

YOXALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Yoxall Parish Council
held on Thursday, 2nd December 2021 at 7.30pm
in Yoxall Parish Hall

Present: P Hughes, P Bailey, D Muir, R Yapp, S Evan, P Kitt and J. Williams.

Also Present: Two Members of the Public
R Young – Clerk to the Council
PCSO T. Leathers

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from R Keys, M Arch, J Jessel and L Beech.

2) CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman, P Hughes, mentioned the following:

- Consider Precept Requirement for 2022/2023.
- Letter sent to Doctor's Surgery.
- Two more young people progressing toward the Duke of Edinburgh Award.
- Christmas Boxes being prepared for eighty nine Parishioners.
- Newchurch Noticeboard in poor condition.
- Letters of thanks to be sent to students who helped recently.
- Grants available.
- Letter sent to J Atkins at Yoxall Sports Club regarding plans for new facilities and congratulations regarding recent event.
- Concern relating to Dog Fouling in village and need for people to come forward.

3) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

To be recorded when matter raised during the meeting.

4) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH NOVEMBER 2021

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

- 10k) Delete: The change of venue is the number of people wishing to attend.
Include: The change of venue is due to the number of people wishing to attend.

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 4th November 2021, subject to the above amendment.

5) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- No matters were raised.

6) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a) Staffordshire Police

PCSO Tim Leathers reviewed the following issues:-

- Problems with HGV's.
- Explained procedure to stop a vehicle.
- Gave details of re-allocation of duties for Road Traffic and Response Teams.
- R Hughes mentioned problem of speeding motorists.
- Concerns of Parishioners when dogs are taken off leads.
- Details given of dog owner who had to take their dog for veterinary treatment after being injured by another dog off a lead. Details already given to police.
- The Chairman thanked PCSO Leathers for attending this meeting.

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 sent a report as follows:-

Planning Report – November 2021

I have recently been contacted by Trent and Dove Housing Association regarding an enquiry they received from the agents for a site at Bond

End. I confirmed that members of the Parish Council met the agents almost two years ago and that they subsequently distributed a housing needs survey, the results of which they have yet to share. I explained that it was difficult to comment as we have yet to see any firm proposals and that the land would be treated as a rural exception site as it is outside of the village settlement boundary. Trent and Dove's director is now making enquiries with ESBC as the Council refused a previous application on this site in 2017.

St Peters Walk

I can confirm that finally the legal agreements covering the transfer of the car park and open space at St Peters Walk are ready for sign off. I expect a call from ESBC as to when the Parish Council will receive title for the car park together with a contract and schedule for the ongoing maintenance work. Meanwhile, Councillor Williams is arranging some hedge trimming to make the entrance more clearly visible.

P Bailey said that there was no signage on site. J Williams said that when transferred to the Parish Council, signage will be installed.

Neighbourhood Plan

I have been reviewing our Neighbourhood Plan and ESBC have agreed to a meeting in December to discuss what updates could be included without the need for a referendum which would be very costly.

Householder Enquiries

Two householders have contacted me regarding adjacent land to their properties which will be subject to planning applications. I visited both sites and whilst giving them advice, I explained that the Parish Council cannot formally intervene until a planning application is submitted, though I assured them that I will continue to monitor both sites.

Planning Applications

P/2021/01164 and Listed Building App 01451

Both applications refer to the former antique shop at King Street and describe works in changing the use from commercial to residential premises. These include internal works as well as a fencing, gate and new driveway onto King Street. Other external works include emergency repairs to the chimney and internal shutters. As the drive exits onto King Street, we gather that the Planning Officer will ask for a view from SCC regarding safety and visibility. I have raised a couple of points with the Planning Officer for clarification and await her reply.

P/2021/01280 – Erection of a detached garden storage building at Big Barn, Holly Bank Farm, Woodhouses – another application where I have raised some points with the Planning Officer and await his reply.

P/2021/01455 – Proposal for a two storey rear extension and single storey side extension at the Dimble, Dunstall Road, Stoneyford. A query has been raised regarding a badger set at this site and I have enquired with ESBC who will check whether this is affected by development.

Welcome Pack

We are now collating amendments for the next run of inserts as we produced only 20 sets initially. Please send any updates to me or Councillor Muir.

9) CLERK'S REPORT

a) Correspondence

- J Jessel – Road Closure Notice – Six Roads End.
- J Jessel – Savey Lane Drains – “On 22nd November 2021, the Highway Team managed to clean out all of the gutters in Savey Lane, Yoxall. The blocked drain to the manhole was cleared. The manhole was cleared and jetted down to the A515.
- J Jessel – Road Closure Notice – Walton Lane, Barton.
- J Jessel – Funding up to £1,500 to improve wellbeing in the Community.
- J Jessel – Climate Change.
- My Staffordshire Newsletter.
- Highways England – A38 E-Bulletin.
- SCC – Covid-19 Resident Survey.
- SPCA Annual General Meeting – 6th December 2021.
- ESBC – Sara Botham – Parish Council Forum (Zoom) – 9th December 2021.
- SPCA Bulletin.

10) MATTERS IN PROGRESS OR REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

a) Open Spaces

P Kitt reported the following:-

Ferrers Field

Inspection carried out on the 24th November 2021 – all looking good.

Ken is going ahead with the works approved by Council at last meeting to meet with ROSPA recommendations; supports to

swings and concrete ramp to fort with rubber non-slip surface on the top of ramp.

Next meeting of the Ferrers Field Development Group will be in January.

Milne Holme Pingle

Litter pick and inspection was carried out on 22nd November 2021. Area looking very good.

Ken has been asked to site the spare bin from outside Malcolm's on the left of where cars park so that there is a litter bin either side.

b) Village Amenities

J Williams reported the following:-

- Christmas Tree to be installed on Saturday.
- Dog Fouling – Notice on behalf of Parish Council.
- Newchurch Noticeboard – Ongoing.
- Wheelchair Provision – Reviewed.
- Christmas Parcels – Reviewed distribution.
- Car Park – Signs to be ordered when transferred to Parish Council.

c) Roads and Pavements

M Arch sent a report as follows:-

After almost two months we receive a disappointing response from Staffordshire County Council to our request for traffic calming measures/controls in Yoxall to combat the increasing number of speeding motorists.

Our request for speed cameras has not been supported. We have received support for improvements to the traffic island at Alexandra Drive intersection with the A515.

Assessment will be carried out in the coming months which is again disappointing as we were told that an analysis of traffic movements would be undertaken post lockdown.

Have asked the Road Safety Partnership for the fourth time to site a mobile speed camera at the Alexandra Drive island. No response in the last seven days.

Speeding motorists see the stretch of the road through the village as a safe haven. Many instances where reckless driving has been seen, even during the period of inclement weather.

Letter received from Rob Milburn and Pat Jones regarding the speed of traffic and white lineage.

d) Village Hall

J Williams reported the following:-

- Camara Club have disbanded and returned keys.
- Outlined details of amount outstanding from the Camara Club and ownership of the screen.

e) Best Kept Village Competition 2022

S Evans commented as follows:-

- There are still plenty of jobs which require attention, including sweeping, cutting back and ongoing litter picking. Separate list has been compiled.
- I will liaise with the school in late January/early February about posters for BKV – should competition proceed next year.
- Will draft an article for the “Fisherman” regarding the Best Kept Village Competition.
- Let’s Tidy Up List.

f) Website

M Arch sent a report as follows:-

- Continue to update the website whenever I can. The website is the quickest way to keep residents informed, apart from social media. Will update from Councillors’ reports but need ongoing items to keep website fresh.

g) Burial Ground

- No matters reported.

h) Riverside Regeneration

- D Muir said there were no matters to report.

i) Sports Club Development

- No matters reported.

j) Health Services

R Yapp commented as follows:-

- Covid Group suggested to help inform Parishioners. P Hughes said we may “step” on professionals.
- Patient Information Group.
 - No reply to letter sent by the Chairman.
 - Possibility of meeting with Health Centre to review the following:
 - ❖ Communication.
 - ❖ Attitude of Staff.
 - ❖ Attitude of Patients.
 - ❖ Dispensing turnaround time.
 - Offered use of Parish Council Website.

k) Conservation Matters

S Evans reported the following:-

Report for December 2021 Meeting

Informal Saturday session scheduled for Saturday, 13th November did not take place. However, feedback has produced some excellent ideas and suggestions.

Contact with school ongoing regarding prizes for logo design finalists.

Village walks utilising public footpaths to take place as follows:-

- Tuesday, 7th December – a short walk of approximately 30-45 minutes.
- Wednesday, 29th December – a slightly longer route of around 45 minutes – 1 hour.
- Saturday, 15th January 2022 – a walk of 1½ - 2 hours.

These will be advertised in the Fisherman, website, social media and posters.

Date for Paul Rochfort (per Bob Keys) to come along and talk to the group ongoing.

Projects planned to commence in January (subject to weather!). This will be footpath tidying.

Website – there will be a dedicated page on the website. Copy and photos currently being prepared.

Fisherman – We would like to have a regular section: “Conservation Corner”. Again, ideas, photos and copy being prepared.

Involvement with youth groups (Scouts, Guides, etc.) to be taken forwards.

Footpaths

We now have costs for new stiles and are examining how best they can be installed by local firms or Burton Conservation Group. SCC footpaths officer has agreed to meet Yoxall Conservation Group in the New Year. Sue Evans will provide fuller overviews.

11) WISH LIST

P Bailey mentioned the following:-

- Parish Council to offer to put on Dog Show at Village Fete.
- Inclusions on Wish List – Welcome Pack and Footpath Leaflet.
- Beryl Behague Tea included.
- Parish Hall Security (Locks) ongoing.

12) HEALTH AND SAFETY MATTERS

- This item was deferred.

13) FINANCE

a) Cheque Payments

DATE	CHEQUE NO.	DETAILS	£
17/11/2021	506310	Burton Conservation Volunteers	549.73
02/12/2021	506311	R Young	268.95
02/12/2021	506312	HMRC (PAYE)	179.20
02/12/2021	506313	A Pipe Dream	80.00
02/12/2021	506314	Yoxall PCC	73.50
02/12/2021	506315	K Gamble (Domain Renewal)	11.99

02/12/2021	506316	ESBC (Premises License)	180.00
02/12/2021	506317	R Young – Expenses	37.80
02/12/2021	506318	N Fleming	550.00
02/12/2021	506319	Betzy's Cleaning	200.00
		TOTAL:	<u>£2,131.17</u>

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

Resolved: To issue the above cheques.

14) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 6th January 2022.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

P Hughes
Chairman