

YOXALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Thursday, 4th January 2024 at 7.30pm
in the Parish Hall, Yoxall

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

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

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from M Arch, S Evans, J Jones and J Jessel.

2) CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Precept Requirement 2024-2025.

It was proposed (P Hughes), seconded (R Keys) the Precept for the coming year should be increased by 4%.

Resolved: A 4% increase should be applied to the Precept for 2024-2025.

- Sports Club.

P Hughes read out an email received from D Lester regarding Yoxall Sports Club.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed the Parish Council would support the provision of a new garage and portacabin plus applications for grants.

Resolved: The Parish Council would support the provision of a new garage and portacabin plus applications for grants.

- Flooding in the Parish.

- Bench at Hadley End – P Hughes to contact Staffordshire County Council regarding Licence.

- Thank you letters for donations towards Christmas Boxes to be sent.

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 7TH DECEMBER 2023

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 7th December 2023.

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 7th December 2023.

5) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- No matters raised.

6) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- William Reid – BKV Judge mentioned the following:-

- Outlined details of Community Foundation.
- Best Kept Village Competition.

Two visits by different judges and will meet applicants if any changes since application.

Reviewed aspects of Judging competition.

Community Speedwatch details – How many caught?
Frequency of checks and number of volunteers.

Christmas Box distribution – Notify Judges.

Community Spirit – Very important for points.

Community Foundation grants available.

The Chairman, P Hughes, thanked Mr W Reid for attending meeting.

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 – January 2024

Applications

P/2023/01177 – Grangewood Fencing, Hazel Bank – Certificate of lawfulness for retention of storage building.

P/2023/00326 – Grangewood Fencing, Hazel Bank – Revised application for demolition of existing building and erection of extension for sale of fencing.

P/2023/00867 – Land North of Longcroft Cottage, Longcroft Lane – Erection of a stable block.

P/2023/01382 – Town Hill House – Two storey front, side and rear extensions.

P/2023/01092 – Polly Rose Cottage, Back Lane – Amended plans for replacement property.

Decisions

Barn 1, Redbank Farm, Maker Lane – REFUSAL for Change of Use from agricultural land into domestic garden adjacent to property.

P/2023/00987 – Moat Bank, Town Hill – PERMISSION for remodelling of existing dwelling to provide a two storey side and rear extension including exterior spiral staircase.

9) CLERK'S REPORT

a) Correspondence

- SCC – Temporary Traffic Legislation – Bow Meadow Lane, Newborough – 5th February 2024.
- SCC – Temporary Prohibition of Traffic – Scotch Hill Road, Newborough – 18th January 2024.
- SCC – Temporary Prohibition of Traffic – Elton Close, Newborough – 17th January 2024.
- May Staffordshire – January 2024.

- SPCA Bulletin.
- SCC Highways Bulletin.
- David Lester – Chairman, Yoxall Sports Club.
- J Jessel – Letter regarding Storm Babet.
- National Gas Transmission – High Pressure Pipelines.

10) MATTERS IN PROGRESS OR REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

i) Conservation Group

- No matters reported.

ii) Best Kept Village Competition

- W Read had given a presentation regarding the Competition.

iii) Riverside Regeneration

- D Muir gave an update concerning the river level.

iv) Open Spaces

P Kitt reported the following:-

a) Ferrers Field – November Report 2023

- Play bark spread as required.
- Tree branches (7) removed.

b) Milne Holme Pingle – November Report 2023

- Area flooded.

v) Village Hall

J Williams reported the following:-

- Fire extinguishers inspected and checked.
- New doors to be installed February/March 2024.

vi) Burial Ground

- J Williams reported the Burial Ground was flooded.
- The Clerk mentioned video of surface water in the burial ground.

vii) Roads and Pavements

M Arch sent a report as follows:-

Roads and Pavements

Have sent two messages to Staffordshire Highways regarding flooding at the ford near Dunstall Lane – without response.

Have sent two messages to Staffordshire Highways regarding a formal 20mph speed limit on the approaches to the school. Again, no response.

Have reported a pothole in Lovell Road.

Drains in Main Street need clearing.

viii) Website

M Arch had confirmed he will update Website from Councillor's reports and any other information provided.

ix) Health and Safety – Health Services

R Yapp reported the following:-

- YHC PPG last meeting.
- NHS app regarding patient access now live.
- Assistant Practice Manager is leaving.
- HCA to reintroduce ear syringing.
- Fleur, the Practice Care Co-ordinator, is aiming to join up with Dementia charities and is going to liaise with Colin Reisner who is now running the Forget me Knot café with Barton.
- The Health Event is now booked for 17th August 2024 in Barton.
- RY is to organise further Resus training at time to suit those who could not attend the previous ones.

11) WISH LIST

P Bailey reviewed outstanding items on the Wish List.

12) COMMUNITY

D Muir mentioned letter that Yoxall Fete will be held on the 29th June 2024 and confirmation was needed by the 15th January 2024 whether the Parish Council required a stall.

13) FINANCE

a) Cheque Payments

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

DATE	CHEQUE NO.	DETAILS	£
04/01/2024	506813	Ken's Countryside Landscapes	343.20
04/01/2024	506814	Parish Clerk	297.00
04/01/2024	506815	HMRC (PAYE)	198.00
04/01/2024	506816	R Young (Bench – Hadley End)	478.80
04/01/2024	506817	Betzy's	145.00
04/01/2024	506818	ESBC (Road/sweeping, litter bins)	703.60
04/01/2024	506819	N Sutcliffe (Clean Hall window)	50.00
04/01/2024	506820	Waterplus	50.32
04/01/2024	506821	Source for Business	279.59
04/01/2024	506822	Ken's Countryside Landscapes	312.00
		TOTAL:	£2,857.51

Resolved: To issue the above cheques.

b) Future Cheque Payments

It was proposed (P Kitt), seconded (R Yapp) and agreed that in future the Parish Clerk is to itemise Cheque/BACS payments, as to who is to be paid, what the payment is for and work completed or items supplied. Multiple works and locations to be detailed and disclosed.

Resolved: That full details of any cheque/BACS payments to be in full as detailed above.

c) Contractors

Contracts and Contractors to be reviewed in April 2024.

It was proposed (J Williams), seconded (P Kitt) and agreed that supplier payments, other than nominated contractors may have the option to be paid by the Parish Council by Bank Transfer if requested.

Resolved: That Supplier Payments other than nominated contractors may have the option to be paid by the Parish Council by Bank Transfer if requested

14) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

➤ Thursday, 1st February 2024.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

P Hughes
Chairman