

YOXALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 5th December 2019 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, King Street, Yoxall

Present: P Hughes, J Williams, P Bailey, R Keys, M Arch and A Grandfield

Also Present: A Johnson Seven Members of the Public, R Young, Clerk to the Council

1) **APOLOGIES** for absence were received from D Muir, D Hall and P Kitt.

2) **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman of the Parish Council, P Hughes, mentioned the following:-

- Parish Litter Pick went well with twenty three attending.
- R Keys and M Arch attended A515 meeting.
- Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, 8th January 2020.
- Consider Precept Requirement for 2020/2021.
- Framing of Helen Allen Display.
- East Gate of the Church ongoing.
- Change of Chief Executive of the Post Office changed – Send reminder regarding need for Post Office service.
- Writing to Directors of 8 Hollys Road to reiterate certain points.
- Writing to Staffordshire Police regarding attendance at meetings.
- Reviewing grass cutting carried out on behalf of Staffordshire County Council.

3) **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** to be made when subject is discussed or received during the meeting.

4) **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 7TH NOVEMBER 2019**

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 7th November 2019, subject to the following amendments:-

Present: Delete P Pitt – Include P Kitt.

10e Best Kept Village Competition – Christmas Raffle at Tea – Delete: included – Include: donated.

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 7th November 2019, subject to the above amendments.

5) MATTERS ARISING No matters raised.

6) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- J Branch (Hollys Road Residents) reported on a very informative meeting with Directors of Acorn Children's Home. All points raised were answered with follow up meeting after Christmas. Also mentioned parking area at Home being renewed and sending several letters of correspondence.
P Hughes thanked members of the public for attendance.

7) REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

a) Report of County Councillor J Jessel

- No matters reported.

b) Report of Borough Councillor A Johnson

A Johnson mentioned the following:-

- General Election delayed certain meeting.
- Next year:
 - Improvement work in Burton-on-Trent.
 - Review of Leisure Facilities.
 - Future of Brewhouse.
 - Bargate – Development action soon.
- Councillors thanked A Johnson for help and support during his term of office.

8) PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Received

- i) P/2019/01265. Brick Barn, Lower Hoar Cross Road, Woodmill, Yoxall
Change of Use from Agricultural Land to Domestic Garden.

- ii) P/2019/01327. South View, Dunstall Lane, Hadley End
Erection of a detached building to form ancillary living accommodation.
- iii) P/2019/01326. Hollyhurst House, Woodhouses, Yoxall
Formation of a Menage on existing Equestrian land and erection of post and rail fence and gates.
- iv) P/2019/01391. Longcroft Farm, Longcroft Lane, Yoxall
Prior approval for the Change of Use of building from Agriculture to the storage of privately owned motor cars.

b) Planning Decisions

- i) P/2019/01140. Hollycross, Yoxall Road, Newborough. Erection of Extensions.
Conditional Approval
- ii) P/2019/01010. Brookfields, Wood Lane, Yoxall
Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling with detached garage and retention of garden area.
Conditional Approval

c) Other Planning Matters

R Keys mentioned the following:-

- Reviewed applications received including Longcroft Change of Use.

9) CLERK'S REPORT

a) Correspondence

- ESBC – Precept Requirement 2020/2021.
- SPCA Bulletin.
- R Keys – Signs.
- Staffordshire Archive Newsletter.
- SCC – Temporary Closure of Sich Lane, Yoxall.
- My Staffordshire Newsletter.
- J Jessel – Heating Grants.
- Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust – Activities for Senior Citizens in Yoxall.

10) MATTERS IN PROGRESS OR REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

a) Open Spaces

- Abeyance until next meeting.

b) Village Amenities

J Williams mentioned the following:-

- Car Park – Waiting for Lioncourt / ESBC to legally transfer to Parish Council.
- Agreed wording of Car Park Notice but have not received wording for ESBC Sign.
- P Bailey mentioned removal of drawing from Bus Shelter.

c) Roads and Pavements

M Arch reported the following:-

- ❖ Have noticed HCV's using Victoria Street.
- ❖ Accident on Tuesday at Town Hill.

▪ **Working Group Notes**

- ❖ Recent indications suggested a 60% reduction in HCV movements had been achieved. Statistics from Staffordshire Highways show that is not the case.
- ❖ Pleased to see confirmation of a significant reduction in night time movements through Yoxall at 64%. Total movements fell from 216 to 76.
- ❖ Daytime reductions have fallen far short of target. Movements fell from 426 to 323, an overall reduction of 103 or 24% - far short of promised level.
- ❖ Whilst many of the larger companies have complied with the requests from the PC's re. the turning bans, there remain a number of issues:-
 - Farm vehicles and HCV's from local businesses (we have never wished to deprive these operators from going about their business).
 - Container traffic to and from Marchington with spares for JCB.
 - Marchington Industrial Estate in general.
 - Brit European.
 - HCV's with no signage.
 - HCV's legitimately using the A515.
- ❖ There are still a number of regular offenders. We continue to email/ visit these offenders with the objective to get them on our side.
- ❖ Police have advised us to give them the registration plate numbers of serial offenders and they will contact the offenders. However, they are still falling short of prosecuting, but we can't do it without a regular police presence. The good news is the police are holding a day of action in December.
- ❖ An offer to assist the police using body cams was declined.
- ❖ Kings Bromley remains the key to resolving the problem.

- ❖ A new shed is to be constructed at Fradley Industrial Estate. Companies are to be asked to sign up to an agreement whereby they avoid using the A515.
- ❖ At the end of the initial 12 month period (March 2020) of the turning bans, all objections will be looked at and it appears that the bans will be made permanent. That is by month 13.
- ❖ The CC has written to Highways England to get improvements along the A38 from Hilliards Cross to the Toyota Island.
- ❖ More signage is being requested giving drivers early warning of the turning bans.
- ❖ The island at Branston is to have traffic signals installed.
- ❖ A sub-station for HS2 is to be constructed at Newborough. HCV traffic will be monitored.
- ❖ Feedback re. Yoxall Gateway awaited when the Alex. Island will be looked at again in the New Year.
- P Bailey mentioned Wire Bundles left on Ferrers Road.

d) Village Hall

- J Williams reported the external Christmas Tree to be installed.

e) Best Kept Village Competition

- P Hughes requested Councillors to consider inclusion of Environmental in this sections title.
- A Grandfield said she would like the School to have a project for inclusion in the Best Kept Village Competition.
- J Williams mentioned a Commercial Freezer had been left outside a Village Retailer. J Williams and P Hughes to review need for a general tidy up.

f) Footpaths

- P Hughes reported that A Mountjoy had commented Footpaths 23 and 26 either side of Alexandra Drive require attention.
- R Keys reported on Morrey Lane side of the footpath needs attention.

g) Website

M Arch reported the following:-

- Minutes to be updated.

- Update regarding meeting with Website provider. Need to do some research regarding pictures and history of Yoxall for Website Designer. Launch in January 2020.

h) Burial Ground

- No matters reported.

i) Ferrers Field

Ferrers Field Visual Inspection Report

Visited and visually inspected on Thursday, 28th November by P Kitt, Parish Counciller.

“All the site and equipment appeared to be in good order.
The shackles have been replaced on the Swings that required it.
The base of the wooden Fort has been repaired and it now has a solid base.
The area was clean and tidy and litter free.
Hedges and benches all in good condition.”

j) Riverside Regeneration

- R Keys reported that D Muir contacting Contractors and that there will be no major site work until pathway installed.
- J Williams reported that J Francis asked to strim around trees on Goose Green.

11) WISH LIST

- P Bailey gave an update of the Wish List. The Clerk reported the Litter Bin for Milne Holme Pingle would be delivered next week.
- P Bailey gave his apologies for non-attendance at the January 2020 Parish Council Meeting.

12) HEALTH AND SAFETY

- No matters reported.

13) FINANCE

a) Approval of Cheques

| DATE | CHEQUE NO. | DETAILS | £ |
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| 05/12/19 | 505666 | Yoxall Landscapes | 250.00 |
| 05/12/19 | 505667 | Waterhouse Framing | 297.00 |
| 05/12/19 | 505668 | Cancelled | 0.00 |
| 05/12/19 | 505669 | M Arch (Printer Cartridge) | 29.00 |
| 05/12/19 | 505670 | R Young | 198.52 |
| 05/12/19 | 505671 | V Shorthouse | 329.43 |
| 05/12/19 | 505672 | HMRC (PAYE) | 168.00 |
| 05/12/19 | 505673 | N Sutcliffe | 45.00 |
| 05/12/19 | 505674 | Yoxall PCC | 50.00 |
| 05/12/19 | 505675 | R Keys (Printer Cartridge) | 25.00 |
| 05/12/19 | 505676 | R Young – Expenses | 56.20 |
| 05/12/19 | 505677 | Deanne E Bell – Christmas Tea | 42.83 |
| 05/12/19 | 505678 | P Hughes – Expenses | 14.15 |
| 05/12/19 | 505679 | J Francis | 687.60 |
| 05/12/19 | 505680 | Ken's Countryside | 144.00 |
| 05/12/19 | 505681 | Sovereign Play | 158.02 |
| | | TOTAL: | <u>£2,494.75</u> |

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to issue the above cheques.

Resolved:

To issue the above cheques.

14) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Wednesday, 8th January 2020

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

P Hughes
Chairman