

# Yoxall Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Present:** Phil Hughes, Chair, J. Williams, R. Keys, P. Bailey, M. Arch, P. Kitt, R. Yapp.

**Also Present:** R. Young, Clerk to the Council and two members of the public.

**1. Apologies:** received from D. Muir, S. Evans. J. Jessel (County Cllr) and L. Beech (Borough Cllr).

**2. Chairman's Announcements.**

- Community Speed Watch. No activity since last meeting. Phil Hughes will check on availability.
- Rookery Close. Waiting for information regarding tree felling.
- Trees to be removed from River Swarbour at the rear of the Golden Cup.
- No feedback from school regarding gifts to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee.
- ESBC. Road cleaning is being undertaken.
- Thanked to all participants who helped tidy the village.
- Sports Field. Trees felled and area tidied. Dog signs in situ for the footpath entrance.

**3. Declaration of Interest.** To be covered as the meeting progresses.

**4. To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

It was proposed by P. Kitt and seconded by J. Williams and agreed to approve the minutes of the meeting dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

**5. Matters arising from the Minutes.**

There were no matters arising.

**6. Public Participation.**

No public matters discussed.

**7. Report of County Councillor and Borough Councillor.**

No reports available.

**8. Planning.**

P2022/00061 – side and front extension to semi-detached dwelling at 44, Hadley Street. No objections but Cllr Yapp suggested there maybe parking problems.

Local Plan to be reviewed before 2025. Concerns raised over former farm sites outside village settlements. ESBC advise that they are closely monitoring any applications affecting such land.

Severn Trent agree to a meeting re. 2 unfinished pumping units at Town Hill and Sich Lane re. repair surroundings/hedgerows. .

## **9. Clerk's Report:**

### **9.1 Correspondence.**

- Staffordshire Economic and Growth strategy.
- A38 traffic management bulletin.
- John Taylor High School, presentation evening, 12<sup>th</sup> July. Proposal approved to make a donation of £100.
- National Forest email re. the Queen's Green Canopy.
- Needwood Division Forum – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022
- SPCA Bulletin

## **10. Matters in Progress or Requiring Further Action:**

### **Report of Working Groups :**

#### **i) Conservation Group.**

- Next walk scheduled for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May. Fully booked.
- Replacement stile on short footpath being discussed/arranged with local landowner.
- Green Corridor Project – Work undertaken on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Next project date – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 1.00 pm to 4.30 pm. Bonfire needed to dispose of debris.
- The Conservation Group has been invited to attend Hadley End Open Gardens over the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **ii) Best Kept Village Competition.**

It is thought that the first judging took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> May with the next visit expected in June. Further work needed to ensure the village is kept tidy. Schedule of works to be updated and dates arranged for completion of the work.

Open Garden competition advertised in Fisherman and on the Council's website.

St. Peter's School has produced BKV posters for display throughout the village. Prizes to be awarded for the best posters.

#### **iii) Riverside Regeneration.**

Entrance to Goose Green tidied and weeded. Strimming around trees to be done in due course. Environmental Agency to remove fallen trees in the River Swarbourn at the back of the Golden Cup.

Chased application for Tesco Bags for help for Ferrers Field equipment. Needs up to 12 months to get approval.

#### **iv) Open Spaces.**

Inspections and litter picks carried out at Ferrers Field and Milne Holme Pingle. Installation of new play equipment at Ferrers Field scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> July. Picnic bench is still on order.

Next meeting of Ferrers Field Development Group is Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Awaiting developments re siting of bench and totum at Milne Holme Pingle. Looking for more “grant bodies” to help with more equipment.

Evidence of drug taking at Milne Holme Pingle, under the bridge and entrance blocked by cars. Cllr Kitt suggested a “no parking” sign on the barrier.

Lioncourt have transferred the community car park and public open space to ESBC and the council will transfer ownership to the P.C. which will maintain the land under contract from ESBC. Wording for signage to be sent to ESBC for signing off.

v) **Village Amenities.**

Schedule of Works with associated costs supplied by R.J. Francis. Proposed by J. Williams and seconded by P.Kitt. P.Kitt thanked John Francis for his efforts.

vi) **Village Hall.**

Repairs undertaken to the loo to prevent overflows. Outside tap also installed. Water heater in kitchen is not working. Needs looking at.

vii) **Burial Ground.**

Looking for quote for future drainage. Contractor identified.

viii) **Roads and Pavements.**

Cost of Improvements to island at Alexandra Drive to be included in current capital expenditure programme. Have asked for “Give Way” signs to be installed at the 4 points of entry.

Cllr Kitt commented about a number of vehicles being driven around the village in a hap-hazard way, late at night.

Lady has slipped over in Churchfields, on the pavement which we reported as needing repairs.

ix) **Website.**

Updated from Councillor reports with further updates following the meeting.

x) **Health and Safety – Health Services.**

- Appointments – can only be made by phone.
- Blood tests to be done at the hospital and not at the Health Centre.
- Over 75's to be contacted via text to arrange the 4<sup>th</sup> COVID jab.
- New HCA is Angela. Next YaPP meeting scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> June. Asked to find out whether patients are still allocated a particular doctor or if patients can request a particular doctor.
- Dr.Osman is on a phased return with Dr. Winchurch working one day per week.
- More adverse comments received re. the service at the Health Centre.

11. **Wish List.**

Updated list provided. Outside tap now installed at Village Hall.

12 **Approval of Cheque Payments.**

(a) Parish Clerk	282.60
(b) S. Evans – costs.	122.27
(c) N. Sutcliffe.	50.00
(d) HMRC (PAYE)	188.40
(e) Waterplus	81.51
(g) R.J. Francis	1803.60
(i) Burial Ground ND Rates	106.00
(j) Forest Barn	95.00
(k) R.W.Haywood	132.66
(l) John Taylor School	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>2962.04</u></b>

Payment of cheques approved by the Council

13. Items for Agenda and Date of Next Meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

P.Hughes  
Chairman