Draft Minutes

of a Meeting of

Yatton Parish Council

Amenities and Properties Committee

held on

3 February 2020

at Hangstones Pavilion

Meeting commenced: 7.30 p.m. Meeting ended: 9.10 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**

**AAP48/20: Apologies for Absence.**

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

**AAP49/20: 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 Wendy Griggs declared she was an allotment tenant in regard to agenda item10.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**AAP50/20: Public participation.**

A member of the public thanked the Committee for organising the hedge cutting at the allotments.

A member of the public spoke regarding the unconfirmed rumours that the Yatton sorting office maybe moved to Clevedon.

**MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**AAP51/20: Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 November 2019.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**AAP52/20: If the Committee wishes to exclude the public the following resolution must be passed:**

**RESOLVED:** That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 10 on the ground that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business of competitive quotes.

**AAP53/20: Parish Gardener and Groundsmen Report.**

The Parish Gardener reported that work had begun on the middle section of the border on the High Street at Glebelands. The Horticultural Society were to assist with purchasing some plants in addition to the Parish Council with repeat planting of the scheme done last year in the first section. The compost bin in the Orchard had generated some good compost which was being used there and the new hedge and holly hedge had been cut. All was well at the War Memorial and Heathgate and the early mulching and border preparation had begun. All the containers were still looking good with their winter planting.

The Groundsman reported that Yatton adult and junior football were still playing at Hangstones and a new booking had come in from Winscombe FC. The recent very wet period had not helped the pitches and in addition the goal mouths were suffering from being used for extended periods by general Hangstones users not the football clubs. The skatepark welding had been carried out and the zipwire repaired. The circular path did need some remedial attention as sinking and waterlogged in a few places. Two pieces of fitness equipment were loose in the ground and had been instructed for digging out and re-installing under health and safety. He was assisting the Parish Gardener at Glebelands when it dried up further and the garage CCTV had now been installed. The part-time groundsman was retiring at the end of next month.

**AAP54/20 To consider a new bench at Heathgate.**

Further to discussion at the last meeting regarding the bench the clerk had written to the neighbouring residents and asked for their comments. 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.

All four resident comments received had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting for their consideration. There were positive and negative comments.

**RESOLVED:** to purchase and install a new bench at Heathgate on a trial basis. If any problems arose the bench was to be removed and relocated elsewhere. The Clerk was to inform residents of the decision.

**AAP55/20: To discuss Christmas Lights display 2020.**

Further to discussion a Christmas Lights working group was to be formed at March Council meeting.

**AAP56/20: To consider the upgrading of Parish Council owned street lights.**

The Parish Council owned 102 street lights, in order to assess them for any upgrading an audit of their condition was required and costs to upgrade obtained prior to any scheme of improvement being approved. Councillor Chris Jackson agreed to carry out the audit. The Clerk was to provide information to assist with this and to obtain costings.

**AAP57/20: To consider quotes for new noticeboards at Mendip Road allotments and Chestnut Park. Confidential Item.**

**RESOLVED:** to accept the quote for a recycled plastic noticeboard for Mendip Road allotments from Greenbarnes Ltd for £778.74 ex vat.

**RESOLVED:** to accept the quote for a recycled plastic noticeboard for Chestnut Park from Greenbarnes Ltd for £2,131.49 ex vat.

**The positions of the boards were to be determined in due course.**

**AAP58/20: To receive the Clerk’s report. (Agenda Item 10).**

i) The two pieces of fitness equipment that required digging out and re-stalling due to their unstable condition had been instructed by the Clerk as an urgent Health & Safety repair. The cost was approx. £400 per item.

ii) A price of £420 had been received to improve the circular path in a few places where it had sunk and become muddy either side and which may cause a slip hazard to users. The Clerk was to email details to relevant Councillors for approval under Health & Safety.

iii) A further price had also been obtained for creating space for a further two composting bays at Hangstones near the compound of £390. The Clerk was to send details to relevant Councillors.

iv) The Clerk showed the Committee some pictures taken by Councillor Jonathan Edwards of the allotment area at North End, the Chestnut Park play area and MUGA. Members were very disappointed to see the state of these areas that were still not available to the residents of Chestnut Park.

**AAP59/20: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.

Parish Finger Posts.

Hangstones Facilities sign.

Defibrillator at Hangstones.

Claverham defibrillator.

Basketball surface quotes spring 2020.

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Chairman