

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council, Yaxley Parish Council
held in the Council Chamber, the Amenity Centre, Main Street, Yaxley
on 14th March 2017.**

Present:- Councillor K Gulson – Chairman

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

In attendance – Mrs H Taylor – Clerk, District Councillor D Watt and Alec Pickles, Sally Howell and Michelle Ley of the Yaxley Festival.

At the commencement of the meeting the Chairman welcomed Councillor J Orchard to his first Council meeting.

FC160. APOLOGIES

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

FC161. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor A Wood declared a declared an “other” interest in item FC176 as a named supplier in the list of payments.

FC162. MINUTES

Councillor J Willis proposed approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 7th February 2017. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and **RESOLVED**.

FC163. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor D Watt drew Members’ attention to agenda item FC168 regarding walking access into the Great Fen Reserve from Yaxley. He explained that Network Rail plan to upgrade the main line to 4 tracks which is likely to result in a replacement bridge spanning the Yaxley Lode. Councillor Watt suggested that as part of any changes a pathway should be created under the railway line to allow access to the Great Fen. He reported that he had received support for his proposal from the local MP, Cambridgeshire County Council, Peterborough City Council and Huntingdonshire District Council and was now looking for the support of Yaxley Parish Council. In that respect, he invited Members to walk the route with him on Saturday 25th March 2017 at 10.30am meeting at Pound Lane.

Mention also was made of the need for an underpass at Queenies Crossing in the Parish of Holme and the benefits of sharing Network Rail’s service road from Short Drove, Holme to Yaxley Lode Pump.

(The Chairman agreed to discuss Item FC168 next on the agenda).

FC168. GREAT FEN ACCESS YAXLEY LODE

Having listened to the views of Councillor Watt outlined above and in considering a map showing various routes (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), Members were of the opinion that a safe walking route from Yaxley into the Great Fens should be supported and that an underpass at Yaxley Lode would provide this. Mention was made of previous discussions regarding routes and the safety issues associated with using Broad Road as a designated walk given the high level of traffic using this road.

Whereupon, it was:



- Proposed by Councillor A Bartle that Yaxley Parish Council supports District Councillor Watt's suggested route from Yaxley into the Great Fen as their preferred safe route. This was seconded by Councillor A Wood and **RESOLVED**.
- Proposed by Councillor P Crooke, seconded by Councillor J Orchard and **RESOLVED** that Yaxley Parish Council support the need for an underpass at Queenies Crossing in the Parish of Holme; and
- Proposed by Councillor M Oliver that the request to Network Rail for the granting of shared use of the service road from Short Drove, Holme to Yaxley Lode Pump be supported. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and **RESOLVED**.

FC164. COMMITTEE REPORTS

FC164.1 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members received and noted the draft Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 7th and 21st February 2017.

FC164.2 COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The draft Minutes of the Community Facilities Committee held on 21st February 2017 were received and noted.

FC165. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Following an oversight at this year's Annual Meeting, the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Electorate held on 7th March 2016 were presented to full Council for signing. Whereupon, Councillor A Wood proposed approval of the Minutes, this was seconded by Councillor S Butler and **RESOLVED**.

FC166. CRUSE BEREAVEMENT CARE – PETERBOROUGH AND HUNTINGDONSHIRE

With the aid of a letter sent to the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) Members considered a request from Cruse Bereavement Care to use the Council's facilities for quarterly management meetings and their AGM. Mention also was made of use of a venue to hold one to one sessions. In the discussions that ensued, Members felt that the management meetings could be accommodated FOC in the Chambers so long as they tied in with other bookings but they felt that the Council Chamber would not be the right environment for one to one sessions, given its ambience and the fact that a pre-school is in the adjacent hall on weekdays. However, Members commented that they would look favourable at an application for funding from Cruse to help pay for accommodation in Yaxley. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher that Cruse be given the use of the Council Chambers for their management meetings as per their request. This was seconded by Councillor S White and unanimously **RESOLVED**. Furthermore, it was proposed by Councillor A Bartle, seconded by Councillor R Butcher and **RESOLVED** that Cruse be encouraged to apply for funding to cover the cost of alternative accommodation in Yaxley for their one to one sessions.

FC167. YAXLEY FESTIVAL

The Chairman welcomed Alec Pickles, Chair of Yaxley Festival, to the meeting. Mr Pickles reported that the festival was on schedule and that there would be a new community zone attraction showcasing local community based interests. He reassured the Council that the Recreation Ground would be returned, after the weekend of the Festival, in the same condition as it was handed over. In that respect, reference was made to the time and effort of volunteers over the festival weekend, and it was suggested that the setting up timings be sent to the Clerk so she can communicate them to any Member interested in helping. Referring to the actual weekend, Members suggested that



the Parish Council has a pitch to show what the Council does and to display the machinery. Mr Pickles replied that he would take this request back to the Festival Committee.

Mention was made of a recent Yaxley firewalk event which had raised a considerable amount of funds for the Young People's Counselling Service and the Festival. With regard to finance, mention was made of the Council's funding to the Festival and it was reiterated that this was subject to the Council receiving, and being satisfied with, audited accounts for last year's festival.

FC169. YOUTH FACILITIES - CONSULTATION

Arising from a suggestion at a recent meeting of the electorate, Members discussed possible ways of consulting with the youth of the village regarding a youth club and other facilities. Mention was made of having a pitch at the festival and using post it notes, tokens to get ideas rather than a formal questionnaire. Having referred to the work of the Young Persons Working Group, Members suggested that the proposal be discussed further by the Group and approaches be made to the local secondary schools with a view to the schools asking their pupils from Yaxley what they would like to see in the village.

FC170. DRAFT CAPALC MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

Members noted the commencement of a consultation exercise on a proposed new CAPALC Membership Agreement.

FC171. ACTION PLAN – UPDATE

In receiving an update of progress on the Parish Council's Action Plan, Members placed on record their thanks to the staff for the achievements to date.

FC172. WINDSOR ROAD – PROPOSED TREE REMOVAL BY CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Members' attention was drawn to a proposal by the County Council's to remove a Popular tree located at the junction of Windsor Road and Lansdowne Road. Given the tree replacement policy followed by the Parish Council, it was proposed by Councillor A Bartle that the removal of the tree be supported and the County Council be asked what their plans are to replace the tree. This was seconded by Councillor S Butler and **RESOLVED**.

FC173. MAINTENANCE OF LAND – THE GREEN

Following a discussion on the maintenance of a piece of land between the Green and Main Street, identified on a land registry map, it was proposed by Councillor A Bartle that the resident who had raised the query be invited to provide evidence of the Council's responsibility and their lawfulness to use it as a right of way. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and **RESOLVED**.

FC174. POLICE MATTERS

Members were advised that the Clerk had not received any notifications for February.

FC175. BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Councillors received and noted the contents of the Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 28th February 2017 (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book).

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FC176. 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 P Crooke and **RESOLVED** by an unanimous vote to be paid.

FC177. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

In receiving updates from representatives, Councillor J Willis reported that she had received a number of complaints regarding dog fouling and the pot holes, particularly on Mere View.

Councillor A Bartle referred to the Community Shop in the Broadway Shopping Centre and questioned its use, cost and whether the services housed there could be accommodated elsewhere. After a constructive discussion, it was proposed by Councillor A Wood that Councillors A Bartle and M Oliver work alongside District Councillor D Watt to answer these questions and to report back to a future meeting.

Having been advised of the resignation of Councillors S Butler and J Lusted as Parish Council representatives on the Yaxley Partnership, Members discussed the Council's overall involvement in the Partnership and the perceived misrepresentation of the Parish Council on social media. Members questioned if the Partnership wanted the Parish Council to participate in their meetings. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor A Wood that a meeting be arranged between the Council and the Partnership to discuss how both parties can move forward. This was seconded by Councillor A Bartle and **RESOLVED**.

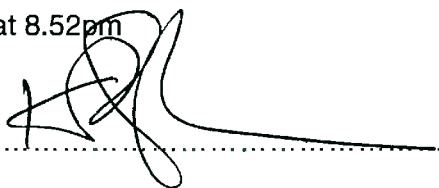
The Chairman was pleased to report that the Council's bid for funding from the County Council's Local Highways Improvement scheme for a zebra crossing on Broadway had been successful. Work would commence in the new financial year.

Councillor M Oliver reported that the Fenland Trust had launched its first micro museum at Farcet Cemetery.

Finally, Members received an update on a meeting of the Young Persons Working Group, it was reported that various initiatives were actively being promoted including the Young Persons Counselling service, level up, a gaming tournament and car repair sessions.

Meeting closed at 8.52pm

Signed



Chairman.