

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council, Yaxley Parish Council
held in the Council Chamber, the Amenity Centre, Main Street, Yaxley
on 12th January 2016.**

Present:- Councillor K Gulson – Chairman

Councillors A Bartle, G Bellamy, C Bolton, R Butcher, S Butler, J Lusted, D Porteous, M Oliver, A Rees, P Russell, C Thorne, S White, J Willis and A Wood.

In attendance – Mrs H Taylor – Clerk, Inspector P Rogerson, PC Skyes, Sgt. T Elliott, District Councillor E R Butler, R Avery of the Police & Crime Commissioners Office and 6 members of the public.

FC116. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

FC117. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor M Oliver declared “other” interests in items FC124 and FC125, by virtue of his wife being employed by the school crossing patrol service and as a director of the Fenland Trust, he did not partake in the vote thereon.

Councillors K Gulson and P Russell declared “other” interests in item FC125 as Foodbank Volunteers.

FC118. MINUTES

Councillor G Bellamy proposed approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 8th December 2015. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and **RESOLVED**.

FC119. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Member of the public wished to speak.

FC120. COMMITTEE REPORT – PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members received and noted the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 8th December 2015.

FC121. RESIGNATION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Members noted the resignation of Sally Howell from the Parish Council with effect from 18th December 2015. It was reported that it was necessary to give residents the opportunity to call an election and as a result the co-option to the other vacancy on the Council had been put on hold to await this outcome. Those who had shown an interest in becoming a Councillor had been advised of this and it was hopefully that both vacancies would be dealt with at the next Council meeting.

FC122. POLICE MATTERS

In receiving the December Crime report Members welcomed Inspector Paul Rogerson and his team to the meeting. Insp. Rogerson explained the challenges faced by the force especially with the changing face of crime and budget cuts. Rather than being street based the majority of crime was now non-tangible cyber-crime with a disturbing level of under ground culture.

Mention was made of the use of social media and the recent creation of the Yaxley and Villages Against Crime Group. Insp. Rogerson referred to the support open dialogue like this has in tackling urban and rural crime. He added that Yaxley had seen an increase in house burglaries in the last year but that several key suspects had been arrested and were in custody over these crimes.

Ms R Avery of the Police Crime Commissioner's Office addressed the meeting and explained that 6.7 million needed to be cut from the Police budget by 2020. Savings were being investigated including alternative ways of working, further collaboration with other forces and a reduction in office accommodation.

Insp. Rogerson encouraged residents to make their property secure and referred to the sharing of time and skills via a time bank, which could be promoted in the village as a way of connecting people to exchange knowledge, help and skills. Mention also was made of the use of E-cops and the commitment to quarterly Neighbourhood Forum Meetings.

FC123. CCTV / WIFI PROVISION MIDDLETON'S RECREATION GROUND

Further to Minute No FC108, Members received an update on a visit by Members to the CCTV control room in Huntingdon. Councillor A Wood reported that it had been a very successful visit which had highlighted the quality of the images gathered, the potential for wireless provision and a remote mobile camera. Whereupon, it was proposed by S White that a contribution of £1,297.44 towards the CCTV cameras in Yaxley be approved. This was seconded by Councillor A Rees and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

FC124. SCHOOL PATROL CROSSING

Further to Minute No. FC109, the Chairman reported on a meeting he and the Clerk had attended with the Heads of William De Yaxley Junior School and Fourfields Community School over a proposal by Cambridgeshire County Council to remove funding for school crossing patrols in 2016/17. Having been advised that the schools were canvassing other schools in area to apply pressure on the County, Members referred to an online petition against the cuts and asked that the schools be made aware of this. The Clerk reported that she had written to Shailesh Vara MP regarding the removal of the funding and he had responded expressing his concern also and adding that would be contacting Cambridgeshire County Council's Chief Executive.

Subsequently the Parish Council has been advised that Members of Cambridgeshire County Council's Highways and Community Infrastructure Committee have agreed to remove school crossing patrols from the budget savings proposals to be recommended to general purposes committee.

FC125. 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 2016 be approved. This was seconded by Councillor A Wood and **RESOLVED**.

FC126. REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL AUDIT 2014/15

A review of the effectiveness of the Internal Audit for 2014/15 was proposed for approval by Councillor R Butcher and seconded by Councillor P Russell. This was **RESOLVED** unanimously.

FC127. BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Councillors received and noted the contents of the Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st December 2015 (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book).

FC128. ORDERS FOR PAYMENT

The schedule of direct debits made since the previous meeting, which included details of Bacs transfer payments due for December, (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) was proposed by Councillor R Butcher, seconded by Councillor P Russell and **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to be paid.

FC129. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor J Willis referred to a number of issues reported to her including the use of a quad bike on a footpath on Ferndale, overhanging brambles, damage paths through tree roots and litter again on Ferndale. The Clerk responded that she would contact the relevant bodies/organisations.

Mention also was made over the amount of litter on collection days and a request was made that the District Council be asked if any spills out of the bins during collection that it be picked up. The Clerk would forward this on.

Councillor R Butcher reported that he and the Chairman had met with Mr A Burgess of Produce World and a number of residents over the ongoing issue of HGV traffic using inappropriate routes to access the Produce World site. Members noted that Produce World were taking a proactive stance in trying to tackle this problem and had contacted Cambridgeshire County Council with a view to paying for improved signage. It was stressed that not all the HGV Lorries were on route to Produce World. The matter had been exacerbated by the weight limit signs for Windsor Road being replaced at the wrong end of the street during the street lighting scheme. Efforts were being made by the County Council to have them removed.

In response to a request for Members to attend various meetings being organised by the Fenland Trust it was agreed that:

Councillors J Lusted, M Oliver, A Rees, P Russell, A Wood and J Willis would attend the Neighbourhood Watch Public Workshop on 21st January 2016 at 7.00pm in the William De Yaxley School;

Councillors A Bartle, J Lusted, M Oliver, K Gulson, A Rees, A Wood and J Willis would attend the Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Public Meeting on 11th February at 7.00pm in the William De Yaxley School; and

Councillors A Bartle, S Butler, J Lusted, P Russell and S White would attend, alongside the Clerk, an informal meeting of the Fenland Trust date and time to be arranged. The Chairman added that he too would be happy to attend an informal meeting of the Fenland Trust if required.

Finally attention was drawn to an opportunity to nominate a Councillor/Chairman for the Buckingham House Garden Party on 19th May 2016. In discussing possible candidates, Members referred to the on-going voluntary work that Reg Bingham does for the village and it was proposed by Councillor A Bartle that the Clerk makes enquiries to see whether

Mr Bingham could be put forward to attend. This was seconded by Councillor A Wood and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed Chairman.