

Draft Minutes
of a Meeting of
Yatton Parish Council
Amenities and Properties Committee
held on
27 September 2021

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

Meeting commenced: 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended: 9.10 p.m.

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

In attendance: Clerk and Megan Thurgur (non-voting Committee member and representing ground staff) and one member of the public.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP28/21: Apologies for Absence.

Apologies had been received from Councillor Massimo Morelli.

AAP29/21: 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

AAP30/21: Public participation.

NONE.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP31/21: Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th July 2021.

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AAP32/21: 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.**

AAP33/21: Parish Gardener and Groundsmen Report.

Megan Thurgur gave a short power point presentation to accompany her report. The new flower meadow at Hangstones would be mown and the hay removed this autumn with yellow rattle being added to keep the grass in check and allow the flower element to regenerate next season. The Orchard area adjacent to Glebelands had a part that had been left long over this summer with adjacent grass either side of the path still closely mown. There had not been any issues of rubbish or fouling this summer. They had remarked part of the North End Allotment site following an error by Bloor. They had also organised the water supply and cleared the site of rubbish. The memorial garden in the burial ground had been much improved by some new planting. Hangstones fields had won a Bronze Award in the Somerset Playing Field of the Year Competition (Large Field category). Two more fruit trees donated by Yatton WI were going in the Community Orchard. The slabs by the cremation area of the burial ground were being lifted to create more space.

The ground staff had a number of autumn/winter ideas for the Committee to consider as follows:

- Some additional native summer flowering bulbs for the existing wild flower meadow at Hangstones.
- To create two more new wildflower meadow areas, one the other side of the path from the existing one at Hangstones and the other in the Orchard area at Glebelands where the grass was left long this year.
- Plant daffodils along the base of the BMX track at Hangstones.
- Winter clearance work along boundaries and general areas of new allotments in preparation for planting and seeding (to be decided).
- Plant further native hedging along the other boundaries of the Orchard area adjacent to the village green boundary and Church Road.

RESOLVED: that the ground staff proceed with the above ideas for autumn/winter work.

AAP34/21 To consider the request from Yatton Junior Football Club to provide more detailed justification for refusing to grant the Club permission to have a weed kill done on the pitches at Hangstones and Rock Road.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council did not wish to expand further on the reasons they have already given with their decision to not grant permission to weed kill both pitches on the 5th July 2021. The decision will stand for six months from that date.

AAP35/21: To consider appealing the decision for Tree Preservation Order planning application 21/P/2287/TPO.

RESOLVED: to appeal the refusal decision for the Parish Council's Tree Preservation Order planning application 21/P/2287/TPO.

AAP36/21: To consider the recent vandalism of the posts and breaking of a granite flower trough (vehicle damage) at Cherry Grove and a solution to prevent parking on the area.

The Parish Council instructed the Clerk to gain replacement and install costs for the damaged posts to be replaced with heavier duty posts and bring the costs back to the next available meeting.

***** The meeting was suspended in order to speak to a member of the public. It was then reconvened.**

AAP37/21: To receive an update on the North End Allotments following their opening on 15th September.

The new North End allotment site was opened on the 15th September, unfortunately, within twenty four hours three people had got locked in the site and had broken the padlock getting out. A new padlock had been purchased and was with the contractor for welding to the gate for the third time (this had not been done to date). A skip had been offered by Bloor for tenants to put stones in and Bloor were emptying it when it was full. The emptying was being done regularly, though people were leaving other items by the skip e.g. cardboard and weeds which Bloor were not removing. At least ten of the tenants who were first issued tenancies have said they now don't want an allotment which was causing a lot of additional work for the office.

AAP38/21: To consider a request to turn off four streetlights in Streamcross, Claverham at midnight (currently they are on all night).

Further to discussion the Clerk was instructed to ask the street light contractor about the feasibility of switching off all the lights in the Parish at midnight and any costs required for doing this.

AAP39/21: To receive the Clerk's report. (Agenda Item 12).

- i) A resident had donated £100 towards winter flowering shrubs in Glebelands. The Clerk had written a thank you letter to the resident on behalf of the Council. The Committee also wished to minute their thanks for the kind donation.
- ii) A meeting was scheduled with North Somerset Council Officer Helen Mitchell to discuss S106 funding for the alterations to Hangstones and the basketball surface 6th October 2021 at Hangstones for 10.00 a.m. Members were invited.
- iii) Hangstones maybe used as a possible satellite site for green waste collection whilst there are reduced doorstep collections.
- iv) Hall hirers had asked about new tables in the hall as they were struggling moving them and they take up a lot more room than the fold flat ones in the storage trolley. They are also becoming quite dilapidated. This was to be considered in next year's budget setting.
- v) The roundabout surface had been repaired at Hangstones but the Galahad at Rock Road damaged when the Fire Service had to cut a child out was still outstanding.

AAP40/21: 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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