

YOXALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Zoom Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Thursday, 2nd July 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: P Hughes, J Williams, D Muir, P Bailey, R Keys and M Arch

Also Present: R Young, Clerk to the Council

1) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from P Kitt, A Grandfield, D Hall, L Beech and J Jessel.

2) **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- First Zoom Meeting.
- Outline of rules regarding holding Meetings.
- Car Park charges to be applied in Burton-on-Trent from the 29th June 2020.
- Watering of plants in Village by volunteers.
- SPCA updates regarding Covid.
- Christmas Tea Party – 27th November 2020.
- Update of information received from J Jessel.
- Speedwatch – Signage.
- Fishing from Goose Green Restrictions.
- Damaged Gate – Goose Green.
- Update regarding Ferrers Field and schedule of work on Milne Holme Pingle.
- Possible limited opening of Village Hall.
- Regular updates on Parish website.
- Problems continue with roads and drains despite reports to S.C.C.
- Enquiries regarding funding available for Repairs and Footpaths.

3) **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Declarations 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 5TH MARCH 2020**

It was proposed, (J Williams), seconded (D Muir) and agreed to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 5th March 2020.

Resolved:

To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 5th March 2020.

5) **MATTERS ARISING**

➤ No matters raised.

6) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

➤ None present.

7) **REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

a) **Report of County Councillor J Jessel**

- The Chairman, P Hughes, thanked J Jessel for updates regarding the A38 plus grant of £740.00 and work on behalf of the Parish.
- SCC to provide funding for PPE plus £500K for Small business's and £155K for Voluntary/Community Groups.
- Two thousand food parcels delivered by S.C.C. and Volunteers.
- S.C.C. offering compost bins for £10 plus £5.99 postage.

b) **Report of Borough Councillor**

- The Chairman, P .Hughes gave an update of borough Council matters provided by L .Beech including proposed Boundary Changes which are being reviewed by the Parish Council. Several suggestions to be considered.

8) **PLANNING**

a) **Planning Update**

R.Keys reported the following :-

Few applications are being received, though ESBC Planning Officers are still handling enquiries and ongoing proposals. Note to villagers – if you want to place an application, we advise you to contact ESBC Planning Officers and ask about their pre app consultation service and though chargeable, can help to identify any problems and discuss solutions before the application is made.

We have two current applications of particular interest which are both delayed in being determined. The application at Leafields Farm for five dwellings is still being considered, as is the application for two dwellings at Cartref on the Main Street. We await to see if any changes are made to allow these to move forward.

At Longcroft Farm we have an application 00529 for Change of Use from a barn to a general storage unit and feel that the increased commercial traffic would create a considerable problem, though we await a report from SCC in giving their expert advice and decision on the issue.

We have good news to report in that the permitted variation on an existing planning permission at Woodmill Farm will allow our local butcher, Paul Shum, to expand his business and we all look forward to hearing of his new facilities.

I have dealt with a number of concerns regarding suspected planning activities on local properties and in most cases the answers have been very straightforward.

Lastly, an application to erect a general purpose agricultural building at Trent Bridge has been refused.

9) **CLERK'S REPORT**

a) **Correspondence**

- Zoom Meeting ID and Password.
- Came and Company – Insurance Brokers – Covid-19 – Closure of Village Hall.
- ESBC – Jennifer Norman – “Have your Say on Ward Boundaries for East Staffordshire.
- SPCA Bulletin.
- J Jessell – Road Closure, Dogshead Lane, Barton under Needwood.
- J Jessell – A38 E-bulletin.
- Staffordshire Archives and Heritage Newsletter.
- G Seddon – Email dated 30th June 2020 regarding Road Closure of Lower Hoar Cross Road.
 - Road in question part of Hoar Cross Parish.
 - SCC Highways can close any road.

10) **MATTERS IN PROGRESS OR REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION**

a) **Open Spaces**

- Work needed on Milne Holme Pingle however funds not available at present.

b) Village Amenities

J Williams mentioned the following:-

- Maintenance of area by the new Car Park – R Keys confirmed Lioncourt maintaining at present plus responsible for Car Park.

c) Roads and Pavements

M Arch gave details of regular updates received regarding the A38.

d) Village Hall

J Williams reported the following:-

- Steve Timmis completed the decoration of the interior of the Village Hall.
- Foodbank moved into Meeting Room.
- Enquiries received regarding Badminton and Dancing.
- Sanitiser obtained for the Hall.
- Instructions regarding group usage of the Village Hall during Covid-19 available.

e) Best Kept Village Competition

- At present in abeyance.
- P Bailey gave an update regarding the young Parishioners progressing the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.
- D Muir – Update concerning Garden Pictures.

f) Footpaths

- An appeal has been included in the “Fisherman”.for volunteers to join a new Footpaths Group.

g) Website

- M. Arch reported the Website was up to date. .

h) Burial Ground

- Burials resumed.

i) Ferrers Field

- Looking very good and playing equipment being checked..

j) Riverside Regeneration

D Muir reported the following:-

- The funding application being progressed over last 18 months is not available at present.
- Severn Trent Community Fund - diverting funding to Covid projects.
- No other Funding at present.
- Pathway – Quote from P Boulton.
- Breedon confirmed Topping of Pathway to be used will be suitable for flooding.
- £2k promised by South Staffordshire Water.
- Woodland School Area – Bid to ESBC.
- Information Boards may be funded by ESBC.
- Benches to be installed need to be durable.
- Benches are £628.00 each and need four. Will look for sponsors

11) WISH LIST

P Bailey commented as follows:-

- Need for additional Litter Bins. To be costed.
- Litter at Jacksons Bank which is the responsibility of Duchy of Lancaster. R Keys contacted Laura Beech regarding problem.
- Mentioned problem caused by Covid-19 as there are a lot of unknowns. W.I. not having meetings in September, October or November 2020.
- Reviewed Christmas tea options.

12) HEALTH AND SAFETY

- In abeyance.

13) FINANCE

a) Approval of Cheques

DATE	CHEQUE NO.	DETAILS	£
02/07/2020	505801	V Shorthouse	323.83
02/07/2020	505802	R Young	262.42
02/07/2020	505803	HMRC (PAYE)	216.40
02/07/2020	505804	R Young Expenses	55.20
02/07/2020	505805	ESBC (Litter Bins)	410.93
02/07/2020	505806	S Timmis (Hall)	580.00
		TOTAL:	<u>£1,848.78</u>

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

Resolved:

To issue the above cheques.

b) Annual Return and Accounts 2019/2020

The Clerk gave details of the Receipts and Payments Account for year ended 31st March 2020.

It was proposed , seconded and agreed the Chairman and Parish Clerk should sign the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements for 2019/2020.

Resolved: The Chairman and Parish Clerk to sign the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements for 2019/2020.

14) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, 3rd September 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

P Hughes
Chairman