

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Full Council, Yaxley Parish Council held in the Austin Hall, the Amenity Centre, Yaxley on 13th July 2021.

Present:- Councillor R Butcher – Chairman;
Councillors D Chapman, E Gilchrist, K Gulson, D Hitchcock, J Lusted, G Needham, M Oliver, D Porteous, P Russell, S Sanderson, S Wayland and A Wood.

In attendance – Mrs H Taylor (Clerk).

FC33. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillors R Doncaster, A Knight, S McMullon and A Minns (all personal reasons).

FC34. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors K Gulson declared an other interests in FC38 by virtue of being a member of the Yaxley Countryside Volunteers.

Councillor R Butcher declared a pecuniary interest in FC41 by virtue of being a named payee in the list of payments.

FC35. MINUTES

Councillor G Needham proposed approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 4th May 2021. This was seconded by Councillor S Sanderson and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

FC36. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No member of the public wished to speak.

FC37. COMMITTEE REPORTS – COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Community Facilities Committee held on 22nd June 2021 were received and noted.

FC38. SECTION 137 BUDGET – AWARD OF GRANTS

In considering awarding a grant of £434 to the Yaxley Countryside Volunteers to cover the cost of their insurance, Members discussed the possibility of placing the Group on the Parish Council's insurance. The Clerk confirmed that this could be possible if the running of the Group became the responsibility of the Parish Council. She added that the Volunteers have already paid this year's insurance and any change would need to be discussed by them. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor S Sanderson, seconded by Councillor G Needham that a grant of £434 be awarded to Yaxley Countryside Volunteers for the 2021/22 insurance and an offer to include future insurances as part of the Parish Council's be discussed with them. At the same time, an award of grant of £250 was approved for the Cuckoo Clearing Community Allotment.

FC39. 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 2021 compared to that agreed.

FC40. BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Councillors received and noted the contents of the Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st May and 30th June 2021 (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book).

FC41. ORDERS FOR PAYMENT

The schedule of payments made since the previous Full Council 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 P Russell and **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to be paid.

FC42. SPEED SURVEY RESULTS

Attention was drawn to the findings of two 7 day automatic traffic count surveys undertaken in June at two sites on Broadway, one being near to Cock Close Road and the another near Jasmine Way. Members were pleased to note that the average daily speed over the 7 days was below 30mph. The volume of traffic recorded in the week was 86,671 and 66,431 respectively. The survey summarised the daily speeds, hourly volumes and average daily volume by class of vehicles. The findings showed that the number of vehicles along Broadway exceeding 35mph was extremely low. In that respect, the meeting was of the opinion that the need for average speed cameras could not be justified. However, the problem of speeding in the village would continue to be monitored and any data gathered would be shared with the local Speed Watch Group and Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

FC43. PUBLIC OPEN SPACE - FOXGLOVE

By way of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), Members were advised that two residents had approached the Parish Council regarding an area of grassed open space at Foxglove that is being used to park on resulting in the grass being damaged. The Clerk reported that the area is very tight for parking and there is insufficient room under the coach house style entrances to allow transit vans to access the parking bays/ garages at the back of the houses. Prior to the meeting, a consultation exercise had been undertaken with the residents of Foxglove regarding the problem and the response showed that overwhelmingly they did not want the area fenced off as this would push the parking issue elsewhere on the estate. Those who had replied felt that a grass enforcement mesh should be installed. Members acknowledged that the Parish Council was responsible for the maintenance of this grass area but stressed that the issue of parking in that area was as a result of flaws in the National Planning Policy Framework for parking on residential developments. However, given the damage to the grass and the issues associated with obstructive parking, it was proposed by Councillor M Oliver that the cost of installing grass enforcement matting be investigated. This was seconded by Councillor P Russell and **RESOLVED**. Members added that it may be necessary to ask the residents in that area to contribute to the cost of the matting.

FC44. QUEENS PARK STORAGE ROOM EXPANSION

Consideration was given to a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), seeking approval to spend the CIL monies on the project to build a small extension to Queens Park for storage. Members were advised that the initial outlay would be for the replacement of the tables and chairs and the cost of instructing a planning consultant/architect to apply for planning permission. Having been advised of the associated costs and in agreeing that the existing Queens Park chairs should replace those in the Council Chambers, it was proposed by Councillor K Gulson that the appointment of a consultant/architect and the replacement of the tables and chairs be funded from the CIL monies. This was seconded by Councillor P Russell and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

FC45. ENGAGEMENT ON SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Members discussed the negative side of social media, response methods available to the Parish Council and the duty of care to staff. Having agreed that this required further discussions, Members requested that an item be placed on the next meeting of the Personnel Committee.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

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Signed

Chairman.