

**Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council, Yaxley Parish Council
held via Zoom on 9th February 2021.**

Present:- Councillor R Butcher - Chairman.

Councillors B Doncaster, E Gilchrist, K Gulson, J Lusted, S McMullon, G Needham, A Minns, M Oliver, D Porteous, P Russell and A Wood.

In attendance – Mrs H Taylor (Clerk), District Councillor Eric Butler and 2 Members of the Public.

FC118. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence from the meeting was received and accepted on behalf of Councillor S Sanderson (personal).

FC119. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations were received in relation to items on the agenda. Members then considered an updated schedule of requests for disclosable interests (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) and subject to the removal of allotments as a subject matter for Councillor R Butcher, Councillor J Lusted proposed that the list be received and the requests granted. This was seconded by Councillor R Doncaster and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

FC120. MINUTES

Councillor J Lusted proposed approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 12th January 2021. This was seconded by Councillor D Porteous and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

FC121. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

District Councillor E R Butler reported that once again flooding had been at the forefront of his mind with high water levels down the fens. He added that he had spoken with the Anglian Water workers at the pumping station on Main Street who were happy with the situation and felt that there wasn't a problem with the overflow at Pig Water. The Clerk asked Councillor Butler whether he had the name of anyone to contact at Anglian Water as no one wanted to respond to her enquiries and the Environment Agency were not able to help either. She mentioned that Anglian Water tankers regularly pump out the pumping station on Main Street and a long term solution needed to be found.

Councillor Doncaster added that the drainage on Main Street was inadequate and he had experienced sewerage leaking from the manhole cover in his garden but like the Clerk he hadn't been able to get anyone from Anglian Water to come out. Councillor Doncaster explained that his wife had been involved in a campaign ten years ago to get new pumps.

Councillor K Gulson suggested that perhaps it was time for the District and the Parish to meet on site with Anglian Water to discuss the problem particularly given the flooding issues further along Main Street near the Three Horseshoes Public House.

Councillor G Needham asked if anyone knew what exactly what the issue was? Councillor P Russell supported the need to establish exactly what the problem was whether it be that the pumps are not big enough or the pipes leading away are insufficient. Councillor G Needham reported that the pipe leading alongside the Scout Hut out to flag fen was made of asbestos and was around 14 inches in diameter. In moving the discussion forward, the Clerk agreed to continue to try to make contact with Anglian Water and asked that District Councillors approach officers at the District Council to see what information they had. In the meantime, a contact number for the Environment Agency would be made available on the website and facebook page for residents to report any sewerage pollution incidents.

FC122. DEBORAH PAICE

Further to FC144, Members were advised that due to a change in work circumstances Deborah Paice had resigned from the Parish Council on 18th January 2021. The appropriate notice of a vacancy had been made and no request for an election received, therefore the vacancy can be filled by co-option.

FC123. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Members received details of three residents wishing to be considered for co-option to the Parish Council. The applicants had been asked a series of questions to determine their suitability as a Parish Councillor and had confirmed their eligibility as detailed in S79 of the Local Government Act 1972. Councillor K Gulson backed the applications adding that the applicants had demonstrated their suitability on paper and should be welcomed by the Parish Council. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor K Gulson and seconded by Councillor P Russell that Mr Aidan Knight, Mr David Chapman and Mrs Sheila Wayland be co-opted to the Parish Council and this was unanimously **RESOLVED**.

FC124. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

On the proposition of Councillor K Gulson and having been seconded by Councillor P Russell, it was **RESOLVED** that

- Councillor A Minns be appointed to the Community Facilities Committee;

And following their co-option:

- D Chapman to the Community Facilities Committee
- A Knight and S Wayland to the Property Committee; and
- S Wayland to the Personnel Committee.

FC125. ACTION PLAN

The content of the latest Parish Council Action Plan for 2021/22 (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) was noted by Full Council. In doing so, Councillor P Russell referred to item 9 of the Community Facilities projects and asked if Cambridgeshire Constabulary have responded to a request to measure the speed of motorists along Broadway. The Clerk advised that the Constabulary had stated that their first approach to speeding was to work with the County Council, Parish and community to ensure that preventative measures have been taken to prevent speeding and reduce casualties and that they rely on the Parish Council to co-ordinate this. Police teams will provide support in the form of speed checks but this needs to be underpinned by an evidence base and parishes are encouraged to gather this data. In the discussion that followed, Members touched upon the various ways of collecting this information including piezoelectric sensors often used by the Highways department and radar devices used by Speed Watch. With regard to the latter, Councillor P Russell proposed that the local Speed Watch Team be asked if the Parish Council could assist or use their equipment to gather information on speeding and that the cost of piezoelectric sensors be investigated as well. This was seconded by Councillor K Gulson and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

FC126. BUDGET V ACTUAL

Members received and noted a budget monitoring report (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) showing the position of the budget as at 31st January 2021 compared to that agreed.

FC127. BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Councillors received and noted the contents of the Bank Reconciliation Statements as at 31st January 2021 (copies of which are appended in the Minute Book).

FC128. 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 G Needham and **RESOLVED** by a vote to be paid.

FC129. PURCHASE OF A NEW AUTOFILL WATER BOILER

On the proposition of Councillor K Gulson and having been seconded it by Councillor P Russell it was **RESOLVED** that an online purchase of a new water boiler for the Austin Hall be approved.

FC130. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS


Councillor G Needham proposed approval of a schedule of meetings for the Municipal Year 2021/22 (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book). This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and unanimously **RESOLVED**. Members were advised that there would not be an Annual Parish Meeting on 9th March 2021.

FC131. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor K Gulson thanked all those involved in the Community Fridge which had distributed 100 bags of food last week.

In response to a question by a Member, the Clerk advised that she was waiting to hear from the organisers of the Yaxley Festival over whether it would be going ahead in May.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed 

Chairman.