

YOXALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Yoxall Parish Council
held on Thursday, 3rd February 2022 at 7.30pm
in Yoxall Parish Hall

Present: P Hughes (Chair), P Bailey, D Muir, R Yapp, S Evans, M Arch, P Kitt,
R Keys and J Williams, Laura Beech (ESBC)

Also Present: Three members of the Public.

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from R.Young.

2) CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman, P Hughes, mentioned the following:

- Pumping stations at Sich Lane and Town Hill. Still trying to get them secured.
- Platinum Jubilee – Public meeting held on 20 Jan. Next meeting 16th Feb.
- Corres re. Chevin Homes. Cllr Keys to report.
- Speeding through Yoxall – e.g. Dunstall Lane. Concerns of residents noted.
- Sports Club meeting held. Very informative. Hope to attract new members.
- Milne Holme Pingle meeting on 4th Feb and Ferrers meeting on 10 Feb.
- Screen in village hall is now Council owned.

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 6TH JANUARY 2022.

It was proposed (B. Keys) and seconded (J.Williams) and agreed to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th January 2022, subject to the following:-

10(k) Delete the words “with Routes A and B.

Last but one bullet point – Amend Century to sensory.

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 6th January 2022, subject to the above amendments.

5) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- No matters were raised.

6) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident raised the issue of mud on the road in Hadley Street. Had spoken with Chevin Homes but no action taken. Also the Green is being gradually destroyed and increasing amounts of rubbish being left by contractors.

Cllr Keys reported that he had spoken with the site manager. County Council is the enforcing body and Julia Jessel is involved. Commitment from Chevin to replace all damaged areas. Cleaning of the roads is supposed to be part of the contract and needs to be enforced by S.C.C. Sweeping needs to be done on a regular basis.

7) REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

a) Report of County Councillor J Jessel

- County Council presenting new 4 year strategic plan.
- Traffic data being taken regarding volumes of vehicles using the A515 through Yoxall. Proposals to be considered for next year's budget.
- 20 examples where pavement repairs are needed. Small budget available.
- Parking in Savey Lane. Scheme to incorporate parking space into the road by expansion of the Lane.
- Double yellow lines on Hadley Street have been successful.
- Confirmed that pressure is being put on Chevin Homes to clean the road at regular intervals. Bob Keys identified that there is a collapsed drain due to contractor vehicles.
- Meeting with directors of Clinical Commissioning Group re. complaints re medical centre.
- Levelling Up agenda by Central Government – All districts and boroughs in Staffordshire to work together and have formed a leaders' board. Will lead to more devolved budget and powers.
- Single point of contact at County Council re. Public concerns e.g. maintenance of open spaces.
- Climate Action Fund. The County Council is hoping to reach zero carbon emissions by 2050. Each County Cllr has a fund of £1500 to allocate. Maximum amount £500 in one application. Applicants can make multiple applications to more than one Cllr.
- Stoneyford Traffic Calming proposals. Due to accidents, near misses, pets killed, work is being undertaken to see what measures can be considered to improve the situation. Cllr Julia Jessel advised that Richard Rayson is looking at what can be done, e.g Village demarcation signs and planting of vegetation.

b) Report of Borough Councillor L Beech

- Commonwealth Games baton to visit Georges Park.
- Cannock Chase. Designated special area of conservation. Any developments by developers must be offset by payments from the developer to maintain the area. Protection zone recommended to be increased to 15 kilometre radius.

- Public space protection orders being reviewed by ESBC. Dog fouling still of concern.
- Brown bin suspension due to staff shortages. Collections to resume shortly.
- No collection charge for green waste in the offing.
- Cabinet members will shortly be presenting the budget.

8) PLANNING

R Keys reported the following:-

Planning Report.

Recent Applications include:-

2022/00038. Bridgefield, Sudbury Rd. Removal of agricultural tie on the development of a single dwelling (planning already approved).

2022/00008. Woodmill Farm, Yoxall. Alterations to former barn to create a retail unit.

Permissions include:-

23, Ferrers Road. Erection of a detached granny annexe at the rear of the property.

9) CLERK'S REPORT

a) Correspondence

- Received regular bulletins re A38 closures. Diversions are much improved.
- Advice re. funding of Arts and Culture projects.
- Received Staffordshire archives newsletter.
- Environment agency newsletter.
- Advice received re. local road closures.

10) MATTERS IN PROGRESS OR REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

a) Open Spaces

P Kitt reported the following:-

Milne Holme Pingle

Litter pick and inspection carried out on 28th January 2022. Fencing by the river has been reinstated. New litterbin in the area where cars park is working well. Area cleaner than normal.

Meeting arranged with Trent Rivers Trust to discuss "Waymarking signs" and "Interpretation Boards".

Ferrers Field

Inspection carried out on 1st February. Field tidy and looking good. Looking to install new paths. No planning consent required. Play bark delivered and spread. Footpaths to be tidied up in the next few weeks. Path to Savey Lane repaired. Picnic table and benches could do with a coat of preservative. Still evidence of dog fouling. Quotes for maintenance work being obtained.

Layout of Ferrers Field and accompanying explanation sent to Sport England to support application for funding.

ESBC (Laura Beech) asked to consider provision of additional picnic table.

Next meeting of Ferrers Field Development Group arranged for Thursday, 10th February at 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

b) Village Amenities

J. Williams reported

- Little activity at The Crown Inn. Re-opening on Monday.

c) Roads and Pavements

M Arch reported the following:-

- No current overnight closures on the A38.
- Toyota island improvements complete. Reduction seen in number of night-time movements of HCV's. J. Jessel advised that new diversion route is signposted on the M42.
- J. Williams mentioned concern re. the chicanes in King Bromley which are dark in colour and a potential hazard.

d) Village Hall.

J. Williams reported the following:-

- LED lighting. Quotation obtained. £887. Plus VAT. Matter to be considered further. Potential of grant funding up to £500.
- Enquiry to use Hall on Saturday or Sunday during the Queen's Jubilee week.
- Asked for assistance to remove chairs and tables.

e) Best Kept Village Competition

S Evans reported the following:-

- Next village clean-up to take place on Saturday, 2nd April. Times to be finalised. Adverts to be placed throughout the village. School groups to be contacted and encouraged to participate. Assistance needed with refreshments in the Parish Hall.
- Article re. BKV and Yoxall's involvement produced for the Fisherman and P.C website and scheduled for inclusion in March.
- "Gold" Duke of Edinburgh Award participants to assist with number of initiatives including noticeboard maintenance. Schedule of jobs being assembled.
- School pupils to design posters and to participate in litter pick.
 - BKV Application to be completed and submitted by early March.
 - Accepted quote for flower tubs in Yoxall. **Proposed by Cllr Bailey and seconded by Cllr Williams.**

f) Website

M Arch reported that the Website is up-to-date and includes latest Parish Councillor reports and where sections on the Health Centre, BKV and Conservation Group have been expanded plus news item for Milne Holme Pingle and Ferrers Field.

g) Burial Ground

- Quotes being obtained for the water drainage.
- Reminded contractor who clears the spoil to remove asap.
- Considering putting a compost section in the burial ground.
- Cllr Evans reported that she has collected a large number of dog deposits from around the cremation memorial. Also mentioned a lack of dog warning signage in certain areas.
- Question of CCTV raised re. dog fouling issues.
- Cllr Williams stated that any person who has knowledge of owners of dogs which foul the pavements etc, to report to him or any other Cllr who will pass the detail on to ESBC.

h) Riverside Regeneration

D Muir commented as follows:-

- No developments to report

i) Sports Club Development

- Bob Keys recently briefed the sports club about the scheme including the cost. Planning permission has a 3 year period for the work to be carried out. The Parish Council cannot commit to such a scheme until the funds are in place.

j) Health Services

R Yapp reported the following:-

- Meeting of YHC PPG held last week. 16 attended.
- Information sheet to be produced advising any changes.
- Proposed new Practice Manager has withdrawn her application. Acting Practice Manager appointed permanently from 1st February.
- Previous PM now doing a foot clinic.

Now 3 part-time locums covering until Dr. Gunn returns. These are in addition to Dr. Kaul and Dr. Osman. The Practice is looking for another nurse.

AGM of the PPG expected to take place in a few weeks time. Looking for a new Chair and Vice-Chair.

k) Conservation Matters

S Evans reported the following:-

Successful walk took place on 15th January. Numerous requests for further walks. Wednesday, 23rd February identified as the next date. Dates for March and April to be confirmed shortly.

National Forest Walks event to take place in May. Route designed.

Hope to commence footpath clearance over the weekend of Saturday, 5th February (path 27 from Victoria Street to Sudbury Rd.)

The Gold Duke of Edinburgh participants assisted on 23rd January in St. Peter's Churchyard with the tidying up project. School approached about assisting with Wild Flower area.

Hopeful of encouraging residents of Alexandra Drive to form a working group to assist with general tidying up of the area in March. Leaflets to be dropped through residents' doors.

Photos for website together with text have been taken and produced.

Several enquiries from group members received re. regular litter picks.

School to provide 4 copies of "The Promise" as book prizes for logo design winners.

Dr. Paul Rochfort to come along to talk to the group.

Involvement with youth groups being progressed.

Cllr Yapp progressing grant applications.

Ideas for fund raising being sought.

Comment on the state of the Churchyard.

It is governed by 2 separate bodies. The PCC is responsible for the closed churchyard (the area around the church and leading to the burial ground). The Parish Council is responsible for the open churchyard which is the area west from the hedge by the back gate to the Rectory to the top of the burial ground.

There are a number of areas in both sections which have become overgrown and untidy. By clearing up some of these areas, it will facilitate grass mowing.

Cllr Muir has been approached by a villager enquiring whether the Parish Council would be willing to work with the PCC in helping to tidy up the churchyard and burial ground.

The feeling is that it would be a good project for the Conservation Group to be involved with. It would have a good impact as regards to BKV and a useful part of the D of E Gold students' work. It would also bring together different groups including the school and cubs and scouts.

The Diocesan Arboriculturalist is visiting the site to advise and to confirm what permits may be needed from the Diocese.

A compost heap could be installed to take the waste or a bonfire area designated for burning some of the waste material.

11) WISH LIST

P Bailey commented as follows:-

- Updated list distributed via email.
- Asked for amendments/new items.

12) HEALTH AND SAFETY MATTERS

Richard Yapp reported:-

- Report that floor in village hall slippery and dangerous.
- Manhole cover at top of graveyard is a trip hazard.
- One of the two gates to the play area is not closing. Springs need adjusting.
- Not seen copy of Health and Safety plan yet.

13) **FINANCE**

a) **Cheque Payments**

DATE	CHEQUE NO.	DETAILS	£
3/2/2022	506351	R. Young	268.95
3/2/2022	506352	HMRC	179.20
3/2/2022	506353	Source for Business	96.90
3/2/2022	506354	R. Keys	21.80
3/2/2022	506355	Bryony Halsted	30.00
3/2/2022	506356	Kens Country Landscapes	588.00
3/2/2022	506357	M and R Electrical	703.53
		TOTAL:	1,888.38

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

Resolved: To issue the above cheques.

14) **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- Thursday, 3rd March 2022.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

P Hughes
Chairman