

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council, Yaxley Parish Council
held in the Council Chamber, the Amenity Centre, Main Street, Yaxley
on 10th October 2017.**

Present:- Councillor K Gulson – Chairman

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

In attendance – Mrs H Taylor, County Councillor M McGuire (up to and including item FC90) and Ms S McMullon (a resident).

FC87. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillors A Bartle, G Bellamy, P Russell and C Thorne (all personal).

FC88. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor R Butcher, D Porteous and A Wood declared “other” interests in Minute No. FC98 by being named payees in the accounts.

FC89. MINUTES

Councillor R Butcher proposed approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 12th September 2017. This was seconded by Councillor J Orchard and **RESOLVED**.

FC90. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

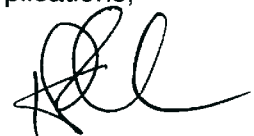
A. HELAA

Ms McMullon, a local resident, drew Members’ attention to the Housing & Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) which had been updated since its consideration by the Parish Council in July 2017. The new document now included site assessments of new sites submitted to the District Council during the call for sites process. These identify areas of land which are considered suitable, available and achievable to meet Huntingdonshire’s growth needs and will form a key part of the evidence being used to prepare the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036.

Members were advised that a new site located to the rear of the Three Horseshoes Public House on Main Street had been included in the updated HELAA. Ms McMullon voiced her concerns regarding the sites inclusion including the environmental impact, infrastructure issues, the effect on community life and businesses and the need to preserve the historical nature of the area.

Having listened to these concerns and given the timescale to respond, Councillor J Orchard proposed that the Council set aside time at this meeting to respond to this update. This was second by Councillor S White and unanimously **RESOLVED**. Whereupon, Members discussed at length the site’s suitability and it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher that the District Council be informed that the Parish Council objects to the inclusion of the site to the rear of the Three Horseshoes Public House in the HELAA on the grounds of its effect on the

- environment – the mix of grassland is home to many species including muntjacs, woodpeckers, pheasants etc.
- surrounding conservation area, which was designed to preserve the historic nature of the area. There will be a detrimental effect on the character of the area, the line of the proposed site cuts through the Granary building which lies partially within the conservation area and will negatively impact this historic building;
- view of the fen edge, which has existed for hundreds of years and has always been an important consideration when determining planning applications;
- flooding – a large part of the land is in a SFRA flood zone;



- infrastructure – Main Street is already a busy thoroughfare this and the mix of on street parking occasionally impacts on the emergency services and the local bus route, the addition of more residential traffic will worsen the situation
- community asset – the land to the rear of the public house is used by the community for events such as the Scouts Fireworks and monthly car boot sales. The loss of this land will have a detrimental effect on such activities.

This was seconded by Councillor S White and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

B. QUEEN STREET RESIDENTIAL PARKING AND LHI BID FOR FOURFIELDS SCHOOL

County Councillor M McGuire brought two issues to Members' attention being inconsiderate parking on the grass verges on Queens Street and the background to a submission of a funding bid to the Local Highways Improvement Scheme by Fourfields Community Primary School.

With regard to Queens Street, Councillor McGuire reported that he would be supporting a proposal by Cambridgeshire County Council to fence off an area of grass that was being used by residents to park on. The erection of fencing will stop the grass being churned up.

In receiving details of a LHI bid being made by Fourfields School for further road safety improvements on Daimler Avenue, the Chairman referred to the financial assistance given to the school last year towards the zigzag lines outside the school's entrance on this road. Mention also was made of the fact that Queens Park car park has been opened up for parents dropping off at the start and end of the school day. The Parish Council would continue to support the school in its efforts to improve safety on this busy road.

FC91. COMMITTEE REPORTS

FC91.1 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members received and noted the draft Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 12th and 26th September 2017.

FC91.2 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Personnel Committee held on 19th September 2017 were received and noted.

FC91.3 PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Members received and noted the draft Minutes of the Property Committee held on 19th September 2017.

FC91.4 COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Community Facilities Committee held on 26th September 2017.

FC92. COUNCILLOR S BUTLER

The Chairman paid tribute to Councillor Sue Butler who had decided recently to resign as a Parish Councillor due to personal reasons. In recognising the contribution Sue had made to the Council particularly with the outdoor gym project and in acknowledging what a valued member she had become, Councillor R Butcher proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to Sue. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and **RESOLVED**.



FC93. SECTION 137 BUDGET – AWARD OF GRANT

Councillor M Oliver proposed that an award of £250 be made to the Cambridgeshire Search and Rescue (CamSAR). This was seconded by Councillor A Wood and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

FC94. YOUTH TRIBUTE

Further to Minute No.17/80 consideration was given to a possible design for a tribute in the recreation ground which had been suggested by the group of young people working on the idea. Members were advised that the art work involved a ring of hands with possibly the heart from the Yaxley crest incorporated and would ideally be located on the wall to the pavilion where the new seating area had been made.

Having noted that the idea was in its infancy stage, Councillor P Richardson proposed that the idea of a ring of hands be supported and that the Parish Council look forward to receiving the final design. This was seconded by Councillor J Willis and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

FC95. YAXLEY RESIDENTS SURVEY 2017

Attention was drawn to a survey undertaken over the summer by the Hunts Forum to gauge residents' opinions of existing services and what they feel is lacking in the village (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book).

Members noted that 116 responses had been received with a variety of issues being raised and a number of trends such as residents place a high value on community, concerns about rising crime and ASB and there being a lot of community activities already being established in Yaxley.

In noting the survey's findings, Members were encouraged to look at the responses in full with a view to identifying those that can be addressed by the Parish Council.

FC96. ACTION PLAN

Having been presented with a Parish Council Action Plan for 2018/19 (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, Members were reminded that this was a rolling plan and each Committee would be given the opportunity to review their key objectives and actions as part of the budget setting process. Having reported that several objectives had been completed in the past 12 months, the Chairman thanked the Clerk for ensuring that these projects were delivered.

FC97. BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Councillors received and noted the contents of the Bank Reconciliation Statements as at 30th September 2017 (copies of which are appended in the Minute Book).

FC98. 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 J Lusted, seconded by Councillor J Orchard and **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to be paid.



FC99. REMEMBRANCE DAY 12 NOVEMBER 2017.

In discussing arrangements for the Remembrance Day Parade nine Members indicated that they would be attending. The Clerk confirmed that a wreath had been ordered and that she would circulate the final timings for the parade nearer the day.

FC100. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor J Willis reported that the District Council had been advised that several bins on Wykes Road had not been emptied. She also referred to the Community Shop which would be closing this week, there was some confusion when the service would be operating from the library.

A question was also asked whether the Yaxley Partnership would be running the Christmas dinner this year, the Clerk agreed to make enquiries.

The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk had attended the Huntingdonshire Town and Parish Conference where the Youth Club had been highlighted as a good example of partnership working.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed

Chairman.