

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council, Yaxley Parish Council
held by Zoom on 10th November 2020.**

Present:- Councillor R Butcher – Chairman;

Councillors B Doncaster, K Gulson, G Needham, D Porteous, P Russell (for item FC96), S Sanderson and A Wood.

In attendance – District Councillor E Butler and Mrs H Taylor – Clerk.

FC87. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillors E Gilchrist, J Lusted, S McMullon, M Oliver and D Paice, all personal.

FC88. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

FC89. MINUTES

Councillor S Sanderson proposed approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 13th October 2020. This was seconded by Councillor D Porteous and **RESOLVED**. With regard to FC76 which raised the issue of speeding vehicles along Broadway, Councillor G Needham reported that Amberon Traffic Management had a depot on the Eagle Business Park and that they may be able to advise on the options for speed reduction treatments and that he would go and speak with them.

FC90. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

District Councillor E R Butler reported that he was still awaiting a response from the District Council regarding the poor condition of the bus shelter opposite Broadway Shopping Centre.

FC91. COMMITTEE REPORTS – COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The Minutes of the Community Facilities Committee held on 20th October 2020 were received and noted.

FC92. SECTION 137 BUDGET – BUDGET REQUIREMENTS AND AWARD OF GRANTS

By way of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), Members were reminded of the award of monies so far from the Section 137 budget. In response to a increase in applications and given the availability of unspent funding from other budget heads, it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher, seconded by Councillor D Porteous and unanimously **RESOLVED** that £1,250 be transferred from the Enchanted Cinema Experience project to the S137 Budget to allow for the increase in applications.

Furthermore, it was proposed by Councillor K Gulson that an award of £250 be made to the Friends of Yaxley Infants School towards the cost of refurbishing the school library. This was seconded by R Doncaster and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

PR93. ACTION PLAN

The content of the latest Parish Council Action Plan for 2020/21 (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) was presented to Full Council. In doing so, Members referred to the various projects/initiatives still being progressed despite the pandemic and thanked staff for their hard work.

Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor K Gulson, seconded by Councillor D Porteous and **RESOLVED** that the contents of the Action Plan for 2020/21 be approved.

FC94. BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Councillors received and noted the contents of the Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st October 2020 (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book).

FC95. 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 G Needham, seconded by Councillor K Gulson and **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to be paid.

FC96. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor P Russell apologised for being late to the meeting, explaining that he had just attended a virtual briefing for Huntingdonshire Councillors by Ray Bisby, Acting Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire. Councillor Russell gave a brief overview of the meeting which included a synopsis of the Chief Constable's current proposal on neighbourhood policing. Those attending were advised that Cambridgeshire has the highest warranted police officers it has ever had with the recruitment of 62 additional warranted officers over the past year and a further 140 set to join over the next 2 years. However, Cambridgeshire remains the 5th lowest in the country in terms of funding per head of population which continues to put the policing budget at a significant disadvantage. Other matters raised included the Heavy Goods Vehicle Watch Campaign, which could be useful in enforcing the weight restriction on Main Street, and progress of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Against Scams Partnership. Councillor Russell would forward details of both projects to the Clerk.

The Chairman reported that the Clerk had received an email that morning from Persimmon Homes offering up the transfer of all the open space on the Ferndale estate as per the Section 106 Agreement for the development. A copy of the agreement and associated map showing the title boundary of all the areas had been sent earlier to all Members. It was explained the areas would include the hedgerow and ditch along the cycle path and the balancing pond near Rolls Close. The Agreement referred to a commuted sum of £52,000, and the offer to transfer the areas had been made to the Parish and District Councils. In the discussions that ensued, Members referred to the maintenance work that is currently undertaken by Persimmon, the resources that would be required should the Parish Council take on the areas and the issues that have been evident following the transfer of other sites. The Clerk advised that prior to any decision an audit of the areas should be undertaken to fully understand the maintenance requirements. In that respect, Members agreed to visit the areas and asked that the matter be placed on the agenda for the December meeting.

Councillor K Gulson reported that due to the second lockdown, work on the pond area by the Yaxley Countryside Volunteers had been put on hold. However, they would be willing to assist the work of the Parish Council by removing any self set elders in the recreation ground. In order to do this, Councillor K Gulson asked if it was possible for the volunteers to use the Parish Council's professional greenmech wood chipper. In response to which, the Clerk explained why it would not be possible to use this piece of equipment but added that any branches/limbs could be disposed of by the grounds team.

In response to a question by a Member regarding the unsociable parking of cars on Hillside by a resident, Councillor K Gulson reported that this matter was still being dealt with by the District Council.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed

Chairman.

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