

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council, Yaxley Parish Council
held in the Council Chamber, the Amenity Centre, Main Street, Yaxley
on 8th November 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, P Russell, C Thorne, S White, J Willis and A Wood.

In attendance – Mrs H Taylor, District Councillors E R Butler and four Members of the Public.

FC95. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillor J Reed who had indicated that he may not make the meeting due to work commitments.

FC96. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor M Oliver declared an “other” interest in item FC104 by virtue of being a director of the Yaxley Festival.

Councillor A Wood declared an “other” interest in item FC109 by virtue of being a named supplier in the list of payments.

(The Chairman agreed to discuss item FC97- Minutes, after FC111, the rest of the agenda would remain the same).

FC98. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

The Chairman drew Members’ attention to an email received from District Councillor D Watt on progress to improve the lighting and footpath to the new secondary school at Hampton Gardens. Members noted that 400k had been set aside for the improvements.

FC99. COMMITTEE REPORTS

FC99.1 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members received and noted the draft Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 18th October 2016.

FC99.2 COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Community Facilities Committee held on 18th October 2016 were received and noted.

FC100. REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS

The appointment of Councillor M Oliver to the Personnel Committee to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Ann Rees was proposed by Councillor R Butcher, seconded by Councillor J Lusted and **RESOLVED.**

Councillor A Bartle proposed Councillor M Oliver to fill a vacancy on the Yaxley Youth Working Group. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and **RESOLVED.**



FC101. YAXLEY WATER TAXIS

Mr S Howe of the Yaxley Partnership briefly outlined an idea to restore the water link from Yaxley to the Great Fen. The proposal would involve a water taxis from Great Drove to Froghall Bridge. Mr Howe explained that he was in talks with the Great Fen and the Middle Level Commissioners who would be looking for an organisation such as the Parish Council to underwrite the project, although he added that this would not be financial. In summing up, Mr Howe invited Members to a meeting of the Partnership on Thursday 24th November 2016 where this and other projects would be discussed.

Members felt that they had insufficient information to make a decision, but stressed the need for adequate parking in any proposals, commented on the impact on the adjacent vegetable packing company and reiterated the importance of communication between the Council and Partnership. Mention was also made of the long term financial impact of the project and Members asked for clarification over the Middle Levels understanding of underwriting the project.

Councillor J Reed joined the meeting at this point.

FC102. TRAFFIC SURVEY BROADWAY

In presenting the results of the latest traffic survey for Broadway, the Chairman thanked those who helped to collect the data. Having agreed that the information should form part of the Council's application for a zebra crossing, Councillor R Butcher proposed that a LHI bid be submitted by the Clerk. This was seconded by Councillor J Willis and **RESOLVED**.

FC103. JUNIOR PCSO SCHEME

Members discussed funding a Junior Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) scheme which had been forwarded from the Yaxley Youth Working Group. In considering a breakdown of cost and programme content, Members raised a number of questions relating to the eligibility for the scheme, its expectations, target group and benefits. With this in mind, Councillor G Bellamy proposed that these questions be directed to the Working Group and an item placed on the December Council agenda. This was seconded by Councillor M Oliver and **RESOLVED**.

FC104. YAXLEY FESTIVAL FUNDING REQUEST

Councillor C Thorne proposed that £10,000 be included in the 2017/18 budget for the Yaxley Festival. This was seconded by Councillor S White and **RESOLVED** unanimously. The funding would be subject to the receipt of audited accounts and would only be payable if the Festival went ahead. Members also asked for details of the items to be funded by the Council to be submitted to a future meeting and reiterated the need for greater communication leading up to the festival and adherence to agreed safety plan in set up and take down.

In agreeing to award the funding, Members commended the Festival Committee for all their hard work in organising this highly regarded community event.

FC105. COUNTY PLANNING, MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT – ENFORCEMENT PLAN

Members received and noted the contents of an Enforcement Plan for Planning, Minerals and Waste Development in Cambridgeshire.



FC106. ELECTORAL CYCLE OF TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS IN HUNTINGDONSHIRE

Having been presented with potential changes to the electoral cycle of Town and Parish Councils in Huntingdonshire (a copy of the consultation document is appended in the Minute Book) it was proposed by Councillor C Thorne that the setting of all elections for these Councils every four years from 2018 to coincide with District elections be supported. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and **RESOLVED**. It was reported that in order to make this change the current term of office for the Parish Council would end in 2018.

FC107. POLICE MATTERS

Members noted a summary of crimes for the month of October by street location for the Parish (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book). In so doing, Members questioned the accuracy of the report given that the number of crimes being reported on E Cops had dropped considerably lately.

FC108. BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Councillors received and noted the contents of the Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st October 2016 (copies of which are appended in the Minute Book).

FC109. 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.

FC110. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Members received the following updates from representatives:

- Councillor J Willis reported that she had dealt with a number of items highlighted at her Community Shop sessions;
- In response to a reference to a problem of mud being brought out onto to Broadway by lorries from the housing development being constructed at the old mushroom factory site, District Councillor Butler advised that this is a police matter;
- Councillor Crooke updated the meeting on progress to improve the open space area at Green Lane, work had commenced on cutting back and thinning out the trees. In response to which the Chairman thanked Councillor Crooke for her time and effort on this project.

FC111. 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 and **RESOLVED** that the meeting should be closed to the press and public at 8.30pm.



FC97. MINUTES

Following a lengthy discussion over the accuracy of the Minutes and whether or not approval had been given to discuss an item in closed session, Councillor J Lusted proposed approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 11th October 2016. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and **RESOLVED**.

Councillor A Bartle requested that it be recorded that he felt that the Council was withholding information in the public domain.

FC112. TREE WORKS

Having received a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) detailing 3 quotes received for tree work, Councillor P Crooke proposed that the quote from Nene Valley Services be accepted. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

FC113. 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 J Lusted and **RESOLVED** that the press and public should be readmitted to the meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.07pm

Signed

Chairman.