

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council, Yaxley Parish Council  
held in the Council Chamber, the Amenity Centre, Main Street, Yaxley  
on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017.**

Present:- Councillor K Gulson – Chairman

Councillors A Bartle, G Bellamy, S Butler, R Butcher, P Crooke, J Lusted, M Oliver, D Porteous, S White, J Willis and A Wood.

In attendance – Mrs H Taylor – Clerk, District Councillor D Watt and one member of the public.

**FC146. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillors C Bolton, J Orchard, J Reed, P Russell and C Thorne (all personal).

**FC147. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No declarations were received.

**FC148. MINUTES**

Councillor G Bellamy proposed approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017. This was seconded by Councillor S Butler and **RESOLVED**.

**FC149. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Councillor D Watt reported that work would commence on the Yaxley to Farcet foot and cycleway scheme on 1<sup>st</sup> March, signs have been erected on site giving notice of the start of the works. He also mentioned that the verges were being cleared for the A15 pathway to the new Secondary school.

**FC150. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FC150.1 PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Members received and noted the draft Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

**FC150.2 COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

The draft Minutes of the Community Facilities Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were received and noted.

**FC151. AGE WELL CLUB**

With the aid of an email sent to the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) Members considered a request from the Age Well Group to hire out the Austin Hall on a Tuesday, 9.00am to noon and what if any grant could be awarded to the group towards the cost. Having been advised that the hall is already set up that day for the afternoon session of the Welcome Club, it was proposed by Councillor A Bartle that the Age Well Group be given the use of the Austin Hall on a Tuesday morning for 3 hours free of charge on the proviso that the Group accepts that they may need to move to the Queens Park hall in the event of a regular hirer coming forward for the Austin Hall. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and



unanimously **RESOLVED**. This arrangement will be reassessed next January as part of the annual review of the grants awarded for the use of the Council's facilities.

**FC152. COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT OFFICER**

The Chairman reported on the possibility of securing some funding to employ a project officer to look into the needs of the village and the creation of a possible community hub. He explained that Claudia Deeth of the District Council had agreed to pull the bid together but that no further information was available at this point. In the discussion that ensued mention was made of the lease on the Community Shop in the Broadway Shopping Centre and the possibility that it may be terminated by the District Council, in the near future. Members felt that it was important to understand the length of service left on the shop, in order to maximise its use. In that respect, District Councillor Watt suggested that a meeting be arranged between the appropriate Executive Councillor at the District Council, himself and the Parish Council to discuss the shop lease and the proposed hub.

**FC153. 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 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 compared to that agreed. Having been advised of a likely overspend on the budget for gas for the Amenity Centre and the possible solutions to reduce gas consumption, it was agreed that this be discussed further by the Property Committee. Whilst referring to a reduction in the overall spend on diesel and petrol, Members placed on record their thanks to the Clerk for her due diligence on this matter.

**FC154. SECTION 137 BUDGET – AWARD OF GRANT**

On the proposal of Councillor G Bellamy and having been seconded by Councillor R Butcher it was **RESOLVED** that the 2017 Summer Reading Challenge at Yaxley Library be awarded £150.

**FC155. POLICE MATTERS**

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

**FC156. BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT**

Councillors received and noted the contents of the Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book).

**FC157. 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 S Butler and **RESOLVED** by an unanimous vote to be paid.

**FC158. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

Councillor G Bellamy proposed approval of a schedule of meetings for the Municipal Year 2017/18 (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book). This was seconded by Councillor S Butler and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

**FC159. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**



In receiving updates from representatives, Councillor J Willis reported that the Citizens Advice Rural Cambs offers appointments on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month from 2.00pm in the Community shop. Appointments can be made by ringing the adviceline on 03442451292. The Chairman thanked Councillor J Willis for her continued presence in the community shop.

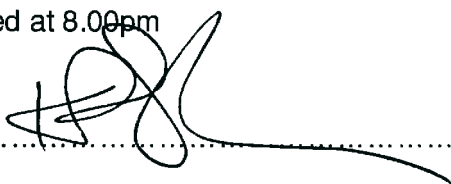
Mention was made of the increase in dog mess around the village particularly around Cookson Close and the West End. Councillor R Butcher agreed to spray paint the footpaths in these areas with the clean up after your dog signs.

The Chairman reported that he along with Councillor M Oliver and the Clerk had attended a meeting of the Youth Working Group on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Attendance at the meeting had been on the low side but the Group were updated on various initiatives including the youth club, mental health awareness in young people and the Christmas day meal.

Councillor M Oliver referred to a recent meeting of the Yaxley Festival Committee and explained that arrangements for this year's festival were progressing well with a new Chairman steering the Group. In that respect, it was suggested that the Parish Council extend an invitation to the new Chairman of the Yaxley Festival Committee to attend their March Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed .....



Chairman.

