

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council, Yaxley Parish Council
held in the Council Chamber, the Amenity Centre, Main Street, Yaxley
on 8th August 2017.**

Present:- Councillor K Gulson – Chairman

Councillors C Bolton, R Butcher, J Lusted, D Porteous, M Oliver, D Porteous, P Richardson, C Thorne, S White, J Willis and A Wood.

In attendance – Mrs H Taylor and County Councillor M McGuire, District Councillors E Butler and D Watt, Mr P Underwood, Mrs M Lay and 4 youth representatives.

FC63. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillors A Bartle, G Bellamy, S Butler, L Mawhinney, J Orchard and P Russell (all personal).

FC64. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

In receiving an updated schedule of requests for disclosable interests (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) Councillor J Lusted proposed that the list be received and the new request granted. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

FC65. MINUTES

Subject to the inclusion of the following under Minute No.57:

Councillor A Wood reported that he and a number of Councillors and Parish Council employees attended the funeral of Graham Hill

Councillor J Willis proposed approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 11th July 2017. This was seconded by Councillor M Oliver and **RESOLVED**.

FC66. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr P Underwood addressed the meeting on behalf of a group of young lads from the village who wish to fund/part fund a shelter/tribute in the Recreation Ground. Mr Underwood outlined the background to the request (Minute No. FC68 refers) and the wish to open up communications between the group and the Parish Council.

Mrs M Lay also spoke on behalf of the group and outlined her involvement and links to the Yaxley Young Persons Working Group. Mrs Lay explained that representatives from the Working Group had met with the young lads and were looking at ways of supporting them through education, jobs and a fitness programme involving the new outdoor gym equipment.

A representative of the group then spoke and explained that the location of the current shelter wasn't ideal and they would like it to be moved towards the orchard. He felt that there also should be a tribute to those young people who have sadly passed away, rather than a memorial and confirmed that the group would be happy to help with fund raising.

FC67. COMMITTEE REPORTS

FC67.1 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members received and noted the draft Minutes of the Planning Committees held on 11th and 18th July 2017.

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FC67.2 COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Community Facilities Committee held on 18th July 2017 were received and noted.

FC68. REQUEST FOR A MEMORIAL IN THE RECREATION GROUND

Further to Minute No. FC66 above and with the aid of two letters circulated with the agenda, Members discussed the idea of creating a young person's tribute in the recreation ground.

Members were of the agreement that they wished to work with the group to deliver a tribute but that they would need to understand exactly what the group wanted. Mention also was made of the various initiatives being considered by the Parish Council within the Council's Action Plan and as part of their involvement in the Young Persons Working Group. These included the expansion of the skate park, making the pavilion available for youth sessions, the installation of the outdoor gym equipment and accommodation for the young technicians group.

In discussing various ideas, Members felt that they could not support installing a bench around a tree due to health and safety fears. Mention was made of a potential to remove the railings from the front of the pavilion which would give an undercover area to sit, however both parties felt that this would leave the building vulnerable to vandalism and even fire. The group explained that they were trying to encourage other young people to treat the recreation ground with respect.

In their discussions, Members were of the opinion that the recreation ground was not a fitting location for a memorial, however with the emphasis now being on delivering a tribute Members felt that this would be more appropriate and even suggested that it celebrate youth.

Having thanked the group for coming to the meeting, the Chairman proposed that the Parish Council work with them with a view to reporting back with some ideas and that Councillors J Lusted and P Richardson liaise with the group to deliver their aspirations. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

FC69. YOUNG TECHNICIANS

With the aid of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) Members considered a request from the Young Technicians to use the Austin Hall on a Monday 4.00pm to 6.30pm free of charge. In discussing the request, Members noted the success of the scheme in other areas so far and the potential benefits for the village in reducing crime and anti-social behaviour. Having been advised that the group have their own insurance, it was proposed by Councillor M Oliver that the Young Technicians be given use of the Austin Hall between 4.00pm and 6.30pm free of charge for a trial period of 6 months and subject to 75% of youth attending being from Yaxley. This was seconded by Councillor P Richardson and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

FC70(A) HAVE YOUR SAY ON DOG CONTROL

Attention was drawn a new consultation being launched by Huntingdonshire District Council seeking views on the range of dog controls which are in place at present, and exploring the possibility of introducing new controls across the district. Members were advised that the District Council were proposing to replace all of the current Dog Control Orders with a new district-wide Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). The new PSPO will introduce new district-wide controls; one which will require a person in control of a dog

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to pick up and remove its faeces and the other to demonstrate that they have a bag or similar object allowing them to remove their dog's faeces. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor M Oliver and seconded by Councillor S White that the new controls be supported. This was unanimously **RESOLVED**.

FC70(B) CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO THE GOVERNANCE OF THE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Members' attention was drawn to a consultation exercise being undertaken by the Police and Crime Commissioner on a proposal that he, the Commissioner, becomes the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and has overall responsibility for the governance of both Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service and Cambridgeshire Constabulary. Having debated four possible governance options and the reasons behind each, it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher that the no change, separate governance structures for police and fire rescue services option, be supported. This was seconded by Councillor M Oliver and **RESOLVED** with one abstention.

FC70(C) REDESIGN OF CHILDRENS CENTRES IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Consideration was given to a consultation document on proposals to redesign children's centre services in Cambridgeshire to make them more effective. Having discussed the proposed new approach and given the wide area being serviced in the North of the County, it was proposed by Councillor Wood that the proposals be supported but that the County Council be asked to review their thoughts for the North of Huntingdonshire to ascertain whether Farcet is the right location for a children's centre, with a view to considering Yaxley as a base. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

FC71. PORTACABIN

With the aid of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) and following a request from the Property Committee, Members discussed purchasing a portacabin to act as a dry room/lunch area for the Grounds Team. Having considered two options before them, it was proposed by Councillor K Gulson, seconded by Councillor S White that £5,000 be taken from the General Reserves to purchase a portacabin from CABINSGB. This was **RESOLVED** unanimously.

FC72. FIRE ALARM - WORKSHOP

Further to Minute No.60, Members considered extending the new monitored fire alarm to include the workshop. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor C Bolton, seconded by Councillor J Willis and **RESOLVED** that the workshop be included on the monitored fire alarm at a cost of £1,585 to be met from the General Reserves.

FC73. USE OF THE PAVILION - YOUTH FACILITIES

Members considered the future use of the pavilion given that it was no longer going to be used as a pre-school. It was reported that the Youth Club at Queens Park on a Thursday evening was becoming well established and would benefit from staying at that location. However, various other initiatives could be accommodated at the Pavilion include offering sessions with those youngsters not in education or employment (NEETS). Those involved in providing youth services felt that the pavilion could be a great resource and their work would benefit the village. With this in mind, it was proposed by Councillor M Oliver that the Pavilion be used for community initiatives particularly relating to the youth of the village. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and **RESOLVED**.

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FC74. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor J Willis reported that she had received three complaints from residents recently involving damaged fencing at Windsor Road, overgrown footpath at Vicarage Way and a branch hitting a bus stop on Windsor Road.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

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Chairman.