Draft Minutes

of a Meeting of

Yatton Parish Council

Amenities and Properties Committee

held on

7 June 2021

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

Meeting commenced: 7.30 p.m. Meeting ended: 8.50 p.m.

**Present:** Councillors: Rachel Batchelor, Jonathan Edwards, Wendy Griggs, Graham Humphreys, Chris Jackson, Robert Jenner and Massimo Morelli.

**In attendance:** Clerk, Megan Thurgur (representing ground staff) and a member of Yatton Horticultural Society.

**MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**AAP1/21 To elect a Chairman of Committee for the ensuing year.**

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor Robert Jenner was elected as Chairmen for the next year.

**AAP2/21 To elect a Vice Chairmen of Committee for the ensuing year.**

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor Graham Humphreys was elected as Vice Chairmen for the next year.

**AAP3/21: Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies had been received from Councillor David Crossman.

**AAP4/21: 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**

**AAP5/21: Public participation.**

NONE.

**MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**AAP6/21: Minutes of the Meeting held on 29th March 2021.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th March 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**AAP7/21: 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.**

**AAP8/21: Parish Gardener and Groundsmen Report.**

Megan Thurgur gave the report on behalf of herself and Jeff Shipway. She talked through pictures of Glebelands and the Orchard area and the new meadow area at Hangstones. She highlighted that she would like to plant further native hedging along the stone wall to the right of the entrance out to the village green. The orchard had also been left long in an area to the back of each side of the path and the path sides mown short. This was not causing any problems with litter etc. to date.

Heathgate has new Golden Hop plants to hide a new piece of fence and the new Horse Chestnut tree is doing well.

At Barberry Farm Road open space the hedging has been cut back and reduced. She suggested a crab and a cherry tree could be planted there.

The back boundary of the burial ground required stump grinding from the felling of the conifers and then clearance carried out ahead of planting a hedge and cover for the breeze block wall. The Committee may like to consider entering the Green Flag award scheme or the Playing Field of the Year competition run by Somerset Playing Fields Association.

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

**AAP9/21 To consider granting permission for Yatton Junior Football Club to have a weed kill done on the pitches at Rock Road at the expenses of the Football Club.**

Further to discussion the Committee felt they did not have enough information from the football club about why they wished to weed kill the pitch.The Clerk was to convey to the Football Club that the weedkilling cannot proceed until more details are provided before the Committee will consider the request.

**AAP10/21: To consider a request from Yatton Women’s Institute to plant three trees on the village green to commemorate their 10th Anniversary.**

The Committee discussed the request and concluded they were not in favour of the village green as a location for the trees due to its open aspect and close proximity to many mature trees in the immediate locality. They wished to suggest the alternatives locations of Barberry Farm Road open space, Rock Road fields or an additional tree in the community orchard.

The Clerk would correspond with the WI regarding these suggestions.

**AAP11/21: To consider a joint contribution with the Park Run and Yeo Valley Lions for the provision of a new public defibrillator at Hangstones.**

**RESOLVED:** to purchase a public access defibrillator for Hangstones funding any shortfall in funds required (approx. £1,450) for the equipment and installation. The Parish Council thanked the Park Run, the Yeo Valley Lions and the Freemasons for their contributions towards the purchase.

**AA12/21: To consider a request from Yatton Horticultural Society to provide a bench on Hangstones, Glebelands or by the Community Orchard.**

**RESOLVED:** to allow a bench to be placed between the Community Orchard and the Skatepark on the pitch side of the path.

**AAP13/21: To consider the replacement of the Village Green benches.**

The Committee asked the Clerk to gain a quote for two benches and install costs to bring to the next Committee meeting on 5th July 2021.

**AAP14/21: To consider Tree Officers decision on the two Poplars on Hangstones and a quote for the reduced specification of work on the trees.**

The Committee had reviewed the Tree Officers decision and delegated report following the Tree Preservation Order planning application 21/P/0627/TPO. A tree condition report had been instructed by the Parish Council to be carried out by an arboriculturist as part of the application requirements. This had guided the specification for work requested on the two Poplar trees. The planning application followed serious concerns about safety from adjacent neighbouring property owners and the Parish Council’s own regard for the risk to health and safety of the users on public open space.

**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk instruct the tree surgeon to make the poplar trees safe for the health and safety of the users at Hangstones Pavilion fields.

**AAP15/21: To consider a quote for the felling of 3 dead Ash trees on Rock Road fields.**

\*\*This item is no longer required, the trees were reviewed by a tree surgeon who has said the trees are in a healthy condition. The person who reported them as dead had also phoned to report to say they had come into leaf and that the late cold spring accounted for the impression they had died.

**AAP16/21: To receive the Clerk’s report. (Agenda Item 12).**

i)A meeting of the new cemetery working group was to be arranged to look at how other local parishes provided cremated remains graves.

ii) The Clerk asked the Committee about their views on opening the outside toilet to the public. The views concluded they were not to currently suitable for the public to use regularly and unsupervised due to vulnerability of vandalism, water waste and cleaning provision. Upgrading them to allow for this maybe a possible CIL expenditure project.

iii) The hall and entrance had been painted over the winter.

iv) The Clerk would endeavour to bring quotes for the basket ball surface to the next meeting 5th July.

v) The play area working group needed to meet over the summer to progress new equipment for the Broadcroft play area this autumn.

vi) The new allotments at North End still had not completed, new solicitor had been appointed as the previous one had left the company. The access and water at the site was trying to be progressed.

vii) The new sign for Hangstones had arrived but was not yet installed.

**AAP17/21: 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.

Basketball surface quotes spring 2021.

To species label parish trees.

To create a tree trail.

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Chairman