

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council, Yaxley Parish Council
held in the Council Chamber, the Amenity Centre, Main Street, Yaxley
on 9th January 2018.**

Present:- Councillor K Gulson – Chairman

Councillors G Bellamy, C Bolton, R Butcher, J Lusted, S McMullon, M Oliver, D Porteous, P Richardson, P Russell, S White and J Willis.

In attendance – Mrs H Taylor, District Councillor E Butler, and 19 members of the public.

FC126. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillors A Bartle, J Orchard, M Southgate, C Thorne and A Wood (all personal).

FC127. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor K Gulson declared an “other” interest in Minute No. FC136 by being a named payee in the accounts. Councillor M Oliver declared an “other” interest in Minute No.FC131 by his involvement in offering to make the plaque for the recreation ground.

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

FC128. MINUTES

Councillor J Willis proposed approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 12th December 2017. This was seconded by Councillor G Bellamy and **RESOLVED**.

FC129. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr P Underwood addressed the meeting on behalf of the recreation ground tribute working group. With the input of the young lads in attendance it was stressed that they would like a tribute/memorial in the recreation to include the names of the friends they had lost. The lads expressed frustration at the length of time it was taking to get the plaque.

In response the Chairman explained that the Parish Council had been approached in August of last year with the idea for the tribute and had from that meeting supported the request and had worked with them by discussing ideas and creating a new seating area at the back of the pavilion. Those present were reminded that the matter would be discussed under item No. FC131.

District Councillor E R Butler reported that the planning application for a chicken slaughter house at Farcet had been refused by the District Council. He also referred to an application to extend lorry delivery times at Produce World, confirming that this was ongoing. With regard to the latter, the Chairman expressed his concern that the District Council were continuing to consult only the two nearest neighbours over planning applications regardless of the impact of the proposal on the larger residential area. Councillor Butler replied that this was something he had taken up with the District Council and would continue to challenge.

FC130. COMMITTEE REPORT – PLANNING COMMITTEE

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



FC131. YOUTH TRIBUTE IN THE RECREATION GROUND

Further to Minute No. FC129 above, Michelle Lay of the Young Peoples Counselling Service drew Members' attention to a proposed design for a tribute in the recreation ground (a copy of the artwork is appended in the Minute Book). In doing so, Michelle explained the concept behind the design and the involvement of the friends and families of the young men who sadly lost their lives last year. In referring to the work the Parish Council had undertaken to remove the railings and improve the area at the back of the pavilion, Michelle reported that the group were very happy with the new seating area and now no longer want a new youth shelter. It was hoped that the tribute could be placed in the middle of the pavilion back wall. Discussions had taken place with Councillor M Oliver, a local stonemason, who would be willing to donate the stone and produce the tribute at no charge.

Councillor M Oliver reported that he had met with Claire Abbott, who had produced the artwork, the week before. He gave a detailed description to the meeting of how the plaque would look, adding that it could be produced in 6 weeks. With regard to installing, he said that no structural change would be required to the pavilion wall.

Michelle then drew Members' attention to the other elements of the proposal being a graffiti wall background depicting silhouettes of young people and the linking of hands similar to the plaque. Michelle added that there were some differing views on including names, but the group would like an extra plaque with the names of those who passed away in 2017 onwards. In response to which, Councillor P Russell expressed concern over the management of the names in the future and suggested that the graffiti artwork could be a snapshot of where we are today with silhouettes and names of those lost in 2017. Councillor G Bellamy added that nicknames could be used but that he would like to see a design for the graffiti wall before it went ahead. Having received the support of the young people for nicknames to be included in the graffiti wall rather than a list of names and in thanking them for their input, it was:

- proposed by Councillor G Bellamy and seconded by Councillor S White that the design put before this meeting for the tribute in the recreation ground be approved;
- proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Councillor R Butcher that the artwork for the graffiti wall be submitted to the next meeting of Full Council for approval.

Both proposals were unanimously **RESOLVED**.

FC132. HUNTINGDONSHIRE LOCAL PLAN TO 2036: PROPOSED SUBMISSION

In noting the opportunity to comment on the Huntingdonshire Local Plan prior to its submission to the inspectorate, Members voiced their concerns that not enough thought is being given to the infrastructure requirements of new developments. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor M Oliver and seconded by Councillor G Bellamy that these sentiments be reflected in the Parish Council's response. This was unanimously **RESOLVED**.

FC133. SECTION 137 BUDGET – AWARD OF GRANT

Councillor S White proposed that an award of £250 be made to the Citizens Advice Rural Cambs. This was seconded by Councillor P Richardson and unanimously **RESOLVED**.



FC134. INVITATION TO TENDER GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT – STILTON PARISH COUNCIL

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor D Porteous it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Stilton Parish Council be thanked for invitation to tender but advised that the Parish Council was not in a position to tender for the work.

FC135. BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

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

FC136. 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 P Russell, seconded by Councillor R Butcher and **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to be paid.

FC137. AWARD OF GRANTS FOR USE OF THE COUNCILS FACILITIES

With the aid of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) Members reviewed the list of clubs/organisations that are awarded grants for the use the Council's facilities. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher that the list of grants for the use of the facilities for 2018 be approved. This was seconded by Councillor S White and **RESOLVED**.

FC138. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor J Willis reported that the Clerk had spoken with the library over the issue of litter outside the building and it had been agreed to review the situation in the spring when the lighter nights sees an increase in rubbish being left on the grass verges.

The Chairman referred to correspondence received on the problem of inconsiderate parking on Chapel Street. Having agreed that this was a problem throughout the village and in noting that a bus route in Stanground was being stopped due to parked car preventing the buses getting through, Members requested the Clerk to draw attention to the problem on the Council's Facebook page and website.

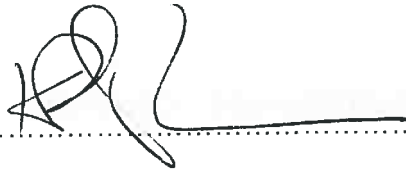
Councillors P Russell, R Butcher and the Chairman reported on a meeting they had attended earlier that day with Highways England, RMS and WSP regarding maintenance work planned for the A1 this year. It was explained that essential repair works are required on the A1(M) southbound carriageway between junction 17 and 16 which will involve the southbound slip road at Normans Cross (junction 16) being closed and a diversion route being put in place. The work is expected to start in May and should run for 2-3 weeks. It was reported that the A1 A14 interchange at Alconbury would also be close for two weekends at some point. WSP would be working with the various authorities and Parish Councils to inform commuters and to avoid a repeat of the problems last year when the road was closed.

The Chairman reported that the Annual Parish Meeting of the Electorate had been rescheduled and would now take place at 6.30pm on 13th March 2018, before the meeting of Full Council. Both meetings would be held in Queens Park.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm



Signed



Chairman.