

Draft Minutes
of a Meeting of
Yatton Parish Council
Amenities and Properties Committee
held on
25 November 2019
at Hangstones Pavilion

Meeting commenced: 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended: 8.20 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Rachel Batchelor, David Crossman, Jonathan Edwards, Wendy Griggs, Chris Jackson, Robert Jenner, Graham Humphreys and co-opted non-voting committee member Megan Thurgur.

In attendance: Clerk, and two members of the public.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP37/19: Apologies for Absence.

Apologies had been received from Councillors Massimo Morrelli and Jill Iles.

AAP38/19: 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

AAP39/19: Public participation.

NONE.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

AAP40/19: Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 September 2019.

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AAP41/19: 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.**

AAP42/19 Parish Gardener and Grounds Men Report.

The Parish Gardener reported that Glebelands had achieved outstanding again in the RHS 'Its Your Neighbourhood' category of the Britain in Bloom competition and she read the report from the judges. The Committee thanked her very much for all her work. She highlighted how well the border at Heathgate had done this year and had given it the name of 'The People's Border' because a lot of the plants had been donated from parishioners who had taken an interest in the work. Finally, the War Memorial Gardens were looking lovely now following Remembrance Sunday as the planned planting was designed to achieve. The Clerk was asked to write to Yatton Horticultural Society and thank them for their contribution in the making two of our areas award winning.

The Groundsman reported that it had been a busy few months with an increased workload as the part time groundsman had been off sick for a couple of months. A long time has been spent at the War Memorial, Glebelands, Heathgate and the village green areas backing up the work that Megan had done. The Christmas trees were going up week commencing 2nd December and although it had been very wet with a few games cancelled the pitches were generally looking good.

AAP43/19 To discuss a new ladder sign at the entrance to Hangstones Pavilion.

RESOLVED: to progress with a new ladder sign for Hangstones. Councillors Graham Humphreys and Rachel Batchelor were to work on the designs ahead of the Clerk gaining quotes for the next meeting in February 2020.

AAP44/19 To consider a new bench at Heathgate.

Further to discussion regarding the bench the clerk was asked to write to the residents and ask for their comments. The decision on the bench was deferred to the next meeting. The Clerk had consulted the Police regarding any Crime & Disorder implications for placing a bench at Heathgate and there were no objections although they did state it was not 100% certain that it would never attract anti-social gatherings.

AAP45/19 To consider a quote to repair the zipwire cable.

RESOLVED: to accept the quote from Touchwood to repair the zipwire of £943.36.

AAP46/19 To receive the Clerk's report. (Agenda Item 10).

- i) The lady who cleaned Hangstones wished to give up once a new person was secured. The Clerk was to take this to Finance Personnel & Administration Committee to determine if a company was used or to employ a new member of staff for this work.
- ii) The adopt a phone box consultation had included a phone box on the High Street Yatton that had no phone in it and had been used as a book swap for years. The Clerk was to enquire why it was included.

iii) North Somerset Council had launched a consultation of proposed sites for re-wilding in the County. There were a number of sites in Yatton, two of which the Parish Council managed, Heathgate and Well Lane. The Clerk was to write to residents living adjacent to these sites to highlight the consultation and ask for any comments to be sent to North Somerset Council and the Parish Council. The Clerk had been asked by NS to promote the consultation as widely as possible. The Parish Council would approve comments on the consultation at the January Full Council.

AAP47/19 Future agenda items.

A new brass commemorative plaque for fallen of wars since WW2.
Play Areas Working Group Report.
Hangstones Alterations Working Group Report.
Parish Finger Posts.
Hangstones Facilities sign.
Defibrillator at Hangstones.
Bench at Heathgate.
Claverham defibrillator.
Basketball surface quotes spring 2020.
New noticeboard at the Mendip Road Allotments and North End.

Chairman

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