

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council, Yaxley Parish Council
held in the Council Chamber, the Amenity Centre, Main Street, Yaxley
on 12th July 2016.**

Present:- Councillor K Gulson – Chairman

Councillors G Bellamy, C Bolton, R Butcher, P Crooke, J Lusted, M Oliver, D Porteous, A Rees, P Russell, C Thorne, S White, J Willis and A Wood.

In attendance – Mrs H Taylor.

FC45. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillors A Bartle and J Reed (personnel).

FC46. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor P Russell declared an “other” interest in item FC56 by being an acquaintance of the named Scout Association representative and a helper of the association.

Councillor M Oliver declared an “other” interest in item FC58 as a Director of the Fenland Trust.

In receiving a schedule of requests for disclosable interests (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) Councillor J Willis proposed that the list be received and the requests granted. This was seconded by Councillor C Bolton and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

FC47. MINUTES

Councillor R Butcher proposed approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 14th June 2016. This was seconded by Councillor M Oliver and **RESOLVED**.

FC48. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Member of the Public wished to speak.

FC49. COMMITTEE REPORTS

FC49.1 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members received and noted the draft Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 14th and 28th June 2016.

FC49.2 PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Property Committee held on 21st June 2016 were received and noted.

FC49.3 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Members received and noted the draft Minutes of the Personnel Committee held on 21st June 2016.

FC49.4 COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Community Facilities Committee held on 28th June 2016 were received and noted. In doing so, Members’ attention was drawn to the Minute Nos. CF19 (defibrillators) and CF22 (grass cutting equipment). Having been advised that donations for the defibrillator cabinets were still being received it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher that any shortfall be met from the Council’s reserves. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

With regard to the grass cutting equipment it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher that a sum of £10,000 be transferred from the Council's reserves for the purchase of a reconditioned Ransomes Parkway 2250 triple. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and **RESOLVED**.

FC50. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

Attention was drawn to public consultation exercises on:

- draft recommendations for new electoral arrangements for Huntingdonshire District Council by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England;
- the proposed establishment of a Combined Authority across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough resulting in a Mayoral run authority for the area; and
- tackling peak-time congestion in Cambridge.

Members were encouraged to respond to the exercises. Particular mention was made of the city deal package to tackle congestion in Cambridge. Councillor M Oliver proposed that a suggestion be made to the Deal Team that the park and ride sites be subsidised or sponsored by local businesses. This was seconded by Councillor S White and **RESOLVED**.

FC51. YAXLEY CHARITIES

Consideration was given to a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) to which was attached a financial summary for the charities managed by the Parish Council. The Clerk explained that she was arranging a meeting of the Yaxley Charities Committee and that there was a vacancy for a Parish Council representative on there. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher that Councillor J Lusted be the Parish Councils representative on the Charities Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year. This was seconded by Councillor D Porteious and **RESOLVED**. At the same time, Councillor D Porteious proposed that the charitable funds currently in the Parish Council's bank account be moved to the spare base rate reward account. This was seconded by Councillor S Lusted and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

FC52. BUDGET V ACTUAL

Members received and noted a budget monitoring report (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) showing the position of the budget as at 30th June 2016 compared to that agreed. The Chairman thanked the Finance Officer for a comprehensive and clear report.

FC53. POLICE MATTERS

Members noted a summary of crimes, for the month of June, by street location for the Parish (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book).

FC54. BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Councillors received and noted the contents of the Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30th June 2016 (copies of which are appended in the Minute Book).

FC55. ORDERS FOR PAYMENT AND PETTY CASH

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 J Lusted, seconded by Councillor D Porteious and **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to be paid.

Councillor D Porteious also proposed acceptance of a list of petty cash payments made between 11th April and 30th June 2016. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and **RESOLVED**.

FC56. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Members received the following updates from representatives:

- Hedges – mention was made of various issues relating to overgrown hedges. Members were reminded that public pathways were the responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council and Ferndale Estate was Persimmon Homes.
- Yaxley Festival – Councillor Oliver, the Council's liaison with the Festival Committee, reported that a new Festival Committee was forming and that they would like approval on the dates for next year. In the discussions that ensued, it was proposed by D Porteious that use of the Council's Facilities free of charge by the Festival from 12th to 14th May 2017 (access to the Recreation Ground from 10th May) be approved subject to Councillor Oliver remaining as the Council's representative on the Committee, should he chose to step down then a replacement would need to be found. This was seconded by Councillor S White and **RESOLVED**. It was also stressed that the Council needed to be kept fully informed of the arrangements for the Festival.
- Councillor Wood reported that he had been communicating with the developers of 4 new houses on London Road over the state of the grass verges. He would be meeting with them and members of the Highways team the next day to discuss the matter.
- The Chairman referred to a meeting of the Young Persons group he had attended with Councillor A Rees and the Clerk. He reported that the group were looking to maximise the use of the Community Shop and that the mobile youth centre would be removed shortly from the site. In that respect, he would ask at the next meeting of the Group whether an alternative site for holding a youth club had been found.

FC57. EXCLUSION THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

That in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor R Butcher and seconded by Councillor J Lusted that the meeting should be closed to the press and public at 8.00pm.

FC58. LEASE OF GAULT PARK

Attention was drawn to a copy of a draft lease between the Parish Council and the Scouts Association Trust for Gault Park, circulated in an email by the Clerk previously that day to Members (a copy of the draft lease is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book).

Having been reminded of the background to the drafting of the lease it was proposed by Councillor C Bolton that the Chairman and the Clerk be authorised to sign the lease on behalf of the Parish Council. This was seconded by Councillor P Russell and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

FC59. GREEN LANE – PATHWAY

Members received a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book) outlining two quotes received for the installation of a path at Green Lane.

Is doing so, the Chairman referred to an email he had received that day from Councillor Bartle regarding this item. He explained that Councillor Bartle was concerned over the disparity between the two quotes.

In response to a question by the Chairman, the Clerk explained that four companies had been asked to quote but only two had responded. Members suggested that companies often inflate their quote as they wish to remain in the list for work but not this particular job.

Having referred to similar work undertaken by Mr Watt around the village, it was proposed by Councillor G Bellamy that the quotation from Mr D Watt for the installation of a path at Green Lane be accepted. This was seconded by Councillor J Willis and unanimously RESOLVED.

FC60. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.

That in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business being concluded, the Press and Public be re-admitted to the meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor J Lusted and seconded by Councillor R Butcher that the press and public should be readmitted to the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed

Chairman.