

YOXALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Thursday, 7th July 2022 at 7.30pm
in the Parish Hall, King Street, Yoxall

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

Also Present: County Councillor J Jessel
Three Members of the Public
R Young – Clerk to the Council

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from M Arch, S Evans and L Beech.

2) CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman, P Hughes, mentioned the following:

- Next Parish Council Meeting to be held on the 1st September 2022.
- Neighbourhood Forum Update.
- Update – Tree No. 6.
- Bus Shelter in need of attention.
- Village Hall hedge trimmed.
- Petition regarding condition of pavements given to J Jessel.
- Photograph Update.
- Gate stolen from Milne Holme Pingle.
- Sich Lane and Town Hill Sewage Works.
- Noticeboard installed at Newchurch.

3) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- Declaration to be made when relevant item raised.

4) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 26TH MAY 2022

It was proposed, seconded and agreed the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 26th May 2022 be approved as a true and correct record.

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 26th May 2022.

5) MATTERS ARISING

- No matters were raised.

6) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Michael Newey enquired regarding the St Peters Walk area as follows:-

- Thanked Parish Council for work for the Village.
- Possibility of the provision of a Skateboard facility in the Village. Gave details of skateboarding on Car Park and playing of football in that area.
- P Hughes and P Kitt gave details of proposed play equipment in the Parish.
- R Keys gave update concerning transfer of Car Park to Parish Council.
- J Williams said appropriate signage may help.

7) REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

a) Report of County Councillor

County Councillor J Jessel commented on the following:-

- Many thanks for petition regarding condition of pavements. Some funds available.
- Will arrange a meeting with Richard Rayson concerning traffic flows.
- Covid Update.
- Several schemes in the Division with regard to Climate Change. Will provide further information.
- Small amounts of funding available from Councillor's Community Fund.
- Update – Economic Growth.
- Social Care – Encouraging close work with NHS.
- Transport and Digital Communication Update.

- Highway Inspectors now work for SCC and not Amey.
- Hadley Street will receive attention when Leafields development completed.
- Local Government Boundaries Review.
- Forum Meeting held on the 14th June 2022 – Outline.
- Chetwynd Bridge not to be closed.
- Changes to Social Care Funding.

8) **PLANNING**

R Keys reported the following:-

Planning Report – July 2022

Planning Applications

P/2022/00424 and P/2022/00425 – Leafield Farm – Internal and external alterations, including roof parapets, replacement windows and internal walls. Listed building consent also applied for.

I have visited the property and can confirm that the planned works are sympathetic to the property's character and structure.

P/2022/00433 – Side and rear extension to a house at 35 Lighwood Road. This is a revised application.

P/2022/00649 – Demolition and replacement of a dwelling at Lichfield Lodge, Lodge Lane. This is a revised scheme.

P/2022/00623 – Change of Use application for offices and provision of a package treatment plant in an existing outbuilding at the Sanctuary, Newchurch. This facility would support a home operated business and not involve traffic issues.

Severn Trent

Sich Lane and Town Hill – There has been considerable correspondence with the water company who now confirm that a contractor has submitted quotes to remediate both sites' boundaries. We await further news.

St Peters Walk

Car park and Open Space at St Peters Walk – We are still awaiting the car park land transfer and maintenance contract for the open space. Meanwhile, we have had to cut the open space twice and will be billing ESBC accordingly.

9) CLERK'S REPORT

a) Correspondence

- J Jessel – Highway Repairs – July 2022.
- Email exchanges – Hadley Street condition.
- Hollys Road Residents Group – Condition of properties front garden.
- Anne Kent – Growth of tree branches at junction onto A515 at Newchurch.
- J Jessel – Repairs to Chetwynd Bridge.
- Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service – Outdoor Safety.
- Staffordshire Police – “Staffordshire Police Launches local policing with communities at its heart”.
- Staffordshire Archives and Heritage Newsletter.
- J Jessel – Needwood Division Forum Meeting – 14th June 2022 – Notes.
- SPCA Bulletin.
- Nick Sargent and Rowen Toon – Funds raised from Donations to Hadley End Old Red Telephone Box.

10) REPORT OF WORKING GROUPS

i) Conservation Group

Report received from S. Evans :-

Walks

No group walk in June, instead there was an invitation to join the Hedgerow Walk being led by Lynn Pickering.

I am drafting walks around the Village for trialling in July and August. These will be tried by different people with a view to completing the walk leaflet in the autumn.

Councillor Keys has liaised with Paul Rochfort about the supply of circa 8 stiles within the Yoxall public footpath network. I will be progressing the detail of location and cost of installation over the coming weeks.

We have several instances of hedgerows overgrowing footpaths in central locations of the Village. (Alexandra Drive and footpath to/from school/health centre). These both require attention/cutting back.

Conservation Group

Green Corridor Project: A further maintenance day was held on Sunday, 26th June. A great achievement of the project to date, but sadly poorly attended (possibly due to people being away). Agreed that the next date will be in September. Extensive promotion will be made.

Bonfire needed to dispose of debris collected so far.

ii) Best Kept Village Competition

Report received from S.Evans:-

Our second judging took place the beginning of June just after the Jubilee Weekend. The Village was well tended at the time.

We have not yet received any feedback/comments.

Waterstones Gift Vouchers to the value of £10.00 each have been purchased as prizes for pupils at St Peter's School for the BKV posters.

Bunting removed from railings, Parish Hall and School Green following the Jubilee/Ironman event. Bunting remains at bus shelters and I would suggest we leave that in place for the summer months of July and August.

A list of villagers who have joined in with BKV tidying is being kept so that we may thank people in due course.

There are many long term jobs that require attention in the Village. These include hedge cutting, noticeboard/bus shelter maintenance etc. I would suggest that a further village tidy-up morning take place in September to address some of these issues prior to winter.

Best Front Garden Competition: Judging to take place mid-July. Voucher prizes to be purchased at that time.

iii) **Riverside Regeneration**

D Muir reported the following:-

Goose Green

The willow tree at the entrance has been cut well back. The resident in No. 6 had contacted Bob as she was concerned about the amount of branches overhanging her property. The tree has history as some branches fell on the property before it was occupied and the PC had to claim on insurance to employ a tree surgeon to pollard the tree. The tree had a split trunk which is a weakness and was also leaning towards the property. In view of all these factors, Fairview Arborists were consulted and recommended the tree be taken down to a few feet. It will regrow – willow trees put on new growth very quickly but it will be a height that is much easier to maintain. (The ESBC Conservation Officer is concerned that we went ahead with the cutting back of a tree in the Conservation Area without consent and will refer us to the Enforcement Officer. We await their response, if any).

The padlock to the gate has broken and needs replacing. A number of keys will be needed.

John Francis continues to trim all the areas around the young trees and has left the wild flower area as requested – this will be cut next month. Some of the new fruit trees are bearing fruit and I am arranging for stronger stakes to be attached to those that are bending over. The river bank has also been trimmed.

There have been reports of many dogs allowed off the lead on Goose Green. When challenged, many owners are impolite at best and abusive at the worst. Could we have a much larger notice regarding Dogs on Leads at the entrance and perhaps one at the top of Goose Green where there is an existing sign about dog bins?

Good news for the wild life – there has been a family of five ducklings hatched in Marnie's old front garden and have been led to Goose Green by their parents. Mary from 'The Orchard' witnessed their progress a few days ago.

iv) **Open Spaces**

P Kitt reported the following:-

a) **Milne Holme Pingle**

- Looking very good.
- Update regarding stolen kissing gate reported to Staffordshire Police. Details to be sent to R Rayson (SCC).

b) **Ferrers Field**

- Ferrers Field looking very good.
- Stile repair update.
- Play bark installed.
- New equipment to be installed next Wednesday.

v) **Village Amenities**

- J Williams reviewed the Open Area and Car Park at St Peter's Walk plus the required signage.

vi) **Village Hall**

J Williams mentioned the following:-

- Dance Group on Saturday morning now stopped.
- Reviewed Storage Space in Village Hall.
- Details had been circulated regarding a replacement Water Heater.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that J Williams research the cost of a replacement heater plus running costs

Resolved: J.Williams to research the cost of a replacement heater plus running costs.

vii) **Burial Ground**

J Williams reported he had obtained another quote today to improve the drainage at the Burial Ground. Also confirmed he would be obtaining a further quotation.

viii) Roads and Pavements

Report received from M. Arch :-

- Dangerous pothole in Savey Lane, near entrance to the Medical Centre, has been repaired.
- No A38 road closures due.
- Highways England keeping to their promise to divert traffic away from the A515.
- No instances reported of HS2 vehicles coming through the Village.

ix) Website

Report received from M.Arch confirmed Website updated in general and specifically regarding planning requirements.

x) Health and Safety

R Yapp reported the following:-

All pre-bookable appointments are now face to face; these are available up to four weeks in advance. Online bookings are only available in respect of GP's patients are assigned a GP but it depends on which GP's are working on the day. There are now five GP's; Dr Gunn, Dr Kaul, Dr Osman, Dr Winchurch (Thursdays) and locum Dr Igodo.

There is also a Care Co-ordinate and a Social Prescriber.

The CCG is now from 1st July, replaced by the ICS (Integrated Care System).

YDFC are arranging a Family Fun Day at the Golden Cup on Saturday, 13th August to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society.

Reviewed Defibrillator and CPR Training and possible training sessions. Possibility to involve Health Centre or First Responders.

11) WISH LIST

- P Bailey circulated a copy of updated Wish List.
- New Water Heater plus Defibrillator and CPR training to be included.

12) FINANCE

a) Cheque Payments

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to issue the following cheques:-

DATE	CHEQUE NO.	DETAILS	£
07/07/2022	506465	Source for Business	47.35
07/07/2022	506466	Neil Sutcliffe	50.00
07/07/2022	506467	Waterplus	48.91
07/07/2022	506468	Parish Clerk	282.60
07/07/2022	506469	HMRC (PAYE)	188.40
07/07/2022	506470	Clerk's Expenses	61.65
07/07/2022	506471	DAC Beechcroft (VAT)	50.04
07/07/2022	506472	Fairview Arborists	100.00
07/07/2022	506473	Chairman's Expenses	73.99
07/07/2022	506474	Woodhouse Green Nursery	1,267.10
07/07/2022	506475	Councillor's Expenses	23.99
07/07/2022	506476	Councillor's Expenses	27.48
07/07/2022	506477	N Fleming	300.00
07/07/2022	506478	R J Francis	2,226.00
07/07/2022	506479	Cancelled	0.00
		TOTAL:	<u>£4,447.51</u>

13) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, 1st September 2022.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

P Hughes
Chairman