

YOXALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Thursday, 2nd February 2023 at 7.30pm
in the Parish Hall, King Street, Yoxall

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

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

1) APOLOGIES

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

2) CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman, P Hughes, mentioned the following:

- Update regarding A38 and HS2.
- Consultation – Wards.
- Bench – Upper Hoar Cross.
- Divisional Forum – 13th February 2023.
- Sport Club Update.
- Mill Holme Pingle.
- Best Kept Village Competition including Certificate and Award.
- Celebration – Charles III Coronation.

3) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- Declarations to be made when relevant item raised.

4) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 5TH JANUARY 2023

It was proposed, seconded and agreed the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th January 2023 be approved as a true and correct record, subject to the following amendment:-

Delete: 10v) £20.00
Include: 10v) £200.00

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th January 2023, subject to the above amendment.

5) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- No matters raised.

6) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Yoxall Sports Club – Mr David Lester gave an update regarding the Cricket Net Project which should be completed during the next few weeks, plus a proposed event.

7) REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

a) Report of County Councillor

J Jessel had been in contact/contacted regarding the following:

- Charles III Coronation – 6th May 2023.
- Needwood Division Forum – 13th February 2023.
- Road Closures.
- Bench and Flower Tub – Hadley End.

b) Report of Borough Councillor

- No matters reported.

8) PLANNING

R Keys reported the following:-

Planning Report – February 2023

Applications

P/2023/00077 – Woodmill Farm, Yoxall. A prior approval application for conversion of an agricultural unit to retail.

Decisions

P/2022/01294 – PERMISSION – for a part two storey at the front and part rear extension to Hawthorn Cottage, Wood Lane.

P/2022/01290 – PERMISSION – for demolition of butchery to provide additional residential accommodation at 1 Hadley Street, Yoxall.

P/2022/01245 – Listed Building CONSENT – for secondary glazing to rear and side of building at The Hollies, Bond End.

P/2022/00061 – REFUSAL – for a two storey extension at front and rear at 44 Hadley Street, Yoxall.

General Enquiries

ESBC has suspended its pre-application advisory service for private property applications and only large scale applications can apply for pre-application advice. Applicants are being directed to ESBC's planning website which has details of the Government's PLANNING PORTAL website which gives useful guidance on planning applications.

Applicants can also use a local planning consultant to advise them, though a cost would be involved.

The Parish Council can give general guidance in using the above methods.

9) CLERK'S REPORT

a) Correspondence

- Staffordshire Fire and Rescue – Registration of Appliances.
- SCC – Bethany Tranter – Additional Investment – Grass Cutting.
- My Staffordshire Newsletter.
- SCC – Planning Decision – Trentbridge Farm, Yoxall.
- The Local Government Boundary Commission for England – Consultation on Division Boundaries for Staffordshire County Council.
- Staffordshire Archive and Heritage Newsletter.
- National Highways A38 e-bulletin.
- SPCA Bulletin.

10) MATTERS IN PROGRESS OR REQUIRING ACTION

i) Conservation Group

S Evans reported the following:-

Footpaths and Conservation Group Report

Footpaths

Funding requested from J Jessell and L Beech in respect of support for urgent stile repairs.

In the meantime, can PC assist and so kickstart maintenance programme? £350.00 would mean replacement stiles and maintenance of existing could commence.

Several comments have been received. One about permissive walking in the area around Jerusalem Hill and one about dog fouling on fields around footpaths off Victoria Street. There is also a possible issue in respect of an area within the new Trent Valley Walk. (I will expand on these at our meeting).

The 18th March village tidy-up will include specific footpaths for clearing and litter picking.

Walking Group – I hope to be able to lead some walks over this spring and summer.

Footpaths leaflet – This to be completed by end March 2023. A village photo for the cover is required. Suggest we run a competition.

Conservation Group

Green Corridor project is progressing well. Visible results and it is hoped that greater attendance will now be encouraged.

The two Silver DoE's have been exceptionally hardworking and I thank them for their assistance to date.

Next "event" is a tidy up on 11th February 2023 at 10.30am-1.00pm. Sweeping pathways in churchyard plus some tidying of area and public footpath to Savey Lane. In addition, litter pick on footpaths off Victoria Street.

ii) Best Kept Village Competition

S Evans mentioned the following:-

Cup and Certificate for 2022 competition collected from Stafford. Suggest we have a photo taken for Fisherman, noticeboards and website.

2023 Competition

Two dates for village tidying; 11th February and 18th March 2023. 11th February, 10.30am-1.00pm will be based around churchyard and linked to Green Corridor. Sweeping/tidying area plus footpaths. Tea/coffee, biscuits will be offered. 18th March – this will be the big event. Local businesses will be asked to support for breakfast/refreshments. Invitations will be emailed to groups/organisations seeking participation.

Appointment made to go into St Peter's School reference posters, poems and colouring competitions.

Suggest we retain banners/sign boards for this year. Perhaps brighter colour paper rather than white to create a more visual impact?

The entry form will have a closing date of end March. Please can we commence thoughts about its content, especially how community can be demonstrated. Also, any areas of the village which may not look its best (such as building work etc.), please let me know if you are aware of any areas plus reason.

Map – I would like to ask Bryony White to assist with a map for the entry. We have much to illustrate across the village as well as judging area. I expect this to be a nominal cost.

Front Garden Competition – YPC provided prizes for 2022 competition, please can we support again for 2023? In addition, I would like to introduce a “colourful visual” such as a bee or flower which could be placed in a garden or window demonstrating that a householder is supporting a wild garden for insects, etc. May I approach Bryony White for this? Again, nominal cost.

iii) **Riverside Regeneration**

D Muir reported the following:-

Goose Green

Fairview Arborists have removed the fallen alder tree branch and cut back dangerous, diseased and dead branches from several trees along the River Swarbourn which were overhanging the pathway.

Swarbourn Meadow

There are several willow branches that have fallen away from the river on to the edge of the meadow. I would recommend a similar exercise to that undertaken on Goose Green for a tree surgeon to remove them.

Tree Survey

I have spoken to tree specialist, Ben Bennett, to undertake a survey of trees on all the Parish Council open spaces. These are Goose Green, Swarbourn Meadow, Ferrers Field, the Sports Field and Milne Holme Pingle. Apparently, the PC has a Duty of Care to undertake these tree inspections every three years. Ben has asked me to supply him with detailed plans of the areas and he will assess the type of survey required and quote

accordingly, dependent on the type of planting, i.e. plantation or spaced out/linear.

iv) **Open Spaces**

P Kitt reported the following:-

Ferrers Field

The play bark will be done this week if ground is now dry enough and will definitely be done prior to the half term break, week commencing 20th February 2023.

Milne Holme Pingle

Litter Pick and inspection carried out on 2nd February 2023. All in order.

Alison Thornhill (Trent River Trust) attended official opening of Totem and Bench.

v) **Village Amenities**

J Williams reported the following:-

- Hedge on Hadley Street cut back.
- Sports Club/PTA update.
- S Evans mentioned the hedge on the left when leaving Alexandra Drive requires attention.

vi) **Parish Hall**

J Williams mentioned the following:-

- Art Group to start again this month.
- Certain Doors at Hall need replacing.

vii) **Burial Ground**

J Williams commented as follows:-

- Drainage Project – obtained two quotes.
- P Bailey mentioned the tap needs attention.
- Bushes and vegetation cut back.

viii) Roads and Pavements

M Arch reported the following:-

- Traffic Survey completed.
- Traffic Speed Indicators may be installed.
- Pothole on Savey Lane still requires attention.
- Road Closures and Traffic Controls in Parish.
- Speedwatch.

ix) Website

M Arch commented the following information included:-

- New Pharmacy.
- Parish Council Reports.
- Details of planned Clean-Ups.

x) Health and Safety – Health Services

- R Yapp gave update regarding Health Centre Meeting.

11) WISH LIST

- P Bailey circulated a copy of the Parish Wish List.
- Flower Tub Quote

It was proposed (J Williams), seconded (R Keys) to accept the quotation of £1,331.00 from Woodhouse Green Nurseries to supply new compost and plants for the Parish.

Resolved: To accept the quotation from Woodhouse Green Nurseries to supply compost and plants for the Parish.

- “Discover Yoxall” reviewed.
- Three Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme participants at present – Two Silver; One Bronze.
- Sensory Garden left on Wish List.
- Bench to be sited on Hoar Cross Road.

12) COMMUNITY

S Evans reported the following:-

- Update regarding contact with School including planned visit, involvement with Coronation and provision of achievement Cup by Parish Council.
- Coronation
 - Music in Church.
 - Bunting.
 - Picture.
- BKV Posters.
- Poem/Stories about Yoxall.
- Void without Village Fete.
- R Keys mentioned first draft of Welcome Pack for review.

13) FINANCE

a) Cheque Payments

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

DATE	CHEQUE NO.	DETAILS	£
02/02/2023	506657	Vernon C Wright	120.00
02/02/2023	506658	HMRC (PAYE)	188.40
02/02/2023	506659	Parish Clerk	282.60
02/02/2023	506660	Cancelled	0.00
02/02/2023	506661	Fairview Arborists	400.00
02/02/2023	506662	Burton Conservation Volunteers	250.00
02/02/2023	506663	Harwil Associate Limited	195.00
02/02/2023	506664	North Staffordshire Fire	61.02
02/02/2023	506665	Source for Business	273.17
02/02/2023	506666	Ken's Countryside Landscapes	131.40
02/02/2023	506667	P Hughes – Expenses	56.55
02/02/2023	506668	M & R Electrical	531.00
02/02/2023	506669	Betzy's	280.00
		TOTAL:	£2,769.14

Resolved: To issue the above cheques.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

P Hughes
Chairman