

# YOXALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7.30pm  
in the Parish Hall, King Street, Yoxall

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

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

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## 1) APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from R Yapp, J Jessel and L Beech.

## 2) CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman, P Hughes, mentioned the following:

1. A number of complaints from residents in Main Street about HGV traffic coming through the village 3.00am and 8.00am. Several have been identified as Maersk lorries.
2. CSW has ceased. Michelle Shaker, Julia Jessel and the Police are to be contacted.
3. Road closure at Kings Bromley from 17<sup>th</sup> October until 21<sup>st</sup> October.
4. Christmas boxes – Philip will be contacting Rachel at the Golden Cup regarding a date. Looks like it may be 2<sup>nd</sup> December or 9<sup>th</sup> December.
5. BKV – Yoxall was awarded second place. Many thanks go to Sue for her hard work in leading on this. There will be a litter pick on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> October.
6. Queen Elizabeth II death – Villagers are asked to suggest a suitable village commemoration to her.
7. Damage to new play equipment on Ferrers Field – the basketball hoop has been broken.

8. DofE award Gold standard – Finn Law spent a number of hours cleaning and putting preservative on the new bus shelter.

**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 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022**

It was proposed, seconded and agreed the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 be approved as a true and correct record, subject to the following amendment:

Chairman's Announcements 2:2

Delete: Baggot's     Include: Bagot's

**Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022, subject to the above amendment.**

**5) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- No matters raised.

**6) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Tommy MacDonald-Milner, CEO, Edison Young People, gave a detailed overview of their proposals for Reeve End House to operate as a Children's Residential Home for up to three children/young people. Gave details of Edison Young People and intended management of the proposed Home. The Chairman, P Hughes, thanked Tommy MacDonald-Milner for attending the meeting.

**7) REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

**a) Report of County Councillor**

- No matters reported.

**b) Report of Borough Councillor**

- No matters reported.

## 8) **PLANNING**

R Keys reported the following:-

### **Planning Report – October 2022**

P/2022/00959 – Conversion of a residential dwelling to Children’s Home at Reeve End House, King Street, Yoxall. This application by the PLACE Young People’s Company is to provide a specialist dwelling for up to four children with complex needs. The facility would need to be Ofsted compliant as well as meeting ESBC planning requirements. We have asked the ESBC planning officer if the PC could meet the applicant, although a description of the operation and how the facility would be managed is enclosed with the application.

P/2022/00995 – Reserved matters application following an outline approval at Cartref, Main Street, Yoxall for demolition of existing property and erection of two detached dwellings. The Parish Council raised concerns regarding the over-development of the site with two dwellings as proposed in the original application and on this occasion have requested that the flood mitigation requirements by the EA should be carefully adhered to.

P/2022/00989 – Application for a side extension and conversion of a car port to provide additional living accommodation. Also erection of a double garage at Foxhole Barn, Scotch Hill, Newchurch.

- Sich Lane (Severn Trent) – New Drawings passed to resident.
- J Jessel confirmed documentation concerning the Car Park with the Land Registry.

### **Applications Approved**

P/2022/00888 – Approval for replacement dwelling and triple garage at former Yoxall Lodge, Scotch Hill.

P/2022/00425 – Listed Building approval for internal and external works at Leafields Farm, Hadley Street.

### **Planning Breach**

P/2022/00070 – This conversion of a barn into three one bed dwellings appears to have deviated from the approved plans as the developer has added further height to the building to create more internal space. If so, this is a clear breach of the planning permission and we support ESBC’s enforcement officer’s enquiries, though we gather that the applicant seeks to correct the error through a retrospective planning application. We await the additional application to make a formal

comment on behalf of the PC. Councillor Jessel has also contacted the Secretary of State regarding the visual impact on the local area.

9) **CLERK'S REPORT**

a) **Correspondence**

- Karen Cookson (Combat Stress) – Future Location of Clothing Bank.
- National Highways – Traffic Management Bulletin.
- J Jessel – Staffordshire Warmer Homes.
- J Jessel – “Here to Help Campaign”.
- Staffordshire Fire – Advice for Carers.
- ESBC – Register of Electors.
- Staffordshire Heritage Newsletter.
- Sports Club – Bonfire Fundraising – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2022.
- SPCA Bulletin.

10) **MATTERS IN PROGRESS OR REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION:  
REPORT OF WORKING GROUPS**

i) **Conservation Group**

S Evans reported the following:-

**Footpaths**

Bridleway 61 – reported September 2022. Situation resolved. Bridge professionally repaired, complainant very happy.

I have been advised of several issues which I am looking into and will report on these/actions undertaken next month. Both refer to local footpaths; a) small bridge over ditch may be required; b) route markers possibly need on Trent Way route.

Funding reference replacement stiles within village locality in particular. I would like to discuss this please at the meeting tonight. Agreed to identify critical Footpath Stiles and possible cost.

No. 23 – Bovis contractors attended four times.

Fingerposts/markers – these are being checked. This time of year when hedges are cut, etc., can result in replacements being required.

**Conservation Group**

The Goose Green tidy-up day on 18<sup>th</sup> September was, sadly, only attended by a couple of people. However, it is hoped there will be attendance on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October for the Green

Corridor project. Additional promotion to encourage attendance is being planned.

ii) **Best Kept Village Competition**

S Evans reported the following:-

**BKV**

As you are aware, we have been awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Large Village Staffordshire. A great result. I have requested feedback and as soon as I receive such, will share this with you. In the meantime, I have posted the results on posters around the village and will report in The Fisherman and website. It has also appeared on Yoxall Community page.

Our preparation for 2023's competition starts now! We have a Community Tidy Up, 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> October and the 9<sup>th</sup> (10.30am-4.00pm) will see the commencement of village tidying and maintenance. (Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup>, relates to Green Corridor Project/Conservation Group).

iii) **Riverside Regeneration**

D Muir reported the following:-

Burton Conservation Volunteer Group came on 18<sup>th</sup> September and cleared out more of the wildlife pond and undertook some general maintenance. Himalayan Balsam was cleared where possible, growth around trees was strimmed and ivy removed from the willow stump to promote new growth.

A replacement tree, a Wild Service Tree, has been ordered to replace the willow, as requested by ESBC, and it's planting will be organised once it has been delivered.

I have requested quotes from Simon Manning and Ben Butler to undertake an annual inspection of the trees on Goose Green, Ferrers Field and the Sports Field. H&S!

iv) **Open Spaces**

P Kitt reported the following:-

**Ferrers Field**

The minor remedial works picked up by ROSPA, and reported at the last meeting, for which approval was sought and given to go ahead with, are in hand and were quoted at £328.00.

The Tree works agreed and approved for action at the last meeting have been quoted at £450.00 as anticipated and Fairview Arborists are carrying out all works on 17<sup>th</sup> October.

The new Netball hoop has been broken and suppliers have been contacted to replace with one that is substantially stronger.

This should bring Ferrers right up to speed for winter and apart from 2/3 bags of play bark in November, no significant costs are envisaged over winter.

### **Milne Holme Pingle**

The repairs to reinstate the fence to the river approved at the last meeting have been quoted at £185.00 and works are going ahead as soon as possible.

The Totem and Bench are still in final design and production. Installation to be advised.

#### **v) Village Amenities**

- J Williams reported he would tidy up the Noticeboards.

#### **vi) Village Hall**

J Williams reported the following:-

- New lock on side door.
- Fire Officer reviewed Hall and have received report. Suggested we get doors with push bar and install several smoke detectors.
- Monitoring Government Jubilee Fund.

#### **vii) Burial Ground**

J Williams reported may be able to tidy the unconsecrated section of the Burial Ground this autumn.

#### **viii) Roads and Pavements**

M Arch mentioned the following:-

- Hope we have a visit/meeting with J Jessel and R Rayson this month.
- Reviewed danger of speeding vehicles.

- Monitoring HS2 vehicles and Turning Ban.
- Road Closures – Kings Bromley.
- Reported HCV gravel lorries travelling through during the evenings.

**ix) Website**

M Arch mentioned the website had been updated with information regarding BKV, Road Closures and Planning.

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

R Yapp sent the following comment:-

- The CPR/Defibrillator training was a success with twenty-one attending. Alrewas have seven defibrillators and Abbots Bromley eight defibrillators.
- R Keys commented the CPR was strenuous.
- Reported the part-time General Practitioner was leaving the Yoxall Practice.
- Health Centre – Links sent out to book Covid and Influenza injections at Pirelli plus other venues. Also forty-eight patients did not attend appointments since 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022.

**11) WISH LIST**

P Bailey confirmed an updated Wish List had been sent to Councillors, including all new additions.

**12) COMMUNITY**

S Evans commented as follows:-

- Requested Community on the Agenda for discussion for a variety of reasons including how we can potentially help our community moving forward and embrace involvement with new and existing village activities.
- Encourage someone to be involved with the Village Fete.
- Consider people with heating problems with the need to open the Hall as a warm place.

- Reviewed problem of Dog Fouling and use of BKVC boards to display posters.
- Winter Display in Bus Shelters.
- Need to link with the Community.

### 13) **FINANCE**

#### a) **Annual Return 2021-2022**

The Clerk reported the Annual Return for 2021-2022 had been approved by Auditors with no adverse comments.

#### b) **Cheque Payments**

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>CHEQUE NO.</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>£</b>
06/10/2022	506561	Neil Sutcliffe	50.00
06/10/2022	506562	Waterplus	31.41
06/10/2022	506563	Mazars	360.00
06/10/2022	506564	South Staffordshire Water	23.97
06/10/2022	506565	Parish Clerk	282.60
06/10/2022	506566	HMRC (PAYE)	188.40
06/10/2022	506567	ESBC Premises License	180.00
06/10/2022	506568	ESBC Dog Bins etc.	624.86
06/10/2022	506569	D Muir	46.63
06/10/2022	506570	Parish Clerk – Mileage	21.20
06/10/2022	506571	N Fleming	612.00
06/10/2022	506572	R J Francis	1,072.80
06/10/2022	506573	P Hughes – Mileage	81.00
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b><u>£3,574.87</u></b>

**Resolved: To issue the above cheques.**



**PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

**14) LETTER TO MR S DRAPER, HEAD TEACHER, ST PETERS SCHOOL**

- J Williams circulated a draft letter to Mr S Draper regarding possible access to the Burial Ground via the St Peters School Playing Field.

It was agreed the letter should be sent to Mr S Draper.

**15) PARISH COUNCIL SIGNAGE**

- Councillor reviewed Parish Council Signage. It was agreed to make enquiries regarding appropriate wording.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

P Hughes  
Chairman