

YOXALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Held in the Parish Hall, King Street, Yoxall
on Thursday, 3rd September 2020 at 7.30pm

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

Also Present: Two Members of the Public
County Councillor J Jessel
R Young, Clerk to the Council

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from A Grandfield and L Beech.

It was proposed (J Williams), seconded (R Keys) and agreed that A Grandfield be granted absence from Parish Council Meeting for twelve months.

Resolved:

That A Grandfield be granted absence from Parish Council Meetings for twelve months.

2) CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Thanked all Councillors for the work they had undertaken in the Parish, plus J Jessel for assistance with Staffordshire County Council.
- Parish Council received Business Grant from ESBC.
- Sincere condolences to Susan Hall on the passing of D Hall on the 27th July 2020. D Hall had been a Councillor for twelve years and had undertaken many duties on behalf of the Parish.
- Thanked V Shorthouse for keeping the Hall Covid-19 clean and J Williams for producing a Covid-19 Risk Assessment.
- Memorial Refurbishment complete.
- Great British Clean-Up – September 2020.
- Parish Boundary Changes.

- David Harrison – “Welcome Pack” – requested review.
- Community Speedwatch Signs Update.

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 2ND JULY 2020

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 2nd July 2020.

Resolved:

To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 2nd July 2020.

5) MATTERS ARISING

- No matters raised.

6) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No matters discussed.

7) REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

a) Report of County Councillor J Jessel

J Jessel mentioned the following:-

- Thanked Parish Council and Volunteers who have helped during the Covid-19 problems.
- Update regarding A38 issues.
- School Transport very difficult - 8,000 receive free transport.
- Highway Consultation – 50mph / 7.5T on Forest Road – Consultation ends 25th September 2020.
- Government Boundary Review.
- Needwood Divisional Forum Meeting cancelled – To be re-arranged at St George’s Park.

- Highways England prepared to meeting Needwood Divisional Forum towards end of year. R Rayson (SCC) to also attend.
- Gulley Cleaning.
- Alan White, new Leader of Staffordshire County Council.
- Focus on Flood Protection.
- SCC Highways to look at installation of yellow lines on Hadley Street junction next year. Also requested R Rayson to look at parking on "The Bank".

b) Report of Borough Councillor

- No matters reported.

8) PLANNING

R Keys reported and gave an update regarding the following:-

- Update regarding Change of Use of Barn at Longcroft. Local concerns plus ESBC and SCC Highways reviewed.
- Leafields Farm (Barn and New Build) update.
- Morrey Lane – Trent Bridge – New Build Agriculture classification.
- Woodmill Farm – Conversion, another storage unit to sell animal feed.
- Lioncourt / St Peter's Walk
 - All documents approved by Lioncourt and sent to ESBC.
 - Car Park and Open Space to be under Yoxall Parish Council Management.
- When Developer plans 10 or more properties – Consults Local Authority.
- CIL adopted by many District / Borough Councils. ESBC still use S106.
- Neighbourhood Plan still stands, gave update.
- Local Plan being reviewed.
- Update concerning Boundary Commission proposals. Letter to be sent to the Commission on behalf of Yoxall Parish Council.

9) CLERK'S REPORT

a) Correspondence

- Letter from K Colwell regarding planning issues.
- J Jessel – Temporary Traffic Regulation Order – Main Street, Barton-under-Needwood.
- National Forest – Work of the Forest.
- SPCA Bulletin.
- Highways England – A38 Package of work scheme.
- SCC Highways – Forest Road, Rangemoor Hill – Draft Notice and Order for 7.5 tonne weight limit (Tom Morris).
- Came and Co. – Update regarding closure of hall due to Covid-19.
- Staffordshire Archives and Heritage Newsletter.
- H M Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire – Thank you from the Queen regarding help dealing with Covid-19.
- SCC Highways – A515 Permanent Traffic Regulation Order – Right Turn / Left Turn 7.5T Turning Restriction.

10) MATTERS IN PROGRESS OR REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

a) Open Spaces

- The Chairman, P Hughes, commented sadly we do not have David Hall to review this matter.
- P Kitt produced schedule of costs regarding improvements proposed for Milne Holme Pingle.
- Need to check whether a Life Belt is needed due to close proximity of the river.
- The Clerk to check with insurers regarding liability due to risk of falling in the river.

b) Village Amenities

J Williams mentioned the following:-

- Reviewed need for Signage for New Car Park. ESBC need to approve signage – Hardy Signs have logos.
- Flowers on display at the bottom of Town Hall.
- Speedwatch
 - Recommendation for eight signs.
 - J Williams asked if eight signs were needed. Councillors reviewed sign locations.

- R Keys commented signs need to be at eye level.
- J Williams proposed three signs – A515 North, A515 South and Woodhouses.
- Amendment Four Signs to include Junction School Green with Morrey Lane.
Proposed: R Keys.
Seconded: M Arch.
All agreed.

➤ National Forest Walk – Hall used for Refreshment – put on hold.

c) Roads and Pavements

M.Arch reported the following :-

During lockdown, have developed a relationship with David East of Highways England and met in person last month.

Expressed concern with the ongoing night time lane closures on the A38, causing many sleepless nights for Villagers.

Next period of closures due to commence with effect from 9th September for one month. Asked why there are no alternatives, e.g. contraflows.

Told that there are significant cost implications. Will, however, look to bundling works together to reduce the number of closures.

Turning bans in Yoxall (B5016), the junction with the A513 in K.B. and at Wood End Lane, Lichfield became permanent on 26th August.

Problem. Diversions override the bans, leading to confusion/complacency by HCV drivers and a loophole to ignore them. With little apparent police intervention, some HCV drivers continue to ignore the signs leading to increased HCV traffic on the A515.

With the number of diversions in 2020, difficult to get HCV drivers to comply with the turning bans. Without police intervention, they will just carry on flouting the law.

Diversions signs are not taken down in an efficient way. Raised this at my meeting and am promised that the issue will be looked into.

Highways England are proposing more early warning signs on the A38/50, advising drivers of the turning bans.

During periods of night time closures on the A38 between Clay Mills and Branston, the authorised diversion route has been along the A5121 through Burton. Many drivers are using the A50/515 as an alternative and again, ignoring the turning bans.

Highways England are liaising with the police to increase enforcement of the bans. Also writing to all businesses on Fradley Industrial Estate advising operators of their responsibilities.

Also pointed out the pinch points in Yoxall and dangers when HCV's **have to use the A515 as a result of diversions.**

Asked why diversions don't direct HCV drivers to use the A515 to the island with the Rugeley/Lichfield Road and avoid the turning bans. He will look into that issue.

Following my meeting, it has been proposed that Highways England representatives attend the October Parish Council Meeting.

Other Matters

Application submitted to extract gravel at Orgreave. Advice of the application received from Michael Fabricant, M.P.

Commented on the turning bans and possibility of further breaches if HCV's use the A515.

Supported local residents affected by night time traffic clattering over a curb side drain near the church in Yoxall. Repairs have now been carried out and the matter resolved.

Staffordshire County Council are proposing to make a Traffic Order under the Road Traffic Act 1984 to prohibit the use by HCV's over 7.5 tons.

Roads affected locally include:-

Scotch Hill Road, Newchurch
Lodge Lane, Yoxall
Thatchmoor Lane, Yoxall
Dunstall Cross
Longcroft Lane, Yoxall
Victoria Street, Yoxall

OBJECTIONS TO BE SENT TO:-

Strategic Asset and Network Management, Highways, 2 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2DH or to trafficregulations@staffordshire.gov.uk by 25th September 2020 at the latest, quoting: HoCPS/TM/TR19/20.

Number of requests made for mobile speed camera to be positioned at Alexandra Drive.

d) **Village Hall**

J Williams reported the following:-

- Hall Users coming back.
- Foodbank stock and donations still being delivered. The Chairman to make enquiries.

e) **Best Kept Village Competition**

- P Hughes said the Village looks very good.
- Litter picking update.
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.
 - Yoxall Parish Council Certificates to be signed by the Chairman for the four young Parishioners.

f) **Footpaths**

- R Keys reported that eight Parishioners to form Footpath Group.
- Paul Rochfort contacted regarding funding.
- New Group to undertake audit of footpaths and bridleways.

g) **Website**

- Mike Arch reported Annual Return included on Website.

h) **Burial Ground**

- The Clerk confirmed burials have resumed.

i) **Ferrers Field**

- P Kitt reported several jobs need completing before onset of winter. Will obtain quotation from J Francis.

j) Riverside Regeneration

D Muir reported the following:-

- Path now complete.
- Circulated a Schedule of Income and Expenditure for Goose Green.
- Update regarding donations for Benches – For Oak Benches with plaques to be delivered 6-8 weeks.
- Gave details of problem with water at entrance – May need to install ramp to divert water.
- Good meeting with National Forest.
- Update regarding Information Display Boards.
- Litter Bins for Goose Green – Clerk to obtain details. P Bailey also mentioned need for additional litter bin.
- P Hughes said we need to write to all who are donating a bench.
- Pathway to open tomorrow.

11) WISH LIST

P Bailey mentioned the following:-

- Sponsorship.
- Dog Show not going ahead.
- Then and Now Photograph.
- Reviewed Wish List.
- This year Christmas Boxes to be distributed as no Christmas Tea.
- Fingerpost Update needed.

12) HEALTH AND SAFETY MATTERS

- In abeyance.

13) FINANCE

a) Approval of Cheques

| DATE | CHEQUE NO. | DETAILS | £ |
|------------|------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 22/07/2020 | 505807 | Came & Co (Insurance | 2,537.59 |
| 22/07/2020 | 505808 | Sage Payroll | 196.20 |
| 22/07/2020 | 505809 | Waterplus | 63.98 |
| 22/07/2020 | 505810 | ESBC (Road Sweeping) | 589.20 |
| 22/07/2020 | 505811 | Derbyshire Memorial | 1,200.00 |
| 01/08/2020 | 505812 | V Shorthouse | 323.83 |
| 01/08/2020 | 505813 | R Young | 262.42 |
| 01/08/2020 | 505814 | HMRC (PAYE) | 216.40 |
| 01/08/2020 | 505815 | R Young (Expenses) | 34.25 |
| 01/08/2020 | 505816 | S S Water | 104.77 |
| 03/09/2020 | 505817 | V Shorthouse | 323.83 |
| 03/09/2020 | 505818 | R Young | 262.42 |
| 03/09/2020 | 505819 | HMRC (PAYE) | 216.40 |
| 03/09/2020 | 505820 | To be completed | 0.00 |
| 03/09/2020 | 505821 | ESBC | 589.20 |
| 03/09/2020 | 505822 | P Hughes | 144.99 |
| 03/09/2020 | 505823 | S Pryde | 29.99 |
| 03/09/2020 | 505824 | Cancelled | 0.00 |
| 03/09/2020 | 505825 | N Fleming | 510.00 |
| 03/09/2020 | 505826 | R J Francis | 1,288.80 |
| 03/09/2020 | 505827 | R Young | 50.00 |
| 03/09/2020 | 505828 | V Shorthouse | 50.00 |
| | | TOTAL: | £8,994.27 |

It was proposed, seconded and agreed the above cheques be issued.

Resolved:

To issue the above cheques.

b) Employee Wages

It was proposed (J Williams), seconded and agreed (P Kitt) that the Caretaker and Clerk should receive a 2.5% wage increase backdated to the 1st April 2020.

Resolved:

That the Caretaker and Clerk should receive a 2.5% increase in wages backdated to the 1st April 2020.

14) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, 1st October 2020

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

P Hughes
Chairman