

Draft Minutes
of a Meeting of
Yatton Parish Council
Amenities and Properties Committee
15th July 2024

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

Meeting commenced: 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended: 8.35 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Jonathan Edwards, James Hooper, Robert Jenner, Steve Lister, Peter Lomas, Jessie McArdle, Caroline Sheard and Bryan Thomas.

In attendance: Clerk, Megan Thurgur and Jeff Shipway (Parish Grounds staff).

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP16/24: Apologies for Absence.

Apologies had been received from Councillors David Crossman, Graham Humphreys and Chris Jackson.

AAP17/24: 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

AAP18/24: Public participation.

NONE.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP19/24: Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th June 2024.

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AAP20/24: 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.

AAP21/24: Parish Gardener and Grounds Team Report. Agenda item 6.

The grounds team reported the following work that's taken place since the last meeting:

- The football season has begun with pre-season friendlies commencing on the 10th July. Following the 1st Team promotion the FA required a new toilet cubicle in one of the changing rooms. This had now been installed. The pitch repair work was almost completed and the surfaces are looking very good. The removable goals have made a significant difference to wear in the goals mouths.
- There had been some overnight vandalism of the Councils van including damage to a wing mirror, rear wiper and a failed attempt at smashing the drivers side window with a stone. In light of this the ground team are taking the van home overnight.
- The skatepark metal repair work and repainting was almost finished and it was looking good. Pictures of the work were displayed for the Committee.

The Committee thanked the grounds team for all their hard work.

AAP22/24: To receive a report from Heart Revivers Working Group and consider any matters required for the next stages of the project.

Councillor James Hooper gave an update since the last meeting as follows:

- The grant application to Resuscitation Council UK fund had unfortunately been unsuccessful.
- Further work had been done on seeking locations for new AED's. There had been three new potential places identified; Yatton Station area i.e. the station itself or the top of Southview Terrace, the red phone box outside Through the Looking Glass Hair Salon on the High Street in Yatton and outside the Catholic church on Claverham Road. Further work was needed to investigate the required electricity supply, permission etc. at these locations.
Once this was established hopefully a grant application for DHSC Community AED Fund could be submitted.
- A letter had been drafted to circulate to businesses in the Parish asking for contributions towards new AED's. Hopefully these donations could help to provide matched funding for the DHSC Community AED Fund grant application. The letter was displayed for consideration and approval by the Committee.
- The Planning Committee had approved the inclusion within their recommendations for public AED's to be provided when evaluating larger planning applications.
- The Clerk had contacted the Bleed Kit Initiative being run by the Police to find out about funding for the kits. The outcome was that they fund a number of kits free for certain locations. The Clerk had suggested providing them adjacent to the public defibrillators at Rock Road, Hangstones Pavilion and in the phone box on the High Street Claverham (as this was close to Broadcroft recreation area). As a result they were going to provide one next to the Yatton Junior Football Club public defibrillator which was adjacent to Yatton Youth Club.

RESOLVED: to approve the letter for circulation to businesses subject to slight amendment.

AAP22/24: To receive a report on the new cemetery work and consider any matters required for the next stages of the project.

The Clerk advised that the water installation and drainage work was taking place this week. There was a meeting planned with the surfacing contractor to check the marking out this week and also with the provider of the gates at the entrance to the driveway on Mendip Road now the position of the driveway was marked out. The Clerk was to commence the quote process for the top surface of the driveway and car park and the internal paths and cremation rows

following the decisions made by Full Council 8th July. The Clerk had also contacted the planning officer about the changes the Council wanted to make to ascertain what type of application was required if any. There were some samples of edging stones and foundation slabs for members to look at after the meeting.

AAP23/24: To consider a proposal from Yatton & Cleeve Football Club for mitigating risk should the construction of a new changing room proceed.

The Committee discussed the proposal but concluded that the Football Club had not fully understood the risk concerns that the Parish Council have. The outcome was that a meeting was needed with the Club to further clarify the risk concerns and to also give more clarification regarding the future funding of the project. The meeting was to be informal with Councillors Chris Jackson, Peter Lomas, Robert Jenner and Jessie McArdle to attend. This would be arranged ahead of September Full Council to allow any outcomes requiring Council decision to be put on the agenda.

AAP24/24: To consider on offer to purchase the old flail.

The Clerk had received an offer to purchase the flail. However Jeff Shipway advised that Although the flail needed a weld repair it was still perfectly functional apart from that and was a good implement to have in reserve should there be a problem with the Trimax.

AAP25/24: To consider a letter from a resident regarding a perceived impact from the removal of the conifers at the burial ground in winter 2021/22.

The Committee discussed the letter and instructed the Clerk with further actions in obtaining advice on the next steps in progressing this matter.

AAP26/24: To receive the Clerk's report. (Agenda Item 12).

- i) The judging of the RHS Britain in Bloom, 'Its Our Neighbourhood' award was taking place on Wednesday 17th July around 11 am. All Councillors were welcome to attend.
- ii) Wales & West Utilities had asked to be granted a license to use an area of Hangstones car park for a welfare and tools storage unit for the next four weeks. Councillors agreed to this on the proviso that any additional weeks would be charged at the agreed rate per week.
- iii) An email had been received regarding the possibility of using Hangstones for a free community event for children, young people and their families designed to educate around making safe choices and taking safe risks. This would be next year in February or April during school holidays. Then Committee agreed to offer Hangstones for the event and were supportive of the initiative.
- iv) During the April grazing of the cattle on the hill there was a case of 'Redwater' disease. The cattle were removed from the hill immediately and the animal did survive the illness. However it is a very serious disease spread by ticks and passed on through their eggs with a life cycle of three years. Hopefully it was an isolated case. In light of this there will be no cattle grazing for the foreseeable future on the hill. The impact of this was two-fold. Firstly there will be a reduction in the grant because cattle are not being grazed on the hill and an increase in costs because scrub and grass control will be required using the Roboflail.

AAP27/24: Future agenda items.

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.

To create a hard surface path into Hangstones play area.
The use of weedkiller at the allotments.
Upgrading of the Cherry Grove area.
Design a Yatton Parish Council flag.

Chairman

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