

**Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council, Yaxley Parish Council  
held via Zoom on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**

Present:- Councillor R Butcher - Chairman.

Councillors D Chapman, B Doncaster, E Gilchrist, K Gulson, D Hitchcock, S McMullon, A Minns, G Needham, M Oliver, D Porteous, P Russell, S Sanderson, S Wayland and A Wood.

In attendance – Mrs H Taylor (Clerk).

**FC152. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillor A Knight and J Lusted (both personal).

**FC153. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor S Wayland declared an other interest in item FC160 by being on the Social Committee of the Yaxley Royal British Legion.

**FC154. MINUTES**

Councillor P Russell proposed approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021. This was seconded by Councillor A Minns and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

**FC155. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No Member of the Public wished to speak.

**FC156. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Members received and noted the draft Minutes of the Property Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021.

**FC157. ANGLIAN WATER UPDATE**

Further to Minute No. FC141, the Clerk updated Members on the outcome of the meeting with Anglian Water. Members were advised that the meeting had been very productive with those present being given details of a proposed scheme aimed at mitigating the flooding on Main Street and Windsor Road. It was reported that a decision on whether it will go ahead will be made by the company by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021.

**FC158. RISK REGISTER**

With the assistance of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) Members reviewed the Parish Council's Risk Register. The Clerk reported that Councillor P Russell had very kindly ranked the areas on the overall risk summary, a copy of which will be circulated to Members by email. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor P Russell that Councillors R Butcher and A Minns be authorised to sign the Register. This was seconded by Councillor M Oliver and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

**FC159. 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 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 compared to that agreed.

**FC160. SECTION 137 BUDGET – AWARD OF GRANT**

Councillor E Gilchrist proposed that an award of £250.00 be made to Yaxley Royal British Legion Social Club towards their 100<sup>th</sup> Celebrations, as detailed in the application received by Full Council. This was seconded by Councillor D Chapman and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

**FC161. CONSULTATION ON AN APPLICATION TO RECORD A PUBLIC FOOTPATH IN YAXLEY**

Members' attention was drawn to a letter received from the Definitive Map Officer at Cambridgeshire County Council informing of an application for a Definitive Map Modification Order to record a public footpath from Hawthorn Road to Windsor Road in Yaxley. The letter explained the process of investigation and asked for the Parish Council's comments and any evidence that this route has been used for a period of time without interruption or challenge. In the discussions that ensued, Members suggested various ways of gathering the required evidence to enable the Clerk to respond to the letter by 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

**FC162. BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT**

Councillors received and noted the contents of the Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 (a copy of which are appended in the Minute Book).

**FC163. 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 D Chapman and **RESOLVED** by a vote to be paid.

**FC164. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

Councillor D Porteous asked for clarification over the Bags for Life money received from Tesco's for the skate park expansion as some residents were under the impression that it had been spent on maintenance. In response to which the Clerk explained that she had received an email from a resident suggesting that the money had been spent on maintenance. She explained that the £3,000 had been put into reserves awaiting the expansion of the skate park and that the area has an annual maintenance budget of £2,000 which is clearly shown in the budget v actual report. Any rumours of the Bags for Life money being spent on maintenance were incorrect.

The Clerk reported that she is in communications with O & H Hampton regarding the proposed transfer of land to the Parish Council for the cemetery expansion. The developer had indicated that it would be appropriate for a planning application for the cemetery to be submitted in the summer of 2022 and that this would need to cover any request to place the cemetery on the southern side of the land and demonstrate how the cemetery and allotment allocation would be maintained re size. Regarding the area of triangular land in the old cemetery owned by O & H Hampton but maintained by the Parish Council, O & H have agreed to look at a possible transfer of this land and the Clerk would pursue this with them.

Members were encouraged to get involved in a Community Litter Pick on the weekend of 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021, this was part of various community initiatives being led by the Parish Council to reduce waste and keep the village tidy.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed .....

Chairman.

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