

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council, Yaxley Parish Council
held in the Council Chamber, the Amenity Centre, Main Street, Yaxley
on 11th October 2016.**

Present:- Councillor K Gulson – Chairman

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

In attendance – Mrs H Taylor, District Councillors E R Butler and J Watt and one Member of the Public.

FC74. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillors P Russell and A Wood (both personnel).

FC75. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors A Bartle and K Gulson declared an “other” interests in item FC93 by virtue of being involved in the matter.

FC76. MINUTES

Councillor R Butcher proposed approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 13th September 2016. This was seconded by Councillor J Willis and **RESOLVED**.

FC77. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr P Underwood addressed the meeting regarding his request for an additional youth shelter in the Recreation Ground (Item FC82). He suggested that a new shelter be built near to the skate park and football area, far enough away to not intimidate others but close enough to use the area. The shelter would be with light and built from steel with sensible seating. In putting forward his case he also suggested that a Youth Council be created.

District Councillor E R Butler spoke on various planning matters and updated Members on progress to install a cycle path between Farcet and Yaxley.

FC78. COMMITTEE REPORTS

FC78.1 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members received and noted the draft Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 13th and 27th September 2016.

FC78.2 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Personnel Committee held on 20th September 2016 were received and noted.

FC78.3 PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Members received and noted the draft Minutes of the Property Committee held on 20th September 2016.



FC78.4 COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Community Facilities Committee held on 27th September 2016.

FC79. SECTION 137 BUDGET – AWARD OF GRANT

Councillor A Bartle proposed that an award of £150 be made to the Cambridgeshire Search and Rescue (CamSAR). This was seconded by Councillor M Oliver and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

Councillor M Oliver also proposed that £150 be awarded to the Yaxley Library Summer Reading Club and this was seconded by Councillor J Willis and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

FC80. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Members received and noted the final recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Cambridgeshire County Council.

FC81. WEBSITE

Having been advised that the Councils new website was now up and running, Members passed on their thanks to Stewart Howe for producing the new site.

FC82. SHELTER FOR THE YAXLEY YOUTH

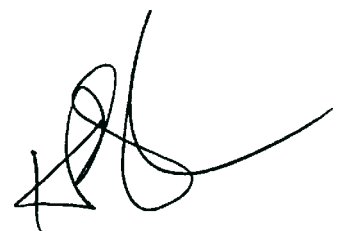
Having regard to the sentiments expressed under Public Participation (FC77) Members discussed the request for an additional youth shelter in the Recreation Ground. In so doing, Members referred to the background of the existing shelter, the need to consult with the youth of the village and an email received from concerned residents over youths congregating in the park, shouting and dropping litter. The Chairman made reference to the possible involvement of the Youth Group which brings together the Parish Council with the Safety Partnership team at the District, the youth team at Cambridgeshire County Council, the Yaxley Partnership and St Peter's Church. Having agreed that they should be involved in any decision, Councillor M Oliver proposed that the request be looked at by the Youth Group and a report thereon be submitted to the Community Facilities Committee. This was seconded by Councillor A Bartle and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

FC83. TRAFFIC SURVEY BROADWAY – RESULTS

Members agreed to undertake a second traffic survey on Broadway on Thursday 20th October 2016. The results would form part of a LHI bid for a new zebra crossing.

FC84. THE 2017/18 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE SETTLEMENT

In receiving a technical consultation paper outlining proposed referendum principles for larger, higher spending town and parish councils in 2017/18 the Chairman encouraged Members to respond to the questions posed in the paper.

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FC85. ACTION PLAN

Having been presented with a Parish Council Action Plan for 2017/18 (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher that the Action Plan be approved. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and **RESOLVED**.

In doing so, mention was made of a project being pursued by William de Yaxley School to install outdoor gym equipment which may be open to all to use. Given the potential clash with the Parish Council's idea, the Clerk agreed to investigate the matter further.

FC86. 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 31st August 2016 compared to that agreed.

FC87. POLICE MATTERS

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

FC88. BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

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

FC89. 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 R Butcher, seconded by Councillor J Lusted and **RESOLVED** by an unanimous vote to be paid.

FC90. RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLOR A REES

The Chairman paid tribute to Councillor Ann Rees who had decided to retire as a Parish Councillor with immediate effect. Councillor Rees then thanked the Chairman and fellow Councillors for their support during her 9 years of service adding that she was leaving the Council in good hands.

FC91. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Members received the following updates from representatives:

- Councillor J Willis reminded Members that the niece of flying officer Neb Kujundzix, who diverted his plane from crashing in the village during the 2nd World War, would be visiting his memorial in the Cemetery on 29th October 2016 at 11.00am. At the same time, Councillor A Rees referred to the efforts of former Councillor D Stafford in getting the headstone for Neb erected in the Cemetery and put on record her thanks to him.
- Councillor M Oliver reported that he had attended a meeting of the new Festival Committee, one major challenge for the Group would be raising enough funds for the event.



- The Clerk reported that she had attended a meeting with the Police to discuss the various LHI bids being drawn up for the village. Having been advised that the Yaxley Partnership would be submitted a bid to install parking restrictions at the Eagle, Normans Cross Members expressed their support for the bid.
- Members were apprised by the Clerk on an initiative to provide a bus service from Yaxley to the new secondary school at Hampton Gardens which was due to open in September 2017.
- The Clerk reported that she would be attending a meeting with the Middle Level Commissioners, Yaxley Partnership, Great Fen and Scouts Association on possible water taxis from Yaxley to Froghall Bridge.
- Having considered an invitation to join a new community group called the Yaxley Partnership, which has been formed to deliver various projects in the village, Members agreed that Councillors S Butler and J Lusted be appointed to the Partnership as the Parish Councils representatives and Councillor M Oliver to the Fenland Trust.
- It was reported that the old mobile youth club had been demolished that day. The Yaxley Partnership were in discussions with Cambridgeshire County Council to provide a youth club on a Thursday at William De Yaxley School.

FC92. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 – EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND THE 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 8.30pm.

FC93. UPDATE ON MINUTE NO. FC206 OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10TH MARCH 2015.

The Chairman gave an update on Minute No FC206 of the meeting held on 10th March 2015 regarding a former employee of the Council.

FC94. 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 R Butcher and seconded by Councillor S Butler that the press and public should be readmitted to the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.46pm

Signed 

Chairman.