

Draft Minutes
of a Meeting of
Yatton Parish Council
Amenities and Properties Committee
held on
29 March 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, Graham Humphreys, Chris Jackson, Robert Jenner and co-opted non-voting committee member Megan Thurgur.

In attendance: Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP74/21: Apologies for Absence.

Apologies had been received from Councillors Wendy Griggs and Massimo Morelli.

AAP75/21: 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

AAP76/21: Public participation.

NONE.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP77/21: Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 February 2021.

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AAP78/21: If the Committee wishes to exclude the public the following resolution must be passed:

RESOLVED: that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 12 on the ground that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the competitive quotes.

AAP79/21: Parish Gardener and Groundsmen Report.

Gardens Report – Megan Thurgur gave the report on behalf of herself and Jeff Shipway. The hedge at the Barberry Farm open space had been renovated and the new hedge in the orchard area was doing well. The new wildflower meadow was sown last week and the mowing schedule had begun. The newly planted trees (3 Silver Birch on Rock Road and 1 Maple, 1 Cherry, 1 Apple on Hangstones) were doing well. The Heathgate ‘peoples’ border had two stumps removed and the Phormiums in the large planters were getting too big so were being transferred to this border. A resident wished to donate up to £100 towards shrubs in the Glebelands, a large Winter Sweet had been purchased and an Amelanchier was planned which would follow the planting scheme for the border.

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

AAP80/21 To consider the design of the new Hangstones Pavilion & Recreation Fields facilities sign.

RESOLVED: to approve the design of the sign in green with gold finials including amendments to wording.

AAP81/21: To consider the installing of an area of Astroturf by a member of the public at the cremation area of the burial ground.

The Committee did not condone the use of Astroturf in the burial ground, it would set a precedent and may cause health and safety issues i.e. trip hazard. However the sensitivity of the matter was understood. Councillor David Crossman knew the resident and was happy to take this up on the Committee’s behalf. The reseeding of the area was to be progressed including notices explaining the reseeding to encourage residents to avoid walking on the area for a short period to allow growth.

AAP82/21: The Horticultural Society are considering ideas around the Parish including a bench on Hangstones or another location. They are seeking the Amenities Committee opinion prior to taking it forward to a Horticultural Society meeting.

RESOLVED: to suggest the village green as a place for a new bench. If the Horticultural Society were willing to provide a bench at this location the Parish Council may consider purchasing another one with a view to removing the three very small existing dilapidated ones.

AA83/21: To consider a draft response to the Green Infrastructure Strategy for North Somerset Consultation.

RESOLVED: to approve the draft response for submission to North Somerset Council with no amendments. The Committee thanked Councillor Chris Jackson for his work on the document.

AAP84/21: To consider a quote for crown reducing a tree adjacent to Hangstones car park.

RESOLVED: not to approve the work to the tree at this time.

**AAP85/21 To consider quotes for the damage to the wall in Glebelands car park.
Confidential Item.**

RESOLVED: to approve the quote from Weston Outdoor Services of £1,200. The Clerk was to continue to resolve the issue of damage by the refuse truck prior to the work to the wall being done.

AAP72/21: To receive the Clerk's report. (Agenda Item 12).

i) A request had been received to allow an icecream van at Hangstones. Members agreed to this.

ii) The resident of Ashleigh Crescent had contacted Chairman Jonathan Edwards and again requested that the light be moved. The Council had resolved as follows in September 2020. There had been no change that would require this to be revisited but the Clerk had obtained a price for a shield and the Parish Council contractor was prepared to deal directly with the resident to provide a shield if she wished. Councillor Jonathan Edwards would reply and advise as such.

COU133/20: To consider the request to move the streetlight at the top of Ashleigh Crescent following a second round of consultation with residents.

All the consultation responses were not in favour of moving the light. The resident who made the request had asked if the request to move the light was declined could a low watt bulb and shield be installed to reduce light into the property.

RESOLVED: to not move the streetlight outside 10, Ashleigh Crescent.

RESOLVED: that a different lantern maybe installed at the expense of the resident subject to the prior approval and monitoring of the Parish Council on which contractor was used for the work and the specification of the lantern to be installed.

iii) A gentleman had asked if he could plant a tree in memory of his wife, there was ample space. Members agreed to this. The variety would be discussed with the groundstaff.

iv) The Claverham Parish Orderly has asked about litter picking in the new estate. Options - He's not keen to increase his regular hours but would do it if you want and budget allows (refer to Finance?) or he can add the site into a create a 3 week rotation so most streets get cleaned at least once a month and keep to current hours with the odd extra hour if anywhere needs extra attention. Finally he could not do the site apart from on an as needed occasional basis. Members asked if he could trial using the 3 week rotation option.

v) One of the old Rockers at Hangstones has had to be closed because it's loose in the ground, it had been dug out and re-seated in January (£350) so this implies that it might be the actual post of the rocker 'going' rather than how it is installed. A new rocker had been installed at Rock Road for £989.40 was it worth trying to dig and re-install again? Members asked for it to be removed, a replacement would be looked at it due course.

vi) The Clerk had fully investigated a recycling bin in the precinct that had been requested by four children. It was not possible for a variety of reasons around spoilt recycling, people's behaviour in its use, already 3 bins in precinct and one outside the Co-op, no emptying facility offered by NSC. The Clerk had replied to the children including the reasons mentioned and provided details of how incinerated waste is used to provide energy, surface roads and in the manufacture of breeze blocks.

vii) The North End Allotments land transfer was progressing and the Clerk was commencing the admin associated with final allocation of plots and the tenancy packs. It would have an impact on releasing plots at Mendip Road as a few people had plots there that intended to move to North End when they open.

viii) A distance marker slab for the fitness track was suggested by the full-time groundsman to be placed at the side entrance onto Hangstones fields. The Clerk would investigate the options.

ix) The Clerk hoped to have basketball surface quotes for the next meeting and hopefully Hangstones alterations phase one quotes for May Full Council. The bench approved January 2021 Full Council in memory of a resident's wife had not been carried out as although the Clerk had emailed the resident to let them know of its approval no reply had been received. A commercial bin to hold waste collected by volunteer litter pickers had been secured at no charge, however it had not been received as NSC were waiting for stock. The Clerk would make contact with volunteers once it arrived. The Clerk would investigate a dropped kerb opposite Horsecastle play area.

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.

Defibrillator at Hangstones.

Basketball surface quotes spring 2021.

Chairman

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