

Draft Minutes
of a Meeting of
Yatton Parish Council
Amenities and Properties Committee
held on
5 July 2021

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

Meeting commenced: 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended: 8.35 p.m.

Present: Councillors: David Crossman, Jonathan Edwards, Graham Humphreys, Chris Jackson and Robert Jenner.

In attendance: Clerk and Megan Thurgur (representing ground staff).

MATTERS FOR DECISION

APP18/21 To co-opt grounds staff as key representatives on to the Committee.

The representatives may take part in all discussions but have no right to vote on Committee decisions.

RESOLVED: to appoint Megan Thurgur as a non-voting key representative on the Committee for the ensuing year.

AAP19/21: Apologies for Absence.

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

AAP20/21: 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

AAP21/21: Public participation.

NONE.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP22/21: Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th June 2021.

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th June 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AAP23/21: 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.AAP24/21: Parish Gardener and Groundsmen Report.**

Megan Thurgur displayed photographs of the new wildflower meadow on Hangstones which was in full flower and had received many compliments by Hangstones users and the wider community as they had also been shared on Facebook. The project had been hard work and would require further maintenance i.e. introducing other plants in order to prevent the grasses taking over the flowers. It was hoped that the success of the meadow would allow other suitable places to be considered for wildflower meadow areas.

The judging of Glebelands as an entry in the RHS community garden competition had taken place and Megan thanked Councillors, the Clerk and members of Yatton Horticultural Society for their support. Councillors Graham Humphreys and Jonathan Edwards were impressed by the improvements to both the main gardens and the orchard area and the Committee thanked both Megan and Jeff for all their hard work. The results of the competition would be announced in the next few months.

A tree trail and inventory was discussed. Councillor Chris Jackson had a publication 'Treasured Trees of Yatton and Claverham' that could be used as a starting point. Councillor Graham Humphreys was happy to work with staff on progressing the idea.

AAP24/21 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.

RESOLVED: that permission was declined for weedkilling the pitch at Rock Road.

The Parish Council had endeavored to only use weedkiller on areas of hard surface where alternatives were not practical and they considered this was not an essential use of weedkiller on pitches that were maintained to a good standard by a regular mowing schedule. If in the future it became a severe problem the Parish Council may reconsider a future request.

AAP25/21: To consider quotes for the basketball surface at Hangstones.

The Clerk had approached four contractors regarding quotes but had only been successful in gaining one. The others either did not respond or were not able to provide the required surface specification.

RESOLVED: to accept a quote of £3,200 from M. Babbage.

The Clerk would contact North Somerset Council regarding a promised contribution of S106 funds towards this project.

AAP26/21: To receive a report from the new cemetery working group.

The new cemetery working group had met recently at Congresbury Cemetery to look at how they configured their site. The Clerk had amended the architectural plan by hand to demonstrate what she had derived from the meeting in terms of back to back cremation plots and paths, moving the fence adjacent to the car park at the bottom of the site to accommodate a memorial garden area. The Clerk had also been successful in getting a planning officer to help with the scope of documents the Council will need to provide for the planning application though this had not been done yet due to the officer's annual leave.

Further to discussion the next steps were to take advice from the Planning Officer about the level of detail required on the plans and once the list of documents required was provided, to work on their preparation (Ecology and Bat Survey, Drainage and Topographical Survey, Design and Access Statement were already underway). In addition further research was to be carried out on other places in the locality for more ideas to guide the final plan.

AAP27/21: To receive the Clerk's report. (Agenda Item 11).

- i) Councillor Rachel Batchelor was to organize a Play Area Working Group meeting to look at equipment in Broadcroft.
- ii) The annual play area inspections had been carried out. There was nothing advised of that was not already known.
- iii) The Galahad equipment at Rock Road needed a new part as the Fire Brigade had been called to cut a child out due a leg becoming trapped. The equipment provider had been informed and the need for a new part was being ascertained. There was also an area of the surface of the new roundabout at Hangstones that was failing. This had also been reported to the provider who was investigating.
- iv) The Field of the Year Competition run by Somerset Playing Fields Association had been entered by Hangstones.
- v) The Clerk was still chasing the solicitors regarding the North End Allotments land transfer unfortunately with no success. She was also having a lot of difficulties gaining access from Bloor to the site to look at gate security and water provision.
- vi) The new Hangstones sign was still not installed, the contractor had promised to look at it next week.
- vii) The Clerk was also working on more gravel for the War Memorial which was thinning in places and was in the process of purchasing the new defibrillator for Hangstones.
- viii) The Parish Orderly for Claverham had asked for a trolley. This was to be on the next Full Council agenda 12th July.

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.

To species label parish trees.

To create a tree trail.

Chairman

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