting commenced: 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended: 8.50 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Rachel Batchelor, David Crossman, Jonathan Edwards, Wendy Griggs, Graham Humphreys, Chris Jackson, Robert Jenner, Massimo Morelli and co-opted non-voting committee member Megan Thurgur.

In attendance: Clerk, District Councillor Steve Bridger and a member of the public.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP60/21: Apologies for Absence.

NONE.

AAP61/21: 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.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AAP62/21: Public participation.

A member of the public regarding agenda item 10 and her support for the provision of additional bins on Wemberham Lane. She also asked if a bin could be provided for volunteer litter pickers to dispose of the waste.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP63/21: Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 February 2020.

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2020 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AAP64/21: If the Committee wishes to exclude the public the following resolution must be passed:

Not Required.

AAP65/21: Parish Gardener and Groundsmen Report.

***** Since the last meeting in February 2020 the Parish Gardener Megan Thurgur was now a part-time employee of the Parish Council as a grounds person and gardener.**

Gardens Report – Megan Thurgur had circulated a report prior to the meeting which gave an overview of the progress made in each of the areas she worked on over the past year i.e. Glebelands gardens, the adjacent orchard area, Heathgate and the War Memorial and including all the planters. The report was available on the website.

Grounds Report – The head groundsman Jeff Shipway had also circulated a report prior to the meeting which gave an overview of the past year for all the areas that he and Megan look after in addition to the ones in Megan's report i.e. Hangstones Pavilion & fields and Rock Road fields, Broadcroft Open space and play area, Well Lane, Heathgate, Barberry Farm Road, Cadbury Farm Road, the village green, the Mendip Road allotments and the burial ground. The report was available on the website.

The reports were noted by the Committee and they thanked Jeff and Megan for all their work.

AAP66/21 To receive an overview of the work, issues and progress with projects since March 2020 lockdown.

The Clerk had circulated a report to the Committee prior to the meeting and asked for any questions. The Committee noted the report and the issues of the TPO's on Hangstones, the play equipment problems and reduction in spaces at the burial ground and the measures taken to create a little more space and time to bring forward the new cemetery. The North End allotments land transfer had progressed to the searches stage but no opening date yet. The structural plans we had done for the Hangstones alterations had been to building control and then on to the architect for checking ahead of going out to quote.

AAP67/21: To discuss Christmas Lights display 2020.

The Committee were pleased with the Claverham Christmas tree which was much better lit this Christmas now mains supply had been established. There had been very complimentary comments about it. The Committee discussed working towards placing a Christmas tree at North End and the means to light other places in the parish whether by electric supply or solar. The Christmas Lights working group will take this forward and come back to the Committee as a future agenda item.

AAP68/21: To consider a new Hangstones Pavilion & Recreation Fields facility sign.

Councillors Rachel Batchelor and Graham Humphreys had worked on ideas for a new sign and the Clerk had made an approach to a signage company on that basis. The design was displayed to the Committee. Suggestions were made including provision for additional slats, adding the basketball area and possibly a QR code linked to booking Hangstones hall. Cost £825 ex vat, delivery and install.

RESOLVED: to approve the basic design and cost for a new sign. The colour and final details were to be decided. The Clerk would arrange options for this and circulate to members.

AAP69/21: To consider an offer by Stowells Concrete to sponsor another dog bin and a litter bin in the layby on Wemberham Lane near the kennels on the basis that the Parish Council will empty the bins.

The Committee discussed both a litter bin and dog bin at the suggested location. There was also discussion about the possibility of providing a commercial bin at Hangstones that volunteer litter pickers could use for waste disposal. The establishment of a network of volunteer litter pickers was also discussed. The Clerk was to obtain costs for another commercial bin and bring back as a future agenda item.

RESOLVED: to agree to empty a new dog bin on Wemberham Lane. The Clerk would contact Stowells to make the arrangements.

AAP70/21: To discuss the damage to the wall in Glebelands car park.

The Committee discussed the damage and health and safety issues should the entrance be significantly widened. They concluded that a small amount of widening (6 inches) would be appropriate but any more may cause problems of increased use and speed by vehicles. Consideration to providing a mirror to assist drivers to see approaching road users from the High Street along Church Road. The Clerk was to obtain quotes on this basis and bring it back as a future agenda item.

AAP71/21: The weedkilling schedule 2021.

There was no change to the schedule (included one street weed kill and applications to hard surface areas at Hangstones, Rock Road, Glebelands carpark, War Memorial gravel, the Causeway and Broadcroft play area path). The cost was retained at the 2020 rate.

RESOLVED: to approve the schedule and quote for weedkilling 2021.

AAP72/21: To receive the Clerk's report. (Agenda Item 13).

i) A letter had been received from four children asking about the Parish Council providing recycling bins in the precinct. The Committee requested her to approach DJ Foley and ask. The response would form a future agenda item.

AAP73/21: Future agenda items.

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

Play Areas Working Group Report.

Hangstones Alterations Working Group Report.

New Allotments Working Group Report.

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

Parish Finger Posts.

Hangstones Facilities sign.

Defibrillator at Hangstones.

Basketball surface quotes spring 2020.

Recycling bins in precinct.

Additional commercial bin costs at Hangstones.

Glebelands wall repair quotes.

Chairman

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