

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council, Yaxley Parish Council
held by Zoom on 9th June 2020.**

Present:- Councillor R Butcher – Chairman.

Councillors E Gilchrist, K Gulson, G Needham, M Oliver, D Paice, D Porteous, P Russell, S Sanderson, and A Wood.

In attendance – District Councillor E R Butler, Mrs H Taylor – Clerk and two members of the public.

FC20. APOLOGIES

No apologies were given.

FC21. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor K Gulson declared a non pecuniary interest in item no. FC26 as a Yaxley Countryside Volunteer.

FC22. MINUTES

Councillor P Russell proposed approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 12th May 2020. This was seconded by Councillor D Paice and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

FC23. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

District Councillor E R Butler reported on how the District Council had adapted their services to help residents during the Covid 19 pandemic. Looking forward, he confirmed that the road surface on Mere View would be resurfaced at the end of July 2020.

District Councillor K Gulson drew attention to the availability of up to £1,000 from the District Council's Community Chest Fund, so far £20,000 had been made available to organisations to help them deal with the pandemic.

In response to a question over the closed footpath between Windsor Road and Hawthorne Crescent, District Councillor E R Butler agreed to speak with the District Councils Planning enforcement team regarding the breach of the planning application for the adjacent care home which had closed the footpath.

FC24. CO-OPTION TO THE TWO VACANT POSITIONS OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Members received details of two residents wishing to be considered for co-option to the Parish Council. The applicants had been asked a series of questions to determine their suitability as Parish Councillors and had confirmed their eligibility as detailed in S79 of the Local Government Act 1972. Both gave an account of the experience and knowledge they would bring to the role. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor A Wood and seconded by Councillor P Russell that Mr Martin Rickman and Mrs Janette Rickman be co-opted to the Parish Council and this was **RESOLVED**.

FC25. VACANCY ON THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEES

On the proposition of Councillor P Russell and having been seconded by Councillor A Wood, it was **RESOLVED** that Mr Rickman fill the vacancy on the Planning Committee and Mrs Rickman the vacancy on the Property Committee.

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FC26. SECTION 137 BUDGET – AWARD OF GRANT

Councillor R Butcher proposed that an award of £345 be made to Yaxley Countryside Volunteers for the cost of their insurance. This was seconded by Councillor P Russell and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

FC27. RISK ASSESSMENTS – RECREATION GROUND & POUND LANE PONDS

With the assistance of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) Members reviewed the Parish Council's Risk Assessments for the ponds on the Recreation Ground and Pound Lane. Members were advised that the Countryside Trust had been consulted on the contents of the documents and had suggested that the ponds be named and placed on Google Maps to assist the emergency services and for signage purposes. With this mind, Councillor P Russell proposed that the contents of the Risk Assessments be approved and the ponds be called Pound Lane Pond and Willow Pond. This was seconded by Councillor M Oliver and **RESOLVED**.

FC28. COMMUNITY FRIDGE UPDATE

Councillors K Gulson and P Russell reported on the reopening of the Community Fridge 3 weeks ago. Members were advised that changes had been made to ensure social distancing was being adhered to including the surplus food being bagged and given to residents who must queue outside the Austin Hall entrance, the inclusion of frozen ready meals and shorter manned opening hours. It was reported that various Members were helping Sue to weigh in, bag and hand out the food and that the Fridge's reopening had been well received by residents with numbers attending increasing weekly.

FC29. YAXLEY FESTIVAL DATE 2021

Having received a request from the organisers of the Yaxley Festival to confirm next year's dates, it was proposed by Councillor A Wood that the use of the Council's Facilities free of charge by the Festival from 21st to 23rd May 2021 (access to the Recreation Ground from 17th to 25th May) be approved subject to the receipt and the event management plan and other health and safety documents and the need to continue with Joint Working Group discussions to ensure that the Council is kept fully informed of the arrangements. This was seconded by Councillor G Needham and **RESOLVED**.

FC30. BROADWAY ZEBRA CROSSING TARGET COST

By way of an email from Cambridgeshire County Council (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), Members were advised of an increase in the Parish Council's LHI contribution towards the cost of installing a second zebra crossing on Broadway. It was explained that the cost had increased as the design brief had identified some specific site difficulties. Having recognised that the scheme had already been delayed and in noting that Councillor Gulson had approached the District Council for a £10,000 CIL contribution for the scheme, Councillor G Needham proposed that the Parish Council's contribution be increased from £17,354 to £21,746.65. This was seconded by Councillor P Russell and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

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FC31. BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Councillors received and noted the contents of the Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st May 2020 (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book).

FC32. 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 A Wood and **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to be paid.

FC33. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

No reports were given.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm



Signed

Chairman.