

YOXALL PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 7th December 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall, Yoxall.

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

Also present: 3 members of the public.

1. **Apologies.** J.Jessel, J. Jones, R. Young, P.Bailey, P.Kitt.
2. **Chairman's Announcements.**
 - Precept 2024/25 to be set. Decision to be made in January. Increases in maintenance have impacted. New equipment provided to Ferrers Field, Goose Green which require on-going maintenance. Cllrs to let Bob Young know their thoughts before the January meeting.
 - Meeting with Staffs C.C. rep to discuss provision of mobile SID's. Cost is a problem. Grants to be considered but limited funds available. Community Speed Watch team disbanded and without info. re. speeding motorists, we have little ammunition.
 - Christmas boxes to be delivered tomorrow (8/12/23). Thanks to all who donated and also to the Golden Cup.
 - Obstruction in River Swarbourn. River still flowing.
 - Sports Club rent increased to £500 p.a.
 - Ferrers Field representative group has secured £16k grant.
3. **Declaration of Interest.**
None
4. **To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 2nd November 2023.**
 - Approved unanimously.
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**
None
6. **Public Participation.**
None.
7. **Report of County Councillor and Borough Councillor.**
None available.
8. **Planning.**

Applications.

P/2023/01131. Manor Farm, Meadow Lane. Prior approval sought for conversion of agri. Building into five dwellings. Site not in conservation area.

P/2023/01206/P2018/00749. Woodmill Workshop, Dunstall Lane. To retain workshop, add extension and toilet and continue to use as a craft workshop.

P/2023/01150. Barn 1, Redbank Farm, Maker Lane. Change of use from agri. Land to a domestic garden.

P/2023/01118. South View, Victoria Street. Erection of two storey rear extension, partial demolition of ground floor level and rebuilding to increase height to existing two storey extension inc. repair works.

P/2023/01119. Listed building consent for P/2023/01118 which is also in the conservation area.

P/2023/01255. Longcroft Farm, Longcroft. Change of use for part of existing building to use as an MOT facility. Increased traffic is a concern.

P/2023/01225. Corner House Farm, Back Lane. Application for certificate of lawfulness for retention of storage building.

Other late applications include erection of an additional building at the Croft, Sudbury Road and Yew Tree Cottage, Wood lane for a multi purpose agri building.

Decisions:

P/2023/00328. Mulberry Cottage. Permission for a single storey front and rear extension with detached garage.

P/2023/00685. Glebe Farmhouse. Permission for repair of existing brickwork.

P/2023/01046. 44, Hadley Street. Permission for two storey side and single storey front extensions.

Other matters.

East Staffs B.C. are to write to the current owners of "Cartref", the cottage in Main Street which has been vacant for some considerable time. They are to be asked to tidy up the property.

9. Clerk's Report and Financial Update:

9.1 Correspondence and Bank Transfers

- Staffs Association bulletin
- Local road closures.

10. **Matters in Progress or Requiring Further Action:**
10.1 Report of Working Groups :

i) Conservation Group.

Grant application "Discover Yoxall" to include Green Corridor project – on-going. A collection individual projects with the aim to improve the local area for visitors and residents. Several additional items to be included. Original discussion re. application were positive. All projects to be concluded by March 2025.

ii) Best Kept Village Competition.

Feedback from judges. Notice boards require maintenance. Sports ground untidy and scruffy. Officers of the club have been reminded of their responsibilities.

Church noticeboards – poor condition and more information needed. Signage – "recycling" x 2 to be removed. No poo-bags in dispenser In Ferrers Field.

The village decides the judging area.

Some changes in 2024 BKVC. Registration required by 31 March 2024.

iii) Riverside Regeneration.

Need to watch the level of the River Swarbourn. One bin has disappeared.

iv) Open Spaces

- Quarterly inspection carried out. Play bark required. Proposed by P.Hughes, seconded by R. Yapp. Approved by Cllrs. Confirmed success of grant application. Fence repaired and new handrail installed at Milne Holme Pingle.

- Local painter/decorator to be hired to deal with notice boards.

v) Village Hall.

- Further expenditure required in addition to provision of new doors. Estimates requested for various repairs/refurbs. Grants to be applied for once quotes obtained. Working party to be set up in the New Year.

vi) Burial Ground.

- Nothing to report save for some tidying up.

vii) Roads and Pavements.

Further work done on installation of SID's. Funding the issue. Grants available are minimal.

Looked further at speed limit reduction to 20 mph through the village. Explained the benefits. Need support from parishioners. Councillors felt that any 20 mph limit should be limited to the school approaches.

Drains in Savey Lane and Main Street still blocked. Staffs C.C. state that the issues have been logged and will be dealt with in due course.

viii) Website.

Updated from Councillors reports. Distribution of Christmas boxes to be included in list of achievements.

A Parish Council Facebook page was raised again. Commitment needed to operate the site was considered to be a factor. Approach to be made to host of the Yoxall Community Page to ascertain the level of commitment in time terms, to operate the site.

ix) Health and Safety – Health Services.

More on-line appointments requested. Dementia Group to fund a “forget me not” café in Barton. Church Christmas cards to be distributed to all households advising all services to be held during the Christmas period. Distributors required.

11. **Wish List.**

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12. **Community.**

Beryl Behague Tea Boxes to be delivered on 8 December.

13. **Approval of cheques for payment.**

Keeleys Solicitors £408.00

HMRC £198.00.

The Clerk £297.00.

Waterplus £25.27.

Woodhouse Nurseries. £45.00.

East Staffs Borough Council. £70.00

Ken’s Countryside. £702.00.

Betsys Cleaning Service. £160.00.

R.J. Francis. £1,174.80.

14 **Items for Agenda and Date of Next Meeting.**

Meeting closed at 20.41

P.Hughes, Chair.

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