

YOXALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Thursday, 3rd June 2021 at 7.30pm
in the Parish Hall, King Street, Yoxall

Present: P Hughes, M Arch, R Keys, P Kitt, S Evans and J Williams

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

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from P Bailey, D Muir and J Jessel.

2) CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman, P Hughes, mentioned the following:-

- Introduced Co-opted Councillor, Susan Evans.
- St Peters School need to recruit three Community Governors.
- Dog Fouling in Burial Ground.
- CCTV Update.
- P Hughes and M Arch attended HS2 Meeting.
- Reverend Binsley passed away who had done much work in the Parish and will be sadly missed.
- Village Hall Railings.
- Noticeboard at Newchurch.

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 6TH MAY 2021

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 6th May 2021.

Resolved:

To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 6th May 2021.

5) **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- No matters were raised.

6) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Paul and Lucy Boulton gave details and explained the problems they were experiencing regarding turning off the A515 whereby they need to pass and return to access a side road. Gave details of who they had contacted including emails to David Williams, Cabinet Member responsible for Highways at Staffordshire County Council.

P Hughes commented the Traffic Regulation Order in question stops normal activity, especially in a rural/farming area. P Hughes said this matter would be taken up with County Councillor, J Jessel.

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**

R Keys reported the following:-

Planning Report – June 2021

Application No: P2019/01517 – Cartref. This application has now been revised in that flood risk issues have been addressed to the satisfaction of the Environment Agency who have withdrawn their objection and a revised plan has been submitted still showing two dwellings; though one slightly smaller than the other. This aspect does not remove the Parish Council's original view that two detached dwellings on this plot constitutes over development and our objection stands.

Application No: P2021/00244 – Dog breeding unit at Stoneyford Croft. This application has attracted considerable interest, particularly from neighbours and subsequently a revised application has been submitted saying that a Breeding Licence has been granted by ESBC and that the applicant has satisfied the Borough Council regarding welfare issues raised by objectors. The Parish Council now needs to consider these revisions and consult with local residents, a number of whom have already expressed their continued objection to the proposal.

Lea Fields Farm, Hadley Street

Development of the site has now begun with the demolition of some barns leading to the formation of a five dwelling scheme involving some barn conversions and new build dwellings. Meanwhile, three new detached dwellings will be built at the back of the site, though these will only be accessed from St Peter's Walk.

The Grade II Listed farmhouse has been sold separately and is not part of the new development.

9) CLERK'S REPORT

a) Correspondence

- SPCA Bulletin.
- SCC – Thomas Morris Amending TRO-TR47/18 Yoxall, Kings Bromley and Rileyhill.
- Staffordshire Archives and Heritage Newsletter.
- SCC – Staffordshire Libraries Facebook Timetable – June 2021.
- SCC – My Staffordshire Newsletter – June 2021.
- J Jessel – “Keep Up the Vaccine Push”.
- ESBC – Declaration of Result for the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Election.

10) MATTERS IN PROGRESS OR REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

a) Open Spaces

P Kitt reported the following:-

The area should have been mowed now by John Francis. It was looking tidy and litter free. John Francis has agreed to trim between all the trees again mid-June for the same cost of £150.00, despite it taking him three hours more than he thought last time. He has agreed to keep price the same “because it is for Yoxall”. Parish Council permission is sought to go ahead with this. This was agreed.

b) Village Amenities

J Williams mentioned the following:-

- Speedwatch Signs in place.
- Requested the Parish Council have a Speedwatch Report each month. P Hughes to enquire with Mr Walker.
- Now have an Operating Post Office.

- Duke of Edinburgh Award – Last month suggested maintenance of the Noticeboard for young Parishioners to undertake as part of Award Scheme. Noticeboard needs more attention than thought so could an alternative be to rake out play bark on Ferrers Field.

c) **Roads and Pavements**

M Arch reported the following:-

HS2

Following receipt of an advice that the turning bans along the A515 were to be suspended to allow movement of HS2 contractors, we attended a virtual meeting with Kings Bromley P.C. and representatives from HS2 and Staffordshire County Council.

We sought an explanation and detail regarding the proposals but were assured that contractors are not authorised to come through the villages.

Suspension of the TRO's only applies to the Wood End Lane turning at present and only to HS2 contractors.

HCV's will only be allowed access to the compounds in Wood End Lane and also near the junction with Wood End Lane and the A515.

Access will be from the A38 and along Wood End Lane.

Vehicles will carry HS2 notices. Any vehicle flouting the rules are to be reported to HS2.

16th June will see between 6 and 8 tankers passing through Kings Bromley which is a one-off.

Wood End Lane is to be widened but no news yet. Similarly, a traffic island is to be installed at the existing junction of the A515 with Handsacre Road in Kings Bromley.

A38 Closures

With the number of closures seemingly never ending, we contacted Highways England to express concern and the fact that regular bulletins have stopped. We have been told that HE are looking to an alternative diversionary route to the A515 and hope to be able to provide more detail in a couple of months after negotiations have taken place with the various agencies.

d) Village Hall

- J Williams reported the Hall would be opening in line with Government guidance and get back to pre-Covid levels.

e) Best Kept Village Competition

- The Chairman, P Hughes, asked S Evans to take on the matters relating to the Best Kept Village Competition plus support R Keys with Footpaths.

f) Footpaths

R Keys mentioned the following:-

- Removal of tree from footpath at Scotch Hill.
- Update regarding Waymarking.

g) Website

- M Arch confirmed the Website had been updated with information available.

h) Burial Ground

J Williams reported the following:-

- Asked Paul Boulton to survey and quote to improve drainage at the Burial Ground.
- Outlined Dog Fouling problem in the Burial Ground. Have received enquiries from ESBC to enhance Dog Control Orders with upgraded Order. If Dog Fouling is noticed, please let me know with information such as who, when and where.

i) Ferrers Field

P Kitt reported the following:-

The field has been mowed and is looking good. All equipment appears in good order. The timber equipment has been repainted. Unfortunately, someone got paint on their jumper due to no wet paint signs. I have spoken to them and said that the Parish Council would pay for cleaning and will follow up with Contractor.

The Goalposts have been repainted. The area would benefit from some cutting back plus around the bench outside which is becoming overgrown. The area would benefit from some tidying up and edging up of the footpaths.

The footpath to Savey Lane would benefit from strimming and edging up, both sides. In a recent conversation with Neil Fleming, he intimated that he would use his ride on mower for free on this area. He may be amenable to strimming and edging for a nominal fee if we approach him. Council permission is sought to do so.

j) Riverside Regeneration

D Muir sent a report as follows:-

Goose Green

I planted up the 60 hedging and copse saplings provided by The Woodlands Trust and hopefully after all the rain we have had they should survive. I strimmed the areas before planting – along the boundary with Helen Parkes and at the back of the Newsagents and Cleaning Shop where the fence is so ugly.

I have spoken to John Francis and asked him to strim the grass and nettles on the outside of the main area to give the young trees a bit of space to grow as they are currently swamped by tall grasses, nettles, bindweed and buttercups. He has been unwell but hopes to finish it in the next couple of days.

The first community event took place last Friday when St Peter's School PTA buried the time capsules and planted a tree to mark the spot. I was hoping to run a nest building workshop in July when the school children are having a fortnight of outdoor activities but again, it is proving difficult to find anyone to run the workshops. The contacts I have at Staffordshire Wildlife Trust are now working part-time and they have a backlog of commitments.

11) WISH LIST

P Hughes commented the Wish List had been updated by P Bailey last month.

12) HEALTH AND SAFETY MATTERS

P Hughes reported he and the Clerk would be completing an online basic health and safety course.

13) **FINANCE**

a) **Cheques Payments**

DATE	CHEQUE NO.	DETAILS	£
03/06/2021	506101	P Hughes (Flowers)	20.00
03/06/2021	506102	N Fleming	510.00
03/06/2021	506103	Waterplus	52.76
03/06/2021	506104	V Shorthouse	329.17
03/06/2021	506105	R Young	268.95
03/06/2021	506106	HMRC (PAYE)	224.60
03/06/2021	506107	R J Francis	1,296.00
		TOTAL:	<u>£2,701.48</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, 1st July 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

P Hughes
Chairman