

YOXALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Thursday, 6th July 2023 at 7.30pm
in the Parish Hall, Yoxall

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

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 J Jones.

2) CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman, P Hughes, mentioned the following:

- Speeding motorists going through the Village.
- Speedwatch.
- Speed Indication Equipment – Cost £2-3K with installation – J Jessel to consider funding.
- Ferrers Field improvement update.
- Thanks to S Evans regarding contact with School who agreed to A Grandfield Trophy.
- Environment Agency and Tree removal from river.
- No Meeting during August 2023 – Agreed Chairman's and Vice-Chairman's action.
- Dog Fouling in Village.
- Car Theft – in contact with local Police.
- Parish Councils Forum.
- J Williams commented he supports the Chairman and Councillors need the support of the Public. Councillors work hard on behalf of the Parish Council and suggested Councillors record how much time spent on Council business during a month.
- CPR Training went very well.
- Structure of School Governors considered.

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 1ST JUNE 2023

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 1st June 2023, subject to the following amendment:-

10ii) Best Kept Village Competition – Delete: Meghan - Include: Megan.

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 1st June 2023, subject to the above amendment.

5) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

➤ None.

6) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

➤ Kieron Meredith, Registered Manager of Reeve End House, gave an update regarding the Home. Agreed to arrange for the boundary hedge to be cut back. P Hughes thanked Kieron Meredith for attending Parish Council Meeting.

➤ The Chairman, P Hughes, mentioned that at present there are two vacancies for Parish.

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 – July 2023

Applications

P/2023/00595 – Trent Bridge Farm, Bond End – An application for a part single and two storey extension.

P/2023/006664 – The Nook, Victoria Street – An application for a rear extension. The property is listed and within the Conservation area.

P/2023/00631 – Yoxall Lodge, Scotch Hill, Newchurch – An application to convert an agricultural building into a dwelling and provide a septic tank.

Decisions

P/2023/00672 – SCC app 0075 VOC – Staffordshire County Council – Extension of timescale to December 2023 for mineral extraction at Trent Bridge Farm.

No objection from ESBC

P/2023/00082 – Lynfield, Sudbury Road, Yoxall – Approval for single storey rear extension.

P/2023/00485 – Buccneld, Bond End, Yoxall – Approval for demolition of conservatory and construction of side and rear extension.

Ward Parishes liaison

Following positive responses from the other seven parishes, we will initially be meeting representatives from Barton under Needwood and Abbots Bromley PCs in the next few weeks to agree on an informal liaison structure. Holding quarterly forums for the Councils will be one of the ideas to discuss.

9) CLERK'S REPORT

a) Correspondence

- East Staffordshire Borough Council – New Lottery.
- Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service – Seatbelt Safety Week.
- SPCA Bulletin.
- J Jessel – A38 E-Bulletin.
- Next Needwood Division Forum – 19th September 2023.
- ESBC – Andrea Davies – Register of Interest.
- Staffordshire Archive and Heritage Newsletter.
- Confirmation of Attendance John Taylor High School – Presentation Evening.
- Speeding Traffic – Reply to Parishioner.

10) MATTERS IN PROGRESS OR REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

i) Conservation Group

S Evans sent a report as follows:-

Working dates for group have been produced and posters displayed. Conservation Group members to be contacted mid-July on an individual basis to encourage attendance. Dates are:- Saturday, 22nd July; Saturday, 12th August; Sunday, 24th September; Saturday, 14th October. All sessions will be 10.00am – 1.00pm. Meet Goose Green. Working parties at Goose Green and churchyard/burial for Green Corridor. Refreshments will be provided.

Footpaths

Grant applications for maintenance/repairs ongoing. Costings etc. sourced. Paul Rochefort of SCC has been invited to visit Yoxall ref. problematic footpaths, replacement gates and stiles and to add input to walks leaflet.

ii) Best Kept Village Competition

S Evans sent a report as follows:-

BKVC Report for July 2023 Meeting

June unannounced judging will have taken place. Many thanks to everyone who has worked so hard in helping the village look so good. July judging will also be unannounced. It is not possible to predict when this will happen. We only have one DoE now, so if you see litter, please pick it up!

Bunting – this has been in place for the June Ironman competition and also the RBL Anniversary Celebrations. It can now be removed. (Councillors Yapp and Arch week commencing Monday, 3rd July).

Supplementary competitions – nothing heard as yet in respect of the entries made for the deadline of beginning of June.

Bus Shelters Megan (Bronze DoE) continues to do a terrific job of weekly sweeping.

Flower tubs have been changed over and all look fantastic! Thank you to all for the watering and dead heading.

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 commented as follows:-

- Two Grant applications submitted – waiting for a reply.
- Goose Green being strimmed around trees.
- New Signs to be installed.

iv) **Open Spaces**

P Kitt reported the following:-

a) **Milne Holme Pingle Report July**

Litter pick and inspection carried out 4th July.

It appears that the bench by the river has been removed, only one stump remains.

The handrail to the new path was damaged. This has been repaired and two new supports introduced, which should help avoid damage, and also provides access to the bench and totem. Cost: £80.00. Council approval is sought retrospectively.

b) **Ferrers Field Report July**

Litter pick and inspection carried out on 4th July.

A bench required moving to facilitate the new equipment being installed week commencing 10th July. It seemed expedient to reposition it with new supports in the Arbour to replace the one that had rotted. Total cost: £155.00. Council approval is sought retrospectively.

The expenditure of £155.00 and £80.00 was agreed.

D Muir commented should obtain prices for benches as Parishioners wish to donate benches.

v) **Village Amenities**

- To be deleted from the Agenda in future.

vi) **Village Hall**

J Williams reported the following:-

- Obtained quotation for replacement doors for Parish Hall. Three doors include push bars, engineering bricks and new locks. Difficulty obtaining quotes for replacements. It was proposed (J Williams), seconded (P Kitt) and agreed to accept the quotation of £5,540.00 plus VAT.

Resolved: To accept the quotation of £5,540.00 plus VAT for three new doors for the Village Hall.

- Confirmed registered with ESBC for the new Lottery.

vii) **Burial Ground**

J Williams mentioned the following:-

- Access agreed to clear section of Burial Ground. Work to start after School closes for the Summer.
- May need to empty compost if need to move.

viii) **Roads and Pavements**

M Arch commented as follows:-

- Sent report to HS2 regarding gravel lorry from the North.
- Chasing Walker Transport to repair Sign on Savey Lane.
- R Keys mentioned speed of traffic coming through Hadley End. Could be employee traffic passing through. Reported to Staffordshire County Council.

ix) **Website**

M Arch confirmed the following:-

- Updated Reports.
- Bench on Milne Holme Pingle.
- Police Notice regarding Foreign Vehicles.
- Celebration Mugs for School.

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

R Yapp mentioned the following:-

- Defibrillator Registration with The Circuit.
- Discovered Defibrillator at The Cup not registered.
- CPR demonstration in the Village Hall attended by seventy people.
- Doctor's working hours update.
- 19th August 2023 – Health Event at Barton Riverside.

11) **WISH LIST**

P Bailey commented as follows:-

- Included – New Litter Bin outside the Shop with old bin transferred to Milne Holme Pingle.
- Parish Hall Security already included on Wish List.
- Circulated Updated Wish List.

12) **COMMUNITY**

S Evans sent a report as follows:-

Councillor Hughes has been working on the Angela Grandfield Memorial Award. This will be presented into St Peter's School end of Summer term 2023. Then on an annual basis thereafter.

Dog fouling remains a major problem in Savey Lane, grassed area around Health Centre and also within the Burial Ground, especially at the top, more open end.

Wonderful wildflower verge on the Barton Road just as you approach Yoxall. Perhaps a note to the resident acknowledging this.

13) **OTHER MATTERS**

- R Keys reported the Sports Club had obtained a quote for Stage 1 of extension but need to get two more quotes.
- Side screens at Cricket Club – Reviewed locations.
- Frank Finch Collection.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to donate £100.00 to the collection for Frank Finch.

Resolved: To donate £100.00 to the Frank Finch Collection.

14) FINANCE

a) Cheque Payments

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

DATE	CHEQUE NO.	DETAILS	£
06/07/2023	506638	R Keys (Post Caps)	15.80
06/07/2023	506639	Parish Clerk	310.90
06/07/2023	506640	HMRC (PAYE)	207.20
06/07/2023	506641	ESBC (Litter Bins)	703.60
06/07/2023	506642	Clerk's Expenses	23.65
06/07/2023	506643	John Taylor School	100.00
06/07/2023	506644	Ken's Countryside Landscapes	378.00
06/07/2023	506645	N Fleming	1,248.00
06/07/2023	506646	J Franics	1,488.00
06/07/2023	506647	Betzy's	240.00
		TOTAL:	£4,715.15

Resolved: To issue the above cheques.

14) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, 7th September 2023.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

P Hughes
Chairman