

**Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council, Yaxley Parish Council
held in the Owen Pooley Hall, the Amenity Centre, Main Street, Yaxley
on 12th July 2022 at 7.00pm.**

Present:- Councillor R Butcher – Chairman

Councillors D Chapman, R Doncaster, E Gilchrist, K Gulson, A Knight, J Lusted, S McMullon, M Oliver, P Russell and A Wood.

In attendance – District Councillors E R Butler and S Howell, Mr B Edwards and Mrs H Taylor (Clerk).

FC47. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted on behalf of Councillors A Minns and S Sanderson.

FC48. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations were received in relation to items on the agenda.

FC49. MINUTES

Councillor R Doncaster proposed approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 14th June 2022. This was seconded by Councillor E Gilchrist and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

FC50. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

District Councillor S Howell reported that she had been approached regarding an area of open space at Thistle Close which was maintained by Peterborough City Council but had yet to be added to their mapping system. She also mentioned that Highways were looking at a potential re-surfacing of a stretch of Holme Road that is causing concerns with a view to the work being carried out this financial year. Linked to the latter, mention was made of the lack of footpath along Holme Road from Main Street to the football ground. A Member reported that there was a curb in place for a footpath but the grassed area hasn't been maintained. The Clerk agreed to report the matter to Cambridgeshire County Council and encouraged others to do likewise.

FC51. COMMITTEE REPORTS

FC51.1 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The draft Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 14th June 2022 were received and noted.

FC51.2 PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Members received and noted the draft Minutes of the Property Committee held on 21st June 2022.

FC51.3 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The draft Minutes of the Property Committee held on 21st June 2022 were received and noted.

At the same time, attention was drawn to the discussions held by the Committees regarding the Council's current Committee Structure. Having noted that the consensus was that they should all stay as they are, Councillor M Oliver proposed that the current Committee Structure remain in place, this was seconded by Councillor R Doncaster and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

FC52. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Members received details of a resident wishing to be considered for co-option to the Parish Council. The applicant had been asked a series of questions to determine their suitability as a Parish Councillor and had confirmed their eligibility as detailed in S79 of the Local Government Act 1972. The Chairman backed the application adding that the applicant had demonstrated his suitability on paper and should be welcomed by the Parish Council. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor D Chapman and seconded by Councillor J Lusted that Mr Barry Edwards be co-opted to the Parish Council and this was unanimously **RESOLVED**.

FC53. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

On the proposition of Councillor J Lusted and having been seconded by Councillor M Oliver, it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor A Minns be appointed to the Property Committee and following his co-option, B Edwards to the Community Facilities Committee.

FC54. PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT – A15 LONDON ROAD YAXLEY TO NORMAN CROSS

Councillor A Woods proposed support for an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to introduce a 40mph speed limit on A15 London Road to New Road, Norman Cross as outlined before them (a copy of the Order is appended to the Minute Book). This was seconded by Councillor M Oliver and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

FC55. BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Councillors received and noted the contents of the Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30th June 2022 (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book).

FC56. 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 A Knight, seconded by Councillor J Lusted and **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to be paid.

FC57. CORONATION PLANS AND BUDGET

Councillor K Gulson proposed that a Working Group made up of Councillors E Gilchrist, J Lusted and S McMullon be established to discuss possible ways of celebrating the next coronation and to report back thereon to a future meeting of Full Council. This was seconded by Councillor M Oliver and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

FC58. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor K Gulson reported that around 130 to 140 bags were being distributed weekly from the Community Fridge. The amount of surplus food being received from the supermarkets/farms had decreased, but given that the project was all about reducing the amount of surplus food going to waste, this shouldn't been seen as a bad thing as it could be a reflection that stores were getting better at ordering.

Councillor A Wood referred to the request for toilet facilities which had been considered at the previous meeting, Minute No. FC38 refers. He reported that the Working Group had met twice and had looked at what facilities there were and whether these could be adapted. As a result of which they were recommending that the first changing room on the pavilion be opened. With some modifications it would be possible to provide two toilets and a baby changing area. It was suggested that the toilets be open every day from 9.00am to 4.00pm for a trial period initially. Although the changing room was not

accessible by all, there are toilets available at the Amenity Centre which are disabled accessible. At the same time, the Working Group would be looking to encourage local businesses, the library and the doctors to make their toilet facilities available as well. Members were advised that there would be a financial cost to adapt the facilities as well as staffing costs and ongoing running costs, all of which would be monitored as part of the trial. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor M Oliver that toilets be provided on a trial basis on the Recreation Ground, as detailed above. This was seconded by Councillor K Gulson and **RESOLVED**.

The Clerk reported upon a meeting held with Stretton Pre School attended by Councillors Gulson and Oliver. The Pre School were looking at potentially using the Council Chambers for a Sen Room, however this would require changing the furniture in the room to make it more open. Given that the Council had previously agreed that the chairs in the room be replaced and having been advised of an approximate cost, it was proposed by Councillor K Gulson that the chairs and tables in the Council Chambers be replaced to be funded via the General Reserves. This was seconded by Councillor A Knight and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

Councillor A Wood referred to a virtual meeting he had attended held by the Police and Crime Commissioner, Darryl Preston, on the progress of the Police and Crime plan which sets policing and crime priorities for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Councillor Wood had found the event interesting and was pleased to report that crime rates in the area were declining.

Councillor Wood also reported on the difficulties students were experiencing getting their cycles through the gates to access the footpath from Yaxley to Hampton Gardens School. The Clerk explained that she had previously mentioned this problem to O & H Hampton and would contact them again.

The Clerk reported that funding had been secured to run skateboarding sessions in Yaxley. The sessions were likely to run on a Monday or Tuesday evening with two sessions for 8-11 and 12+ years for a period of 8 weeks.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed

Chairman.