

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council, Yaxley Parish Council
held in the Council Chamber, the Amenity Centre, Main Street, Yaxley
on 12th September 2017.**

Present:- Councillor R Butcher – Vice Chairman

Councillors C Bolton, R Butcher, J Lusted, M Oliver, J Orchard, D Porteous,
P Richardson, C Thorne, S White, J Willis and A Wood.

In attendance – Mrs H Taylor and District Councillor E R Butler.

FC75. APOLOGIES & COUNCILLOR L MAWHINNEY

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillors A Bartle, G Bellamy, S Butler, K Gulson and P Russell (all personal).

At the same time, Members were advised that due to work commitments Councillor Lloyd Mawhinney had decided to resign from the Parish Council. His resignation would take immediate effect and the notices would go on display the next day.

FC76. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor R Butcher and J Orchard declared an “other” interest in Minute No. FC85 by being named payees in the accounts.

FC77. MINUTES

Councillor J Willis proposed approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 8th August 2017. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and **RESOLVED.**

FC78. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

District Councillor E R Butler confirmed that the Community Information Shop would be moving from the unit in the Shopping Centre to the library. Its hours of operation would also reduce to one day a week, this reflected current use.

FC79. COMMITTEE REPORTS – PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members received and noted the draft Minutes of the Planning Committees held on 8th and 22nd August 2017.

FC80. PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO SHELTER/PERMANENT MEMORIAL

Further to Minute No.17/68 and by way of a written report received from Paul Underwood (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) and a verbal update at the meeting by Councillor J Lusted, Members received feedback on a meeting Councillor Lusted had attended with Paul, Councillor Richardson, Stewart Howe and representatives of the young people’s group who use the “rec”. The meeting had been arranged to discuss ideas.

Particular reference was made of a request in the report for a memorial/tribute, in response to which Members referred to the discussions at the last full Council meeting when it had been agreed by all that a tribute celebrating the youth of the village would be more suitable than a memorial. Members reiterated that they felt it would not be appropriate to include the names of the young people who had lost their lives on any structure. Mention also was made of the discussions with the youth at the last meeting which had been very positive and structured.

Members were advised that in response to the issues highlighted at the last meeting the railings at the pavilion had been removed and 4 benches and a bin installed under the



covered area for the youth to use. It was also reported that the timer for the lights at the skate park had been extended to go off at 10.30pm every night.

In summing up, Members agreed that further information was required over the exact design and size of a proposed tribute before any decision could be made. In that respect, Councillor J Lusted proposed that herself and Councillor P Richardson continue to liaise with the group with a view to producing a detailed proposal for a tribute and that this be reported back to the Community Facilities Committee. This was seconded by Councillor P Richardson and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

FC81. ANNUAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2017

Members noted that the Annual Return had been approved by the External Auditors without any comment.

FC82. LOCAL HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

With the assistance of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) Members received an update on the current scheme to install a zebra crossing on Broadway. The project had been successful in receiving funding from the 2017/18 Local Highways Improvement Initiative (LHI).

Members were disappointed to note that the proposed start date for the scheme had been pushed back by the County Council to February 2018. With the recent opening of the new Hampton Gardens Secondary School, Members reiterated that a number of children crossed this busy road on their way to school and that the crossing should have been installed as quickly as possible. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor J Orchard that the Parish Councils concerns be voiced to the County Council with the aim of moving the start date forward. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and **RESOLVED** unanimously. At the same time and having noted changes to the LHI initiative, mainly a requirement to include in any bid the cost of County Council Officers time to deliver the project, Members agreed not to submit a funding bid under the 2018/19 initiative.

FC83. COMMUNITY HIGHWAYS VOLUNTEERING SCHEME

Attention was drawn to the Community Highways Volunteering Scheme being promoted by Cambridgeshire County Council.

FC84. BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Councillors received and noted the contents of the Bank Reconciliation Statements as at 31st July and 31st August 2017 (copies of which are appended in the Minute Book).

FC85. ORDERS FOR PAYMENT

The schedule of payments made since the previous meeting, which included details of the purchase ledger cheques requiring payment, (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) was proposed by Councillor D Porteous, seconded by Councillor S White and **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to be paid.

FC86. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor J Willis reported that she had received several positive comments regarding the new bench in Green Park, off Seaton Close. She also suggested that the branches that were hitting the bus stop on Windsor Road be cut back, if the bus stops could be cleaned out and whether the grass could be lifted on some of the plots that have sunk at the cemetery. The Clerk agreed to look into these issues.

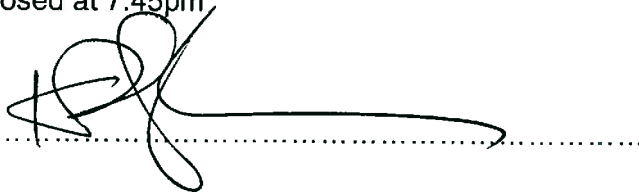


Councillor R Butcher reported that he had attended the presentation ceremony for those who had completed the library's summer reading challenge and visited neighbouring Ramsey for their annual Mayor making service.

Councillor J Orchard commented that he had recently opened and closed for the youth club and was impressed at the number of youngsters attending.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed

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Chairman.

