

YOXALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Thursday, 1st June 2023 at 7.30pm
in the Parish Hall, Yoxall

Present: P Hughes, J Williams, P Bailey, D Muir, S Evans and P Kitt

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

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from M Arch, R Keys, R Yapp and J Jessel.

2) CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman, P Hughes, mentioned the following:

- Congratulations to J Jones, B Ashcroft and V Gould.
- Update regarding Speed Indication Device.
- Coronation Mugs given to 129 pupils at St Peters School.
Update concerning Ange Grandfield Cup.
- Pollution at Yoxall Bridge.
- Best Kept Village Competition work.
- P Kitt success with Grants.
- Problem of drains outside "The Cup".
- Ironman – 11th June 2023.
- Improvements to entrance to Goose Green.

3) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- Declarations to be made when relevant matter raised.

4) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 27TH APRIL 2023

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 27th April, subject to the following amendment:-

- 9) Delete: Sytch Lane – Include: Sich Lane

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 27th April 2023, subject to the above amendment.

5) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

➤ None.

6) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

➤ No matters were raised.

7) REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

a) Report of County Councillor

J Jessel had circulated the following:-

As discussed very briefly at the AGM, although the traffic data does not indicate a major problem with speeding through the village, there is an option of installing SIDs. One could be just north of the island at Alexander Drive and the other closer to the village centre than the existing 30mph sign.

There is no specific highways budget for this but should the Parish Council wish to make a contribution towards the cost, this would assist me in securing some finance from SCC. If you wish me to proceed, I can get an estimate of costs and possible SCC finance to facilitate a further discussion.

A similar scheme was undertaken in conjunction with Tatenhill and Rangemore Parish Council in Rangemore and the SIDs have been found to be effective.

There are no other matters to report on.

b) Report of Borough Councillor

➤ No matters reported.

8) PLANNING

R Keys sent a Planning Report as follows:-

Planning Report – June 2023

Applications

P/2023/00326 – Grangewood Fencing Supplies – A retrospective application for partial demolition of existing buildings and erection of an extension to an existing building.

This application has raised concern amongst neighbours and the PC is discussing various aspects of the application with ESBC planning officers and SCC Highways.

P/2023/00485 – Buccneld, Bond End – An application to extend the side and rear of the property.

Decisions

P/2022/01196 – Hadley House Farm, Dunstall Lane – Demolition of agricultural barn and erect a dwelling, office, games room and garages. Also, to extend existing farmhouse with part two storey, part single storey extension. APPROVED.

P/2019/01517 – Cartreff Main Street – Reserved matters application. APPROVAL for two dwellings.

Appeal

P/2022/0091 – An appeal against a refusal for a conversion of a barn at Yoxall Road, Morrey has been ALLOWED enabling the applicant to proceed with a single dwelling at the site.

9) CLERK'S REPORT

a) Correspondence

- SPCA Bulletin.
- SCC Highways Bulletin.
- J Jessel – Scotch Hills Temporary Closure.
- Kier – Enabling Civil Work Package 2 – HS2.
- ESBC – Register of Interests.
- Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Safety Poster.
- Staffordshire Archive Newsletter.
- SCC – Ironman Update.
- SCC – Emergency Closure of Sudbury Road, Yoxall
- John Taylor High School – Presentation Evening – Tuesday, 11th July 2023.
- A38 Bulletin.
- Balfour Beatty – Aoinne Conway request to attend Parish Council Meeting.

10) MATTERS IN PROGRESS OR REQUIRING ACTION

i) Conservation Group

S Evans reported the following:-

Conservation Group: Green Corridor Project will appear on church noticeboard on Thursday, 1st June.

Working dates for group will be confirmed at meeting on 1st June. Schedule of dates confirmed.

Sunflower seeds planted. Liaison with school after half term reference planting out in church yard/burial ground.

Attended meeting in church ref. Eco Church. (Looking After God's Acre – could be of use ref. burial ground).

Footpaths: Update regarding Grant applications for maintenance /repairs.

ii) Best Kept Village Competition

S Evans reported the following:-

BKVC Report for June 2023 Meeting – May judging took place on 11th. Team of three judges visited and judged following conversation with Phil and Sue. June judging will be different team of three. Date not known.

Bunting – please leave in place around village until after Ironman on Sunday, 11th June.

Supplementary competitions – we have entered children's posters and prose.

Maintenance/tidying task amendment – Megan new DoE bronze has taken over bus shelters weekly sweeping.

Flower tubs – these are in the process of being changed over. Please commence watering as soon as planted.

iii) Riverside Regeneration

D Muir reported the following:-

- Goose Green strimming around newly planted trees.
- Update regarding incident at Yoxall Bridge and contact with Environment Agency.
- Quotes obtained to tarmac entrance to Goose Green. M Arch to be asked to contact HS2 regarding grant.
- Tree in the River still not removed. Will remind Environment Agency.

iv) **Open Spaces**

a) **Milne Holme Pingle**

P Kitt commented as follows:-

- Area looking very good.
- The litter bin is being used.
- Proposed purchasing a new litter bin for outside Village Shop and transfer existing to Milne Holme Pingle.

b) **Ferrers Field**

P Kitt mentioned the following:-

- All maintenance work completed.
- Play Equipment
 - Details of grants obtained including £9,999.00 from the National Lottery and costing reduction.

It was proposed (P Kitt), seconded (D Muir) and agreed to purchase new play equipment at a total cost of £22,262.08.

Resolved: To purchase new play equipment for Ferrers Field from Sovereign Play Equipment.

P Kitt thanked all Parish Councillors for their support and help.

v) **Village Amenities**

J Williams commented as follows:-

- Reviewed Draft Events Calendar and confirmed circulation list.

vi) **Village Hall**

J Williams reported that Parish Hall Bookings are not back to pre-Covid levels. Have lost 4-5 regular users.

vii) Burial Ground

J Williams reported he had obtained a quotation for drainage at the Burial Ground.

viii) Roads and Pavements

M Arch sent the following detail:-

- No reply received from Richard Rayson regarding Traffic Survey. Left two messages.
- Reported damaged Road Sign at Savey Lane, including details of transport company involved.
- P Hughes commented volunteers needed for Speedwatch.

ix) Website

M Arch confirmed he will update Website following Parish Council Meeting.

x) Health and Safety – Health Services

- Update regarding Surgery.
- CPR Training in July 2023.

11) WISH LIST

- P Bailey circulated Updated Wish List.
- Additional Waste Bin (New Bin for outside Village Shop/Old bin to Milne Holme Pingle) to be included.

12) COMMUNITY

S Evans reported the following:-

Verbal thank you from acting school head for mugs plus invitations regarding BKVC.

School keen to assist with sunflowers in churchyard/burial ground – planting out planned for June.

Bunting – take down after Ironman, 11th June 2023.

13) FINANCE

a) Cheque Payments

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

DATE	CHEQUE NO.	DETAILS	£
01/06/2023	506630	S Evans (BKV)	66.65
01/06/2023	506631	HMRC (PAYE)	207.20
01/06/2023	506632	Parish Clerk	310.90
01/06/2023	506633	N Fleming	1,548.00
01/06/2023	506634	Ken's Countryside	1,646.40
01/06/2023	506635	Ken's Countryside	2,094.00
01/06/2023	506636	R J Francis	2,487.60
		TOTAL:	£8,360.75

Resolved: To issue the above cheques.

14) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, 6th July 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

P Hughes
Chairman