

**Minutes**  
of a Meeting of  
**Yatton Parish Council**  
**Amenities and Properties Committee**  
**27<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

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

Meeting commenced: 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended: 9.05 p.m.

**Present:** Councillors: David Crossman, Jonathan Edwards, Wendy Griggs, Graham Humphreys, Chris Jackson, Robert Jenner, Steve Lister and Caroline Sheard.

**In attendance:** Clerk, Megan Thurgur (representing Parish Council grounds staff) and a representative from Yatton & Cleeve Football Club.

**MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**AAP16/22: Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies had been received from Councillors Massimo Morelli and Bryan Thomas.

**AAP17/22: 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).**

Councillors Wendy Griggs and Steve Lister both declared disclosable pecuniary interests for agenda item 8 as they held tenancy agreements for allotments at Mendip Road.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**AAP18/22: Public participation.**

The member of the public representing Yatton & Cleeve Football Club spoke regarding the aspiration they had for bringing their three football teams back to playing in Yatton. There had been a change of cost structure at the Cleeve ground which may make remaining there untenable. They had established good links with Yatton Junior Football Club and with Yatton's increasing population there were likely to be more adult and junior players wanting to play football. They had a contingency plan for managing three teams at Hangstones which was based around the different way of managing without changing rooms as they had done during the pandemic. They had also considered places they could use for bar facilities i.e. Claverham Cricket Club or the local pubs in Yatton.

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**AAP19/22: Minutes of the Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**AAP20/22: If the Committee wishes to exclude the public the following resolution must be passed:**

**NOT REQUIRED.**

**\*\* At this point in the meeting Chairman Robert Jenner proposed changing the order of the agenda to allow agenda item 7 to be heard next to allow the representative from the Football Club to leave the meeting early.**

**RESOLVED:** to change the agenda order to hear agenda item 7 next.

**AAP21/22 To consider a proposal to bring all three teams playing for Yatton & Cleeve Football Club back to play at Hangstones.**

The Committee discussed three teams returning to Hangstones and allowed dialogue during the item to speak to the football club representative. A number of questions including when the return was to happen were asked. There was no firm date but the football club would advise of their decision within the next fortnight.

**RESOLVED:** to agree that three teams can return to play at Hangstones in the future.

**AA22/22: Parish Gardener and Groundsmen Report. Agenda item 6.**

Megan Thurgur gave a report which highlighted how well the new wildflower meadow was doing in the orchard area off Glebelands. All other areas were good with no problems to report. The Royal Horticultural Society were judging the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' category of the annual competition on Friday July 8<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 a.m. and she invited the Committee to come along to the judging.

**\*\* At this point in the meeting having declared disclosable pecuniary interests in the next item Councillors Wendy Griggs and Steve Lister left the room.**

**AAP23/22 To consider the use of weedkiller at the allotments.**

The Committee were aware of the different views that allotment tenants may have on the use of weedkiller on the allotments which was permitted under the tenancy agreement. They were also conscious that when eradicating notifiable species that weedkiller was deemed as the appropriate means to preventing/eradicating such plants. There had been issues of weedkiller being used to kill a section of the main boundary hedge and to kill grass paths bordering plots. The Clerk was asked to email/write to tenants requesting that weed killer is not used on grass paths or hedges and to explain the reasons for the request. Its use would be monitored and the Clerk would advise the Committee if this request was not complied with.

**\*\*\* Councillors Wendy Griggs and Steve Lister returned to the meeting.**

**AAP24/22: To receive the Clerk's report. (Agenda Item 10).**

- i) The new basketball surface was now installed; the Clerk was to look into line marking it.
- ii) The repairs to the wall in Glebelands had started with the exit being widened.
- iii) The Clerk reminded Councillors that they needed to look at the zipwire at Backwell recreation fields; she had looked at the zipwire at Banwell. This was in readiness for the

zipwire quotes to be reviewed again in July at the Full Council meeting. The basket swing and water fountain quotes were also to be reviewed at the same meeting.

iv) The allotments inspection process for spring summer was nearing completion. It would be done again in September/October.

v) The Clerk has circulated information about the impact of energy rises on the streetlighting un-metered supply with the invoice rising from £580 per month to £2,100 as the contract had ended with Eon (now Npower). The Clerk had sought new contract prices from Quick Utilities early on this year but they did not respond back until April and were then unable to provide prices other than from Eon/Npower. She had then asked for new contract prices from Eon/Npower but due to the takeover between the two companies a backlog of new contracts meant they did not respond before the existing one had ended on the 5<sup>th</sup> May. They had now offered a new contract rate that had costs in excess of the default tariff that has produced the £2,100 invoice. The Clerk has sourced a new contract recommended by ALCA using Clear Utility Solutions which was much cheaper. Councillor Peter Lomas had undertaken comparison work on the two contracts which had been circulated to Committee members. It was deemed the only option was the offer from Clear Utility Solutions via YU Energy. As a part of the work he carried out it was evident that the inventory of lights was not correct and needed updating to reflect the current details of the streetlights. Councillor Chris Jackson offered to look at the inventory work.

**AAP25/22: Future agenda items.**

A new brass commemorative plaque for fallen of wars since WW2.

Christmas Lights Working Group Report including North End Christmas Tree and additional lighting locations.

Parish Finger Posts.

To species label Parish trees and to create a tree trail.

Bat boxes on Hangstones.

New cemetery time capsules and opening ceremony.

New Flagpole at Glebelands.

To create a hard surface path into Hangstones play area.

The use of weedkiller at the allotments.

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Chairman

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