

YOXALL PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

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

1) APOLOGIES

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

2) CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman, P Hughes, mentioned the following:

- Trees and Tree Survey costs received circa £2,000. This would comply with health and safety in public spaces as this is recommended. P Hughes, P Kitt and D Muir have attended course run by SPCA on 1st March 2023 in order to qualify for tree inspection. This will save a great deal of money in the future.
- Divisional meeting with J Jessel and other Parish Councils on 13th February 2023 via Zoom. Presentations by Highways England regarding upgrading of the A38 between now and September 2023. Also, policing discussed and new Chief Inspector to be invited to the next Needwood forum. Boundary discussions for Staffordshire discussed and meetings in March 2023 are to take place re. consultation.
- Meetings with J Williams and P Kitt regarding Village Hall and upgrading of the exits and fire doors.
- CSW equipment retrieved. Thank you to those involved in CSW in the recent years and the considerable efforts at establishing community speed watch signs.

- We are still to receive Coronation ideas for May 2023. Please contact Parish Councillors and/or let us know of any groups/ individuals willing to organise any events.
- Litter pick took place on 11th February 2023. The next one is to take place 18th March 2023. This will be again in conjunction with the St Peters churchyard tidy-up and big village clean-up.
- Letter received regarding footfall and vehicle use of Browns Lane and the effects on its material condition. Investigations are taking place with Staffordshire County Council.
- Grass cutting. SCC have offered an early grass cut for the season. This has been accepted.
- Concerns continue to be raised regarding dog fouling in the village. Particularly in the churchyard. New signs have been erected by ESBC and they have been informed of the ongoing problem and a civil enforcement officer has been allocated to patrol the areas involved.
- Requests of Councillors prior to APM to take place on 27th April 2023 to write up reviews pertaining to 2022/2023.

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 2ND FEBRUARY 2023

It was proposed, seconded and agreed the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd February 2023 be approved as a true and correct record, subject to the following amendment:-

12) Community – Coronation

Delete: Music in Church
 Include: Beatus Concert – 5th May 2023.

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd February 2023, subject to the above amendment.

5) MATTERS ARISING

- No matters raised.

6) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Mr & Mrs Marsden outlined their options regarding the Alpha Industrial Site. Option being to continue as an industrial site or the development of houses. R Keys gave an outline of the Neighbourhood Plan mentioning an Housing Need Survey would be needed.

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

a) **Report of County Councillor**

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

- Road Closure Notice – Dunstall Lane, Hadley End.
- Community Safety Fund.
- Road Closure Notice – Thatchmoor Lane, Yoxall.
- Temporary Traffic Regulation Order – Dark Lane, Newborough.

b) **Report of Borough Councillor**

- No matters reported.

8) **PLANNING**

R Keys reported the following:-

Planning Report – March 2023

Decisions

App 2022/01304 – PERMISSION for part of ground floor flat conversion into a retail unit at 4 Main Street, Yoxall.

App 2022/01164 – PERMISSION for two storey extension and single storey extension at 2 Hadley Court, Yoxall.

App 2022/001291 – PERMISSION for detached stables at Lichfield Lodge, Lodge Lane, Yoxall.

New Applications

P/2023/00137 – Application to demolish Alpha Anodizing factory and build eight dwellings at Bond End, Yoxall.

This application site falls outside of the village settlement area and is adjacent to the village Conservation area.

Neighbourhood Plan

Will review Neighbourhood Plan to include Housing Need Survey. Funding available from Locality.

9) CLERK'S REPORT

a) Correspondence

- National Highways A38 Bulletin.
- SPCA Bulletin.
- Notes of the Meeting of the Needwood Division – 13th February 2023.
- Dog Fouling Path between Ferrers Road and Savey Lane.
- Staffordshire Archive and Heritage Newsletter.
- SCC Additional Grass Cutting (Highways) March 2023.
- Staffordshire Fire and Rescue – Home Fire Safety.
- Mark Austin-Dolan – Dog Fouling Complaint.

10) MATTERS IN PROGRESS OR REQUIRING ACTION

i) Conservation Group

S Evans sent a report as follows:-

Disappointing response to Green Corridor session on Saturday, 11th February. However, those that did attend achieved a remarkable amount in just a few hours. Rhys Heron, Bronze DoE worked really hard and I have thanked him for his assistance. Over 100 young trees/plants are now planted in the hedgerow. (Councillor Muir will add to this report reference tree work).

Footpaths

I have sourced/prioritised stiles for repair/removal/maintenance. These are linked directly to the village walks to be Walks Leaflet. Again, upon my return I will take these forward.

Footpath Problem – It would appear that there is a problem with the footpath off Bondfield Lane which forms part of the new Trent Valley Loop Walk. Gateway is blocked and I have been advised that markers for the Trent Valley walk have disappeared.

In general, I have met with Bryony White and the walks leaflet, Discover Yoxall and BKVC colouring sheets, wild garden symbol are all in progress. Bryony and I next meet around the 10th March.

ii) **Best Kept Village Competition**

S Evans sent a report as follows:-

Tidy Up, 18th March. Paul Shum Butchers and Yoxall Newsagents have kindly confirmed their support for breakfasts at this event. Thanks to Councillor Penny Bailey who has asked Yoxall W.I. for support in respect of cooking/refreshments and also promoted in W.I. Potpourri. I have also asked other people in Yoxall about this aspect. If any Councillor knows of someone who may help – please ask them!!

R Yapp gave details regarding the BKV Marking Scheme for Judges including “How to Gain or Lose Points” based on the Report of BKV Judges”.

School

I have been into school and had a good response from the school office. I have not heard anything in response to this meeting from either Mr Draper or Mrs Jones (Deputy Head). I will pick this up on 8th March when I return.

iii) **Riverside Regeneration**

D Muir reported the following:-

The Green Corridor Project

The final saplings have been planted on the boundary between the burial ground and the school. There are now more than 100 trees planted to create a hedge. Thanks to all who came along and helped and to those who provided welcome refreshments. The tree work recommended by the Diocesan Arboriculturalist has been undertaken and the last clearing up of debris along the south wall will hopefully take place on 18th March as part of the big village and churchyard clean-up.

Swarbourn Meadow

I have received a quote from Ben Butler who undertook the tree work in the churchyard to fell the fallen willow tree on Swarbourn meadow and cut back an additional leaning tree to make safe. His quote is for £400.00 and I recommend we go ahead with Ben.

It was proposed (P Bailey), seconded (P Kitt) and agreed the above work should be undertaken.

Resolved: To undertake the above tree maintenance work.

iv) **Open Spaces**

P Kitt reported the following:-

Milne Holme Pingle – March 2023

Report 28th February 2023.

Inspection and litter pick carried out.

Met with P Hughes to assess requirements to prepare for Spring/Summer and BKV.

Quotation obtained for the path at Milne Holme Pingle.

Initially, you may recall, we were approached by Alison Thornhill to ask if we would like something installed to mark “The Way”. They would supply the item; we were to pay for installation. They favoured a Totem.

Council wished to have a Totem and a Bench and there was a suggestion of a path down to the Pingle.

It was proposed and agreed by Council that if I could negotiate with Alison that they would supply both items and cover the installation costs. Then the Parish Council would pay for the installation of the path. Alison agreed to this. The installation costs were £450.00 plus VAT.

Since then you are aware, of course, that Alison again agreed to pay for the repairs to the damaged fence and pay for the new fence to the river if we provide a brick built barbecue. This is in hand. There is still a surplus of approximately £200.00 re. the costs of fence v Barbecue.

We have gained two additional items; the Totem and the Bench free of charge. The brick-built barbecue costs have also been covered by the fences. We have approximately £200.00, as stated, plus what we would have had to pay for the installation, approximately £540.00. Therefore, in reality, the path is actually going to cost us £1,550.40 - £740.00 an additional £810.40.

Council approval is sought to go ahead with the path, the cost of which now does include a handrail as specified and requested by Council.

It was proposed (P Kitt), seconded (M Arch) and agreed to carry out the proposed work costing £1,550.40.

Resolved: To undertake the above work with a total cost of £1,550.40.

Ferrers Field – March 2023

28th February 2023.

Litter pick and inspection carried out.

Emails and phone calls have been exchanged with the Enforcement Team at ESBC to tackle the serious dog fouling issues in and around the area, particularly the footpath from Ferrers Road to Savey Lane.

The email from Saeeda is a matter of record and details the action they are taking to resolve this and Council is in receipt of copies of this.

It may be worth publicising the actions that are being undertaken by the Enforcement Team, instigated by the Parish Council, on our Website, Community Facebook page, Notice Boards and Village Magazine so that all residents know what the Parish Council are doing on their behalf to tackle this issue. It may also prompt some dog owners to pay attention to what their dogs are doing.

Met with Phil Hughes to walk the area and assess any forthcoming actions required for Spring/Summer preparations and BKV.

There is a meeting of the Ferrers Field Development Group scheduled for Wednesday, 8th March at 7.30pm in this room. All are welcome to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to establish how funds can be raised to take the development of Ferrers Field forward.

There is currently an Application in to the National Lottery for £9,999 Grant towards Fitness Trail play equipment for our 6 to 14 year olds. The previous Grant applications to both Sport England and the National Lottery being unsuccessful in obtaining funds towards constructing new paths to link with the existing to make a circular path.

v) Village Amenities

J Williams commented as follows:-

- Dog Fouling – Needs to be known within the Parish that ESBC will enforce the rules.
- St Peters Way – Grass starting to grow, will arrange appropriate grass cutting.

vi) Village Hall

J Williams reported the following:-

- Annual Gas Boiler check and service.
- Need to pay attention to rising costs and review Hire Charges for the Village Hall.
- Yoga has now ended.

vii) Burial Ground

J Williams mentioned the following:-

- Need to prepare the rough unconsecrated area of the Burial Ground. Plan to carry out work before the Easter period. Will take down barbed wire fence.

viii) Roads and Pavements

M Arch reported the following:-

- Pothole on Savey Lane repaired.
- Road Safety Partnership – Use Mobile Camera in the Village.
- Morrey Lane Repair – The Green – Gulley not working.

ix) Website

M Arch to update the Website after this evening's meeting.

x) Health and Safety – Health Services

R Yapp reported the following:-

Speed Watch article in this month's Fisherman.

CPR training in discussions with YaPP and FOSPS re. dates and training for choking in babies and resuscitation for younger children as well as adults.

Dementia group are looking at possibility of joining Barton to set up Dementia Café.

YHC new pharmacist starts March, Mr Ali.

Dr Hassan has joined as salaried G.P. three days a week.
Dr Igodo and Dr Winchurch continue doing one day a week.
Dr Kaul involved in Safe Trial for over 70's into AF.
YaPP will be in attendance at Newborough Well Dressing on 1st May.

11) WISH LIST

P Bailey circulated a copy of the Parish Wish List which had no changes.

12) COMMUNITY

D Muir reported the following:-

➤ Coronation

With the "Fisherman", a voucher will be included in an edition to have a Geranium. Woodhouse Green Nurseries to grow three hundred Geraniums at a total cost of £195.00.

It was proposed (D Muir), seconded (R Keys) and agreed to purchase three hundred Geraniums from Woodhouse Green Nurseries at a cost of £195.00.

Resolved: To purchase three hundred Geraniums from Woodhouse Green Nurseries as part of the Coronation celebration.

➤ Concert in the Church this Saturday – Additional Parking available.

➤ Church has a surplus number of chairs which the Parish Council could have if required.

➤ The Chairman, P Hughes, thanked the Parochial Church Council for work undertaken.

13) **FINANCE**

a) **Cheque Payments**

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

DATE	CHEQUE NO.	DETAILS	£
02/03/2023	506670	Betzy's	160.00
02/03/2023	506671	Ken's Countryside Landscapes	480.00
02/03/2023	506672	HMRC (PAYE)	188.40
02/03/2023	506673	Parish Clerk	262.60
02/03/2023	506674	P Hughes – Mileage	40.50
02/03/2023	506675	Source for Business	49.62
02/03/2023	506676	Waterplus	187.07
		TOTAL:	£1,368.19

Resolved: To issue the above cheques.

The meeting closed at 8.57pm

P Hughes
Chairman