

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council, Yaxley Parish Council
held in the Council Chamber, the Amenity Centre, Main Street, Yaxley
on 13th March 2018.**

Present:- Councillor K Gulson – Chairman

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

In attendance – Mrs H Taylor, District Councillor E Butler, and 6 Members of the Public.

FC158. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillors A Bartle, J Lusted and M Southgate. (all personal).

FC159. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors K Gulson and A Wood declared "other" interests in Minute No. FC167 by being named payees in the accounts.

FC160. MINUTES

Councillor G Bellamy proposed approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 6th February 2018. This was seconded by Councillor J Willis and **RESOLVED**.

FC161. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Michelle Lay of the Yaxley Partnership reported on the various initiatives the Partnership had either organised or supported over the past 12 months. These included the Yaxley Festival, Speedwatch, Young Persons Counselling and Yaxley Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Moving forward Michelle stressed the need to build better relationships with the Parish Council and asked that a regular item be placed on the Council agenda to promote joined up working between the two organisations (see Minute FC168 below).

FC162. COMMITTEE REPORTS

FC162.1 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members received and noted the draft Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 6th February 2018.

FC162.2 COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

The draft Minutes of the Community Facilities Committee held on 20th February 2018 were received and noted.

FC163. YOUTH TRIBUTE IN THE RECREATION GROUND

Further to Minute No. FC144, Members were advised that the artist for the graffiti wall had been very busy so had yet to meet with the youths to discuss the design for the tribute. The design would now be presented to the April meeting of Full Council with a view to being in place for the Great Get Together in June 2018. Members asked for the size of the tribute to be confirmed as soon as possible so that the marine ply can be ordered.

FC164. ACTION PLAN UPDATE

In receiving an update of progress on the Parish Council's Action Plan (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), reference was made to the recent installation of a zebra crossing on Broadway near to the Persimmons Field Estate. The zebra crossing had been very well received and had resulted in requests for a crossing at the other end of Broadway near to Mere View. The Chairman reported that the Clerk had held initial discussions with Cambridgeshire County Council regarding an additional crossing and had been advised that the cost would be approx. £35,000 plus a £500 design fee. These

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costs had been sent onto County Councillor M McGuire for his comments as they appeared high. In discussing the various funding options available, Members referred to the process and timescale for a Local Highway Improvement Bid. Mention also was made of a previous offer by Barnack Estates to fund the cost of a crossing and it was suggested that this be pursued to see if this was still the case. In the meantime, it was proposed by Councillor M Oliver that a Zebra crossing for the Mere View end of Broadway be included in the Parish Council's action plan. This was seconded by Councillor J Willis and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

FC165. POLICIES AND PROCEDURE WORKING GROUP

Following a review by the Policy and Procedure Working Group, Councillor R Butcher proposed that the amendments to the Management of Records document and the Publication Scheme be accepted. This was seconded by Councillor C Bolton and **RESOLVED**.

FC166. BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Councillors received and noted the contents of the Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 28th February 2018 (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book).

FC167. 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 P Russell, seconded by Councillor P Richardson and **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to be paid.

FC168. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor J Willis referred to the problem of cars and vans constantly parking on the double yellow lines outside the doctors on Lansdowne Road. It was reported that not all were blue badge holders. Members felt that some police presence and the issuing of penalty charge notices would be a deterrent. With this in mind, the Chairman agreed to take up the issue with the new PCSO Dawn Hodgkinson.

In discussing Yaxley Partnership's request to have a slot on the full Council agenda, Members felt that this would benefit everyone and asked that any item be put in writing a week before the meeting to enable it to be distributed with the agenda. Members recognised also that it may not be necessary for the Partnership to report to every Council meeting. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor P Russell that a structured relationship with the Partnership be pursued and that an item be included on future Council agendas, subject to the receipt of a written report one week in advance of the meeting for inclusion in the agenda papers. This was seconded by Councillor M Oliver and **RESOLVED** with one abstention.

Members noted new arrangements for opening and closing the youth club.

In referring to the Community Allotment project, the Chairman reported that funding opportunities were being explored to make the project sustainable. Having noted the project's ambitions, Members agreed that plots 1 and 2 at Whiteheads be given over to the scheme. Councillor Richardson confirmed that he had received some interest from resident from his post on social media.



Meeting closed at 8.02pm

Signed RG Butcher,

Chairman.

