

# YOXALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council  
held on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 at 7.30pm  
in the Parish Hall, Yoxall

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

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

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## 1) APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from J Jessel, J Jones and B Ashcroft.

## 2) CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman, P Hughes, mentioned the following:-

- Volumes of traffic including HGV's coming through the village.
- Traffic at Hadley End and Woodhouses.
- Written to J Jessell regarding highway problems – Details passed to R Rayson.
- Gateway Signage.
- Speedwatch – New group required.
- Wind Turbine at Longcroft.
- Bench now available for Hadley End – Await License from SCC.
- SID Posts – Locations reviewed.
- Dog Bin Locations – Map for ESBC.
- Signs reviewed.

## 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 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

5) **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- No matters raised.

6) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

a) **Wind Turbine – Longcroft (Staffordshire Community Energy)**

H Price and M Kingham mentioned the following:-

- Community Benefit Organisation.
- Low Carbon future.
- Saving Energy.
- > Existing schemes in UK.
- Solar Energy.
- Carbon Reduction.
- Planning – Viable Scheme.
- Landowner at Longcroft keen to be involved.
- Community Energy Fund.
- Outline of cables and linkage.
- Noise levels.
- No information regarding over ground or under ground cables.
- Scheme designed for long life span.
- Scheme should generate about 5% return.
- R Keys commented that Parishioners need to know how they will benefit.

The Chairman, P Hughes, thanked H Price and M Kingham for details presented.

b) **Hadley End - Traffic**

Parishioners raised concerns as follows:-

- Increase in traffic volumes all around Hadley End area plus speed of traffic.
- 30mph limit ends at the top of Hadley Street.
- Limit at Hadley End 60mph.
- 30mph speed limit requires street lighting, although exceptions. Need to contact J Jessel/R Rayson.
- Speedwatch need volunteers to operate speed gun.
- P Hughes mentioned there are many demands on funding available from the Parish Council.

- The Chairman, P Hughes, thanked members of the Public for attending.

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**

**Planning Applications**

P/2023/01413 – Land South of Scotch Hill Road – Formation of a ménage.

**Decisions**

P/2023/01408 – Wood Lane Hall Farm – Discharge of conditions on Change of Use from egg farm units to eight storage units.

P/2023/01225 – Corner House Farm, Back Lane – APPROVAL – application for retention of storage building.

P/2023/01363 – Redbank Farm, Maker Lane – Discharge of conditions on amendments including increase in ridge height.

P/2023 – Yew Tree Cottage, Wood Lane – APPROVAL for erection of multi-purpose agricultural building.

P/2023/01092 – Polly Rose Cottage, Back Lane – REFUSAL for demolition of existing dwelling and building of replacement dwelling.

**Site Visits**

At Sich Lane – Regarding ongoing ST works in partially screening the pumping station.

At Sudbury Road – Meeting neighbour regarding new house build application.

AOB – Following – calls to ESBC Planning Enforcement – the site owner of Cartef has cleared part of the site.

Sports Club – ratified that planning permission is required for storage unit.

9) **CLERK'S REPORT**

a) **Correspondence**

- J Jessel – Temporary Road Closure Order and Temporary Weight Suspension – Branston Road, Branston.
- J Jessel – Temporary Road Closure – Main Street, Yoxall.
- J Jessell – Funding Opportunities West Midlands – January 2024.
- Staffordshire County Council – Highways Bulletin.
- Staffordshire Archives and Heritage Newsletter.
- SPCA – Garden Party Allocation 2024.
- SPCA – BKVC What's New.
- J Jessell – A38 ebulletin.
- SCC – Additional Grass Cutting 2024/2025.
- Voices from the Peak – Peak District events.
- Revd F and Mrs M Finch thank you letter for Christmas parcels.

10) **MATTERS IN PROGRESS OR REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION**

i) **Conservation Group**

S Evans reported the following:-

**Conservation Group** – Grant application, ESBC – to be sent Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024, subject to discussion and approval by Parish Council. Had meeting with Councillor J Jones on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Agreed to submit grant application for £40,000.

**Footpaths** – Ground still very wet. Unable to plan/schedule any group walking activity. Paul Rochefort contacted for further update about his team working with volunteers on footpaths – anticipated Spring 2024.

ii) **Best Kept Village Competition**

S Evans proposed that we do not enter BKVC in 2024 to free time/involvement to progress work with £40,000 grant. Seconded P Kitt and agreed.

**Resolved: Do not enter BKVC in 2024 due to need to progress work with £40,000 grant.**

iii) **Riverside Regeneration**

- No matters reported regarding the Riverside Regeneration.

iv) **Open Spaces**

P Kitt reported the following:-

a) **Ferrers Field**

- Litter pick and inspection carried out 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024. All looking good.
- Contacted ESBC Enforcement Team regarding provision of dog waste bags for dispenser. Assured bags would be provided.

b) **Milne Holme Pingle**

- Inspected and litter pick on 16<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024.
- Plaque installed following site meeting with Allison.

v) **Village Hall**

J Williams reported the following:-

- New doors to be fitted March 2024.
- Reviewed work needed to be done at the Village Hall including some painting.
- S Evans commented anything not needed could be recycled and P Kitt/P.Hughes to agree date for rubbish removal.

vi) **Burial Ground**

J Williams commented regarding the following:-

- Flooding in Burial Ground.
- Obtained quotes for drainage.
- Ditch at top of Burial Ground retains water.
- Convening a meeting with Contractor and M Ridgeway.

vii) **Roads and Pavements**

M Arch mentioned the following:-

- Obtained details of SID from another Parish – 6 to 10% reduction in speeding vehicles.

- Solar version of SID will cost £3,000.
- 28 million people in England have a 20mph area.
- Need support and help of Community. M Arch proposed the introduction of a 20mph speed limit between Savey Lane and Alexandra Drive. Seconded P Kitt and agreed.

**Resolved: Introduction of a 20mph speed limit between Savey Lane and Alexandra Drive.**

- Date to be agreed for a Public Meeting in Village Hall.
- S Evans and M Arch to visit School on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

**viii) Website**

M Arch confirmed the Website had been updated.

**ix) Health and Safety – Health Services**

R Yapp reported the following:-

- YHC update newsletter due shortly.
- Staffing assistant PM leaves beginning of February but replacement has been recruited.
- Flu vaccines are still available in the surgery.
- Communication – A new system, ACCUREX, is now being used for text messages.
- CPR training I've arranged for late afternoon of 26<sup>th</sup> March in VH start time to be confirmed.
- YaPP to attend Fete on 29<sup>th</sup> June.
- Forget Me Knot Café – Attendance has increased at this café in Barton, VH for those living with Dementia and run by Colin Reiner with help of YVDF group and the Barton Volunteer Group.

**11) WISH LIST**

P Bailey reviewed changes and amendments plus descriptions of Wish List. Wish List updated.

12) **COMMUNITY**

S Evans commented as follows:-

**Big Village clear Up** – Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> March. Promotion commenced. Paul Shum Family Butcher and Yoxall Newsagents approached reference breakfasts/refreshments. Both have kindly once again confirmed their support.

**St Peter’s School** – Approached reference appointment for Sue to visit and progress village posters; school award 2024 and involvement with Conservation Group projects.

**Yoxall Rubbish/Dog Poo Bins** – Map and location details to be presented at February meeting. Forty-five bins in the Parish.

**Yoxall Village Fete – Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024** – Contact Pam Robertshaw and confirmed YPC will be in attendance. Discussion required about format.

J Williams said he had passed detailed of dog fouling to ESBC Enforcement.

P Bailey gave details of the quotation from Woodhouses Nursery for supplying plants and compost for the Parish of £1,411.50.

It was proposed (P Bailey), seconded (S Evans) and agreed to approve the quotation of £1,411.50 from Woodhouses Nursery.

**Resolved: To accept the quotation from Woodhouses Nursery.**

13) **FINANCE**

a) **Cheque Payments**

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

DATE	CHEQUE NO.	DETAILS	£
01/02/2024	506851	Parish Clerk	297.00
01/02/2024	506852	HMRC (PAYE)	198.00
01/02/2024	506853	Ken’s Countryside	30.00
01/02/2024	506854	V C Wright	120.00
01/02/2024	506855	M & R Electrical	307.80
01/02/2024	506856	Betzy’s	80.00
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£1,032.80</b>

**Resolved: To issue the above cheques.**

**PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL**

**14) BURIAL GROUND**

J Williams reported the following:-

- Graves full of water.
- Discussed with M Ridgeway.
- Drainage from ditch does not help.
- Obtained two quotes for drainage improvements; £7,000 and £12,000.
- Arranging meeting with Contractor and M Ridgeway.

The meeting closed at 9.24pm

P Hughes  
Chairman