

YOXALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Zoom Meeting of the Parish Council
held on the 7th January 2021 at 7.30pm

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

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

1) APOLOGIES

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

2) CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Wished everyone a good New Year.
- Improvements underway regarding the entrance to Goose Green.
- Newsletter from J Jessel.
- Safety of children crossing Savey Lane.
- Printing of Newsletter and Christmas Cards.
- Energy Efficiency.
- SCC Covid updates.
- Reverend M Peters leaving the Parish.
- Ongoing walk about with P Bailey plus map of waste bin locations.
- Need to chase delivery of Speedwatch Signs.
- Update regarding Village Welcome Pack.
- Precept Requirement 2021/2022.
- It was proposed (R Keys), seconded (J Williams) and agreed to request a 5% increase of the Precept for 2021/2022.

Resolved: To request a 5% increase of the Precept for 2021/2022.

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 ZOOM MEETING HELD ON THE 3RD DECEMBER 2020

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Zoom Meeting held on the 3rd December 2020.

Resolved:

To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Zoom Meeting held on the 3rd December 2020.

5) MATTERS ARISING

➤ No matters raised.

6) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

➤ Member of the Public enquired regarding the need to raise one section of the path on Goose Green by about 3 inches due to the water level.

D Muir replied that the ground level is lower than the pond and had been advised by the drainage contractors there was little that could be done regarding the levels.

Suggested paving slabs may alleviate the problem.

R Keys commented the drainage system is taking away water nearby houses.

7) REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

a) Report of County Councillor J Jessel

➤ The Chairman, P Hughes, thanked J Jessel for the Newsletter received.

b) Report of Borough Councillor L Beech

➤ No matters reported.

8) PLANNING

R Keys reported the following:-

➤ Not many planning applications received.

- Bond End – Informal discussion as a result of the Housing Survey. The Planning Consultants to have discussion with ESBC. Agreed to have discussion with the Parish Council during February 2021 regarding their proposals. This site is not within the Settlement Area.

Boundary Commission

- Sent a further proposal to the Boundary Commission. Yoxall have been paired with Barton under Needwood with two members. Situation discussed with J Jessel.

9) CLERK'S REPORT

a) Correspondence

- ESBC – Precept Requirement 2021-2022.
- SCC – “A New Way to Communicate”.
- SCC – “Coronavirus Update”.
- Enquiry regarding Fishing the River Swarbourn.
- Staffordshire Archive and Heritage Newsletter.
- SPCA Bulletin.
- SCC – Diversion of Vehicular Traffic B5016 Yoxall Road, Woodhouses.
- SCC – J Jessel – Boundary Commission Review.
- SCC – J Jessel – Winter 2020 Newsletter.
- SPCA – Coronavirus Updates.

10) MATTERS IN PROGRESS OR REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

a) Open Spaces

P Kitt reported the following:-

- The Inspection was carried out on Wednesday, 6th January 2021 at 1.30pm.

A litter pick of the area was carried out, removing a black bag full of litter from the area by the gates where the vehicles park. This area would benefit from a litter bin being sited here.

There was very little litter around the Pingle itself apart from a few items that are currently inaccessible, but will be removed in the fullness of time. The area was looking good and it is pleasant to walk around now.

There are still a few plastic collars to be removed but the two Wheelie Bin bags full previously removed have improved the appearance enormously; as has the cutting of the grass between the saplings.

b) Village Amenities

J Williams mentioned the following:-

- Welcome Pack – Need to update information available and then all Councillors to review detail. R Keys commented we have a Designer in the Village who may be prepared to help. Need to involve both young and old.
- Lengthsman Responsibilities – J Williams circulated schedule for consideration and said we need someone to undertake some of the Parish work.

c) Roads and Pavements

M Arch reported as follows:-

- Noted day time earth moving trucks – Ten each hour. Will monitor and follow up. Three companies transporting earth through the Village.
- Sudbury Road hedge cut back.
- R Keys commented yellow lines to be installed on Hadley Street – Sudbury Road 2021-2022.
- R Keys and D Muir meeting with SCC who confirmed dropped kerbs on Town Hill will be replaced by full kerbs and two gullies.

d) Village Hall

J Williams reported the following:-

- Receipts have not materialised for the Hall due to lockdown.
- Food Bank still operating from Village Hall.
- Small repair to heating system – Valve on thermostat.
- Dispute with Performing Right Society regarding the amount of music played in Hall.

e) Best Kept Village Competition

P Bailey reported the following:-

- A Grandfield not received anything for the BKV Competition 2021. No detail on Website.
- D Muir commented if the BKV Competition does not go ahead, we could consider a Best Kept Garden Competition.

f) Footpaths

R Keys reported the following:-

- All reports received.
- Further discussions with SCC concerning replacement stiles apart from four already donated.
- No Funds available from SCC – Need to clarify with Paul Rochfort at S.C.C. including detail regarding the Community Paths Initiative.
- National Forest may be able to help with footpaths. Most footpaths in good shape.

g) Website

- M Arch confirmed details of Scam included on Website. Will include Scam Alerts and any information available.

h) Burial Ground

- J Williams confirmed no matters to report.

i) Ferrers Field

P Kitt reported the following:-

- The Inspection was carried out on Wednesday, 6th January 2021 at 12.45pm. A small amount of litter was removed. A visual inspection of the play areas was carried out and all appeared to be in order. In general, Ferrers Field as a whole was looking very good.

j) Riverside Regeneration

D Muir reported the following:-

- Fruit Trees planted.
- Hope to organise a Workshop for Bird Boxes – Need involvement of Staffordshire Wildlife Trust – Hindered by Covid virus.
- Problem with cutting down two trees. May ask for assistance from the National Forest.

- School PTA looking at each child to have a capsule with items from 2020-2021. Need to bury in Village and retrieve in ten years. Could plant a tree at location where capsules buried.
- Tree to be planted with plaque in recognition of the lady who donated Goose Green land.
- Updated Income and Expenditure Schedule.
- Approved grants of £2,500.00 to be received in the future.
- Will try and obtain funding for two trees.
- P Bailey commented the Waste Bins on Goose Green had not been emptied.

11) **WISH LIST**

P Bailey reported the following:-

- Wish List updated and circulated.
- Waste bin in storage to be sited at Milne Holme Pingle.

12) **HEALTH AND SAFETY MATTERS**

- This item was deferred.

13) **FINANCE**

a) **Approval of Cheques**

DATE	CHEQUE NO.	DETAILS	£
07/01/2021	505901	V Shorthouse	331.17
07/01/2021	505902	ESBC – Roads Litter	589.20
07/01/2021	505903	R Young	268.95
07/01/2021	505904	HMRC	222.60
		TOTAL:	£1,411.92

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

Resolved:

To issue the above cheques.

b) **Parish Council Agenda**

The Clerk to enquire with SPCA regarding the inclusion of “Any Other Business”

14) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 4th February 2021

The meeting closed at 9.17pm.

P Hughes
Chairman