

YOXALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Zoom Meeting of the Parish Council
held on the 4th March 2021 at 7.30pm

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

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

1) APOLOGIES

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

2) CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- The sad passing of A Grandfield. Condolences were sent to Pat Hunt plus flowers and a card. Ange was a School Governor and received a MBE for services to education. She had been a Parish Councillor since 2010 and was involved with Health and Safety and the Best Kept Village Competition. As a tribute to A Grandfield, an Annual School Award could be given in her name.
- Parish Council Vacancies.
- Update regarding St Peters Walk, Lioncourt and ESBC.
- Litter bins outside the shops refurbished.
- Neighbourhood Plan to be reviewed and updated.
- Radio Derby Program on the 17th February 2021 regarding Yoxall Footpath.
- May Elections which are determined by the Government to go ahead. Need to consider date for Annual Meeting.
- Map of Waste Bins to be produced.
- Audit of Footpaths completed.

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 4TH FEBRUARY 2021**

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Zoom Meeting held on the 4th February 2021, subject to the following amendment:-

- Delete: 10g Website: "P Bailey to provide Social Media page".
- Include: 10g Website: "L Beech provided Social Media update of Covid information".

Resolved:

To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Zoom Meeting held on the 4th February 2021, subject to the above amendment.

5) **MATTERS ARISING**

- No matters raised.

6) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- No matters raised.

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

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

- No matters reported.

b) **Report of Borough Councillor L Beech**

- No matters reported.

8) **PLANNING**

a) **Planning Report**

R Keys reported the following items:-

2020/01439 – A side extension to form a triple garage and guest accommodation at Lichfield Lodge, Lodge Lane. No objection.

2020/01473 and 01327 at Weaverlake Farm, Hadley Street. Side extension to a Listed building. No objection.

00252 – Prior approval for conversion of a vacant barn in Morrey Lane to a dwelling. As Prior Approval applies to a building already permitted, the applicants are effectively seeking a

Change of Use with design being a critical factor in achieving permission. As the overall proposed footprint and existing shape of the building remains, I can see no reason to object.

2021/00150 – Creation of a detached two storey garage at Sherholt Cottage East, Dunstall Lane. No objection.

2020/01455 – Extension and new windows at Foxhole Barn, Scotch Hill Road. No objection.

Existing Applications

00899 Dunstall Lane and 00077 Longcroft Farm – Both these applications have attracted local concerns from neighbours and I have accordingly directed their enquiries to ESBC planning.

Neither application has yet been determined.

Bond End – Despite further enquiries, I have received no news on this site and presume an application is being prepared. This site is NOT within the settlement boundary of the village and would be treated as a rural exemption site should it come forward for consideration.

Car Park and Open Space at St Peters Walk

We have submitted revised maintenance costs as ESBC and Lioncourt have asked the PC to include a gully adjacent to the car park in the works schedule, but the gully will remain in the ownership of ESBC. We expect completion of Lioncourt/ESBC transfer by the end of April, which will then allow us to order the signage in early May. The PC will then expect to take ownership of the car park at the end of May.

9) CLERK'S REPORT

a) Correspondence

- SSC – Temporary Traffic Regulation Order – Upper Hoar, Cross Road.
- M and C Fahey – Comments regarding Planning Application P/2021/00044.
- Staffordshire Police – Monthly Parish Report.
- Staffordshire Fire – Community Safety – Electric Boilers.
- SPCA Bulletin.
- J Jessel – Dignity in Care Awards.
- SCC – “My Staffordshire Newsletter”.
- SCC – I.T. Support available in Staffordshire.
- Came and Co – Unoccupied Premises Update.

10) MATTERS IN PROGRESS OR REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

a) Open Spaces

P Kitt reported the following with regard to Milne Holme Pingle:-

Inspection and Litter Pick carried out on Saturday, 27th February 2021.

All was found to be in good condition. Some litter removed.

It was noted that someone had gathered up the remaining loose collars and placed them neatly in a pile next to the bins and to the right of the Concrete Blocks, for which they have my thanks.

I assume the bin emptying service will remove. If they fail to do so, I will remove as I did with the others.

b) Village Amenities

J Williams commented regarding Signage needed for Car Park and Open Spaces at St Peters Walk.

c) Roads and Pavements

M Arch mentioned the following:-

- Increase in Heavy Goods Vehicles transporting gravel on the A515. Some vehicles going round bends at speed.
- Eight Heavy Goods Vehicles per hour .
- Article in Lichfield Mercury regarding local school obtaining agreement with HS2 not use local roads.
- Increase in Heavy Goods Vehicles at night.
- No Police presence on A515.
- Tried to identify who grants licences.
- Accident outside the Golden Cup – Written to Road Safety Unit suggesting provision of barrier.
- P Hughes said need to formally write to Kings Bromley PC and Draycott in the Clay Parish Council regarding heavy goods vehicles.
- Need to enquire regrading traffic volumes to and from Marchington Industrial Estate.

d) Village Hall

- J Williams commented he was waiting for Directive as to what we can or cannot do regarding opening Village Hall.
- R Keys reported looking at advertisement for Parish Hall – biggest income but biggest overhead.

e) Best Kept Village Competition

- P Bailey reported the quote to plant the Flower Tubs for 2021 was £1,209.00.
- It was proposed (P Bailey), seconded (R Keys) and agreed to accept the quotation of £1,209.00 from Woodhouse Green Nursery.

Resolved:

To accept the quotation from Woodhouse Green Nursery.

f) Footpaths

R Keys reported the following:-

All the reports for the audit have now been received and a requisition list of stiles, posts is being compiled. The footpath crossing the egg farm at Dunstall Lane is being examined by ESBC and SCC following the recent application 00899, and we will be advised as to when it will be reinstated with new signage. We are awaiting notice from SCC regarding repair works on the Ferrers Field footpath.

g) Website

M Arch reported the Website was up to date.

h) Burial Ground

J Williams commented the dry weather should have solved the surplus water problem in the burial ground. Also confirmed would arrange for the tap/casing to be repaired.

i) Ferrers Field

P Kitt reported the following:-

Inspection and Litter Pick carried out on 28th February 2021.

All was found to be in good order. Small amounts of litter removed.

The large Fir tree branches are overhanging the parked cars on Ferrers Road.

The 4/5 trees at the bottom corner of the Field by the footpath to Savey Lane, all have Ivy growing around and up them.

Simon Manning of Fairview Arborists has given a quote of £50.00 for the removal of the branches and £50.00 for the removal of the Ivy; total £100.00.

Parish Council approval is sought to go ahead with these works.

This will put us in a very good position going into Spring and at this point no other significant works require attention.

J Williams commented that Western Power will cut back trees if near power cables.

P Hughes said Insurers require tree inspections and need to be maintained.

j) Riverside Regeneration

D Muir reported the following:-

Two dead Alder trees have been removed by Fairview Arborists from along the riverbank. One trunk has been left at a height of 12 feet to create a wildlife tree. Cost £400.00 covered by funds. The cut wood has all been utilised – most of the trunk slices are going to be made into beehives, another piece will be carved into a wolf and the chippings have all been used as mulch at the entrance and on the woodland school area. Michelle from The Moat House has been very helpful in clearing the debris and pulling branches out of the river.

The next stage is to install two interpretation boards – one for Flora and one for Fauna. Bryony Halsted has designed the content of the boards and has had approval from The National Forest and has sent them to Anatomic Woodworking who construct the boards. The funding for these is covered by The National Forest and ESBC and has to be requested by the end of this month.

I have been approached by Janet Laing who would like to install a bench in memory of her late husband, Stephan. She already has a wooden bench and is arranging its installation on slabs similar to that installed by Alan Brown.

One of the plaques on the woodland school benches is being replaced. Alan Bailey is changing the wording to clarify his relationships, at his own cost.

I have received a text from Alex MacKenzie (FOSPS) regarding the Time Capsule burial. They are hoping to do two burials on the last day of term (28th May) – one a.m. and the other p.m., each limited to 30 individuals and assuming the lifting of restriction dates are as suggested last week. They would also like to arrange for the school to go there at some point. Alex asks if the Parish Council is happy with this suggestion.

Zoe Sewter from The National Forest has asked for our views on a project that Live and Local are considering. They have a group of performing artists (dancers) who are hoping to create some storytelling in the community and engage with the village. Zoe believes that Goose Green could be a suitable site. I will forward her initial email to you all.

11) WISH LIST

P Bailey commented as follows:-

- No items to be added.
- Yoxall Fete not going ahead this year.
- Not been able to do anything further on the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme.

12) HEALTH AND SAFETY MATTERS

- No matters raised.

13) FINANCE

a) Cheques Payments

DATE	CHEQUE NO.	DETAILS	£
12/02/2021	505916	Fairview Arborists	400.00
18/02/2021	505917	P Hughes – Expenses	267.28
18/02/2021	505918	Harwil Associates	195.00
18/02/2021	505919	Cancelled	0.00
04/03/2021	505920	R Young	268.95
04/03/2021	505921	V Shorthouse	331.17
04/03/2021	505922	HMRC (PAYE)	222.60
04/03/2021	505923	Glasdons (3 bins)	1,110.24
04/03/2021	505924	Cancelled	0.00
04/03/2021	505925	S Pryde	173.88
04/03/2021	505926	R Young – Expenses	27.90
		TOTAL:	£2,997.02

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

Resolved:

To issue the above cheques.

14) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 1st April 2021.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

P Hughes
Chairman