

YOXALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held in the Parish Hall, King Street, Yoxall
on Thursday, 1st October 2020 at 7.30pm

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

Also Present: Two Members of the Public
R Young, Clerk to the Council

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from R Keys, A Grandfield, L Beech and J Jessel.

2) CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Need for advance warning of A38 closures.
- Operation Bridge – Death of a member of the Royal Family.
- Website – Access for people with disability.
- Letter of thanks to be sent to people who have made donations to the Parish Council.
- QR code for Village Hall.
- Speedwatch update.
- R Keys and A Mountjoy to compile a list of Parish Footpaths.
- Goose Green update.
- Virus shielding.
- New picture for Village Hall – Then and Now.
- Litter Bins.
- Beryl Behague Tea.

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 3RD SEPTEMBER 2020

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 3rd September 2020, subject to the following amendments:-

- 7a) Item 7 – Delete Meeting – Include Meet.
- 7a) Item 11 – Delete “The Bank” – Include Savey Lane.
- 10b) Item 2 – Delete Hall – Include Hill.
- 10c) Item 14 – Include J Jessel to arrange a meeting with Highways England (Needwood Ward).
- 10j) Item 3 – Delete For – Include Four.

Resolved:

To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 3rd September 2020, subject to the above amendments.

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

Report received as follows:-

I have had recent discussions with the Highways Team and there will be a meeting of the A515 Working Group called for November time. This will be to discuss the final outcome of the pilot, outstanding items of work, e.g. signage and to discuss with the police future enforcement arrangements. This should be the last meeting of the Working Group as any outstanding items of actions, e.g. signage on the A38 and the sign on the Moreton Lane island can be dealt with by myself, SCC Highways and Highways England.

I have agreed with Highways England and Richard Rayson that they will meet with the Needwood Divisional Forum to discuss issues arising from the A38 and traffic management and its impact on the villages within Needwood Division. I will be sending out a Zoom invitation to each of the seven parishes and Borough Councillors in the near future.

b) Report of Borough Councillor

Report received as follows:-

Thanks for your input regarding Licensing. I too feel it would be great if you were able to have this information on licensing so that parishioners could be better informed of things that may affect them....Leave it with me, I may be able to ask for a weekly list, I could perhaps forward this to you, I'll check if I can do this? It may be a Borough wide list so may take some trawling through?

I haven't heard anything further since I was advised if there was no contact a visit would be arranged. I did ask for an update if this took place, and if not what the resolution was. I have emailed the officer again this evening and will get back to you with this when I have it.

8) PLANNING

Report received as follows:-

The application at Lea Fields Farm has now been approved for five dwellings, of which three will be conversions of the existing Grade II Listed barns, though there will be the demolition of some buildings. Two other new build dwellings of similar design complete the scheme that does not include the farmhouse which is also listed and will be sold separately. The scheme will not have any vehicular access from St Peters Walk. An application for a Change of Use of an egg production unit at Woodland Hall Farm, Dunstall Lane to eight storage units is being determined and we have asked for SCC Highways' views on what could be an increase in traffic, albeit that there is an established driveway.

We have submitted our views on ESBCs planning policy on Statements of Community Involvement which could be introduced by the Council.

Our main point is that SCIs are NOT compulsory for developers to adopt and its entirely possible that a developer would want to minimise any engagement with a community if a sensitive application was being submitted. I contend that SCIs should be compulsory in ensuring that communities have full appreciation of any significant applications.

Many villagers will have noticed news reports on the Government's proposals to accelerate the planning process and whilst this may be a laudable objective, I fear that any 'streamlining' could remove many of the checks and balances required to scrutinise applications. I am also concerned that another Government proposal to increase the affordable homes exclusion limit from 10 to 50 dwellings means that schemes like St Peters Walk would escape any obligation to provide

low cost dwellings. Clearly, we need to monitor the Government's attempts to revise planning policies as many of them will affect development in the countryside.

9) CLERK'S REPORT

a) Correspondence

- SCC Temporary Traffic Order A513 Croxall Road, Alrewas.
- Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service – Safety Plan.
- SPCA Bulletin.
- SCC Road Closure Notice, Efflinch Lane, Barton-under-Needwood.
- Staffordshire Archives and Heritage Newsletter Update 1st October 2020.
- Local Government Boundary Commission – Receipt of Comments.
- Staffordshire Police – Richard Lymer – “How to contact the Police”.

10) MATTERS IN PROGRESS OR REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

a) Open Spaces

P Kitt reported the following:-

- Phase 1 and 2 now under way at Milne Holme Pingle. All benches and fences should be repaired, repainted and fencing installed in the near future, along with strimming between planted trees. The concrete blocks have been painted.
- D Muir confirmed she had contacted the Environment Agency regarding provision of a Life Belt by a river. They had confirmed this was the responsibility of the land owner.

b) Village Amenities

J Williams confirmed there were no matters to report.

c) Roads and Pavements

M Arch reported the following:-

- In contact with Highways England regarding need for closure notification of the A38.
- Outlined alternative traffic route when A38 closed.
- Requested the “Fisherman” to advertise the Website with regard to road closures information.
- SCC Highways and Highways England discussing signage.

d) Village Hall

J Williams mentioned the following:-

- Groups now using Village Hall.
- Two New Hall Users.
- Update regarding use of Meeting Room by Food Bank/Store.
- Obtained quote of £400-£500 to paint railings at front of Village Hall.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to accept the quotation to re-paint the railings at the front of the Village Hall.

Resolved:

To accept the quotation of £400-£500 to paint the railings at the front of the Village Hall.

- Outlined problem of vehicle parking on the small island outside the bungalows on King Street including difficulty to get by parked vehicle which also raises safety concerns for children going to school. J Williams to contact County Councillor J Jessel.

e) Best Kept Village Competition

- P Hughes keeping in contact with A Grandfield. No new developments.

f) Footpaths

- Meeting of Volunteers to take place to catalogue paths in Parish.
- J Williams reported Sandback needed clearing. To inform R Keys.

g) Website

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

h) Burial Ground

- J Williams mentioned no matters to report.

i) Ferrers Field

- P Kitt mentioned the following:-

Inspection and Litter Pick carried out Thursday, 24th September 2020.

John Francis on site mowing and cutting and shaping hedgerows.

As intimated by Councillor John Williams at the last meeting, John Francis price for cutting and shaping the hedgerows and cutting

back, removing all debris, was significantly less than other quotes obtained. Thank you John.

Sovereign will carry out our external inspection of play equipment week commencing 12th October 2020.

The football pitch is now being used a lot more and nets have even been seen used on the posts.

John Francis suggested we line it out properly and this is something he does for Kings Bromley and I have asked him to do this.

The remedial works approved at the last meeting are scheduled for completion in October as agreed, to pace our costs, Milne Holme Pingle proceeding first.

j) Riverside Regeneration

D Muir reported the following:-

- M Fabricant M.P. attended opening of pathway on Goose Green.
- Four Benches on order.
- Update regarding Bench donations. Allan Brown installed bench.
- Staffordshire Wildlife Trust – Meeting with regard to pond – Funding promised – Re-construction of Wildlife Meadow August 2021.
- Community Fund (ESBC) applied for two Information Boards at an approximate cost of £1,500. Hope to obtain full grant.

11) WISH LIST

P Bailey commented as follows:-

- Wish List updated.
- Dog Show cancelled.
- Litter Bin provision included.
- Christmas Box List to be drafted.
- Update regarding Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.
- Fingerpost Grant.

- P Hughes confirmed the Parish can go ahead with Remembrance Sunday. Risk Assessment to be undertaken and Parade will be limited.

12) HEALTH AND SAFETY MATTERS

- In abeyance.

13) FINANCE

a) Approval of Cheques

DATE	CHEQUE NO.	DETAILS	£
01/10/2020	505829	Boulton Arenas	9,000.00
01/10/2020	505830	Cancelled	0.00
01/10/2020	505831	R Young	302.00
01/10/2020	505832	V Shorthouse	367.87
01/10/2020	505833	HMRC	253.20
01/10/2020	505834	Waterplus	103.85
01/10/2020	505835	ESBC (License Premises)	180.00
01/10/2020	505836	N Fleming	1,090.00
01/10/2020	505837	R J Francis	1,261.00
01/10/2020	505838	Staffs Safer Roads	159.04
		TOTAL:	<u>£12,716.96</u>

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

Resolved:

To issue the above cheques.

14) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, 5th November 2020

The meeting closed at 8.56pm.

P Hughes
Chairman