

Draft Minutes
of a Meeting of
Yatton Parish Council
Amenities and Properties Committee
held on
24 January 2022

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

Meeting commenced: 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended: 9.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: David Crossman, Jonathan Edwards, Wendy Griggs, Graham Humphreys, Chris Jackson, Steve Lister, Robert Jenner and non-voting key representative member Megan Thurgur (Grounds Staff Rep).

In attendance: Clerk, the Chairman of the Yatton Branch of the Royal British Legion and 1 member of the public.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP52/22: Apologies for Absence.

Apologies had been received from Councillor Massimo Morelli.

AAP53/22: 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).

Councillor Graham Humphreys declared a non-disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda item 8 as he knew the Charman of the Royal British Legion.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AAP54/22: Public participation.

NONE.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP55/22: Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd November 2021.

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

AAP56/22: 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.**

AAP57/22: Parish Gardener and Groundsmen Report. Agenda item 6.

Megan Thurgur advised of the following updates:

- All pitches being maintained and marked for matches of U8's, U9's, U10's, U16's and adult Reserve team of Yatton & Cleeve FC and veterans Clevedon Dons.
- The winter work at North End allotments to uncover the remaining hornbeam whips planted by Bloor and then cover with weed suppressing material had progressed about a third way along, it was hard quite slow work as it was very overgrown and care had to be taken not to damage the whips.
- Two new meadow areas, one at Hangstones and one in the Orchard had been prepared ready to sow in the spring. The established meadow at Hangstones had been prepared for the forthcoming season and there had been sowing of yellow rattle to prevent grass overgrowing and reducing the flower element in the area.
- 1,000 daffodil bulbs had been planted along the BMX track at Hangstones..
- The two new lengths of native hedge in the Orchard had been prepared and the whips were due to be planted imminently.
- Other work planned was various painting including the Pumphouse, planting of various trees offered by North Somerset Council under the Platinum Jubilee Green Canopy Initiative, extending the Heathgate Border, create a new planter at Hangstones to replace the rotten one near the front door and progression of the tree trail.

The Committee thanked the grounds staff for all their hard work which was very much appreciated.

RESOLVED: to approve the planting of the new lengths of hedge in the Orchard. This re-iterated the decision to approve the hedges taken at the Amenities meeting held 27th September 2021.

*** The Chairman proposed moving agenda item 8 to be heard next to allow the Royal British Legion Chairman to leave the meeting earlier should he wish to.

RESOLVED: to move agenda item 8 to be heard next.

AAP59/22 To consider a request from the British Legion to install a flagpole at the War Memorial. Agenda Item 8.

RESOLVED: to approve the installation of a flagpole subject to there being no planning consent required (the Clerk to check) and with the final position to be decided in due course. All costs to be met by the Royal British Legion and partner organisations.

AAP60/22: To consider an initial proposal from Yatton & Cleeve Football Club that may allow the club to return to play at Hangstones. Agenda Item 7.

The Committee discussed the proposal from the football club and wished to thank the club for their interest in Hangstones as a venue. The discussion concluded that the proposal and the capacity it would require could not be met and would also preclude other groups in the community from using the facilities. In light of this the Committee did not wish to pursue the proposal at this time.

AAP61/22: To discuss parish streetlight maintenance and quotes for repairs to lights on Kingston Bridge and Henley Park.

The Committee instructed the Clerk to gain a second quote for the streetlights that needed repairing and to gain further details about the service offered from a different streetlight maintenance contractor.

AAP62/22: To consider a request for a memorial tree to be planted at Hangstones.

RESOLVED: to approve the planting of a memorial tree on Hangstones with the variety to be selected by the grounds staff.

AAP63/22: To consider a request from the Yeo Valley Lions to provide two more fruit trees in the Community Orchard.

This item was deferred to allow the grounds staff to check if there was enough room to accommodate two more trees.

AAP/64/22: To progress the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebration ideas including the drinking and bottle filling water fountain.

Councillor Graham Humphreys had circulated a list of possible ideas to members. The discussions centered around ideas like Picnic in the Park, jubilee cresting the tree trail, benches, the Volunteer of the Year award, flags and flag poles, local history archive book and street decoration with a competition. The water and drink bottle filling fountain was discussed with a view to the location being at Hangstones on the pitch side of the building. The Clerk was to check the insurance arrangements for the Picnic in the Park idea and make initial approaches to the Music Society, History Society and the new music shop, and look into official Jubilee commemorative merchandise that might be suitable. Further to this information the Council can decide which ideas to progress.

AAP65/22: To receive the Clerk's report. (Agenda Item 10).

- i) The supplies needed to set up Hangstones as an emergency base had been purchased and all had arrived apart from medicines and towels. The Clerk was to inform North Somerset Council and the Police about this.
- ii) The remedial electrical work required after the electrical safety report had been half completed. The final phase was 10th February. The building had to have all electric supply off for the work. The Clerk was to close the office that day.
- iii) The annual PAT testing for Hangstones Pavilion was scheduled for 3rd March 2022.
- iv) The Clerk had chased the quotes for Hangstones alterations just before Christmas. They had still not been received and one contractor had suffered a family bereavement so could not undertake the quote until into the New Year.
- v) The new basketball surface was due to be installed week commencing 7th February 2022.

AAP51/21: 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.

Bat boxes on Hangstones.

New cemetery time capsules and opening ceremony.

Chairman

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