

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

Present:- Councillor R Butcher - Chairman.

Councillors R Doncaster, E Gilchrist, S McMullon, M Oliver, D Porteous, P Richardson, M Southgate, S Wayland, S White, J Willis and A Wood.

In attendance – Mrs H Taylor (Clerk), David Weir of the Yaxley Festival Committee and two members of the public.

FC89. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillors K Gulson, J Lusted, G Needham and P Russell (all personal).

FC90. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors D Porteous and P Richardson declared “other” interests in item No.FC102 by being named in the orders for payment.

FC91. MINUTES

Councillor M Southgate proposed approval of the Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Council held 25th September 2018. This was seconded by Councillor P Richardson and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

FC92. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two residents from Mere View drew Members’ attention to the issue of noise from lorries travelling along the road at all hours on their way to and from Produce World and local farms off Main Street. Mention was made of the detrimental effect this was having on the residents’ health as well as the structure and value of their property. It was explained that one of the farms in question had been approached about the unreasonable hours that the lorries were delivering/picking up but they had indicated that they were unable to act on any complaint without the vehicle’s registration, which in the middle of the night was difficult to obtain. County Councillor Mac McGuire had also been contacted who had advised the resident to speak to District Councillor Eric Butler about the Planning application for Produce World to extend their operating hours. It was felt that there were two factors to be considered, the problem of late night lorry movement and the state of the road surface which has a significant effect on the noise level experience by nearby residents.

The Chairman explained that the road was a Highways matter and that the Parish Council had previously met with their officers and County Councillor Mac McGuire over the state of the road surface on Mere View and that it had been placed on the County’s Capital Programme Maintenance list of roads to repair. However, priority would be given to the County’s A and B roads. Discussions had also been held with Produce World over lorry movement to and from their site.

In order to move forward, Councillor S White proposed that the Clerk be requested to contact County Councillor McGuire outlining the residents concerns and asking that he contacts them regarding the issues highlighted and reports back also to the Parish Council. This was seconded by Councillor A Wood and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

FC93. COMMITTEE REPORTS

FC93.1 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members received and noted the draft Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 11th and 25th September 2018.

FC93.2 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Personnel Committee held on 18th September 2018 were received and noted.

FC93.3 PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Members were advised that the draft Minutes of the Property Committee held on 18th September 2018 would be submitted to their next meeting.

FC93.4 COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Community Facilities Committee held on 25th September 2018.

FC94. CO-OPTION TO THE VACANT POSITION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Members received details of a resident wishing to be considered for co-option to the Parish Council. The applicant had been asked a series of questions to determine his suitability as a Parish Councillor and had confirmed his eligibility as detailed in S79 of the Local Government Act 1972. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor M Oliver and seconded by Councillor S White that Mr Simon Sanderson be co-opted to the Parish Council and this was unanimously **RESOLVED**.

FC95. VACANCY ON THE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE

On the proposition of Councillor P Richardson and having been seconded by Councillor M Oliver, it was **RESOLVED** that the new Parish Councillor fill the vacancy on the Property and Community Facilities Committees.

FC96. SECTION 137 BUDGET – AWARD OF GRANT

A. Bike Marking Scheme

In discussing this request for funding Members acknowledged that although the request was for more the maximum £250 it may be possible to recover the overspend by charging for any adult bikes marked. In that respect, Councillor S White proposed that £450 of the Section 137 budget be used to undertake a bike marking event in the village. This was seconded by Councillor M Oliver and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

B. Magpas Air Ambulance

On the proposition of Councillor M Southgate and having been seconded by Councillor A Wood it was **RESOLVED** that an award of £150 be made to Magpas.

C. Yaxley Youth Club

Consideration was given to a request from Yaxley Youth Club for £250 to help employ occasional youth workers. Mention was made that the Parish Council had previously awarded £250 to the Club for zorbing and had paid for pizzas on their opening night as well as giving them the use of Queens Park hall for free for 10 months. In referring to the Council's policy not to give grants for general running costs, Councillor S White proposed that the application be refused but that the Youth Club be encouraged to apply again in the future for a specific item or event. This was seconded by Councillor M Oliver and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

D. Young People's Counselling Service

Members considered a request from the Young People's Counselling Service for a sum of £5,330.00. In so doing, Members pointed out that the request far exceeded the £250 small grant maximum and that there was no explanation as to what the money was required for. It was suggested that the application could be reviewed in the future if there was a breakdown of what was required, how it would be spent and that this would need to be timed to be part of the Council's budget review not the small grants awards. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor S White that the application be refused, this was seconded by Councillor A Wood and **RESOLVED**.

FC97. YAXFES19 – FUNDING REQUEST

Consideration was given to a request from the Yaxley Festival Funding Ltd for £10,000 plus VAT towards the costs of the 2019 Festival. In the discussions that ensued Members felt that the level of detail in the grant form and associated accounts was insufficient for them to make a decision and the following questions were asked:

- What is the £10,000 required for?
- What is the budget for 2019?
- Why is the festival not self sufficient as this was previously the aim and what plans do they have to be self sufficient?
- What are their views on it being a loan with repayments?
- How much is the value of the facilities they get free from the Parish Council?
- What's happened to the plans to have a ticketed event and why the change?
- Who apart from the Parish Council funds the Festival?
- Is it absolutely necessary to have a stage that costs so much?
- Originally it was said that they wouldn't require any funds from the Parish Council – why the change?
- Who are the shareholders and what does this mean for them?
- Will the Festival committee be running the event with a view to make a profit?
- What underwriting will there be if the festival doesn't go ahead - assurances are that the Parish Council will get the money back?

In order to give the Directors of the Yaxley Festival Funding Ltd the opportunity to respond to these questions Councillor M Oliver proposed that the request be deferred until the next meeting and that the Working Group meet in the meantime to go over these issues. This was seconded by Councillor S McMullon and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

FC98. ACTION PLAN

The content of the latest Parish Council Action Plan for 2018/19 (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) was received and noted.

FC99. CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Members noted that Cambridgeshire County Council were currently consulting on their draft statement of community involvement.

FC100. REMEMBRANCE DAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2018

Members were advised that there would be a memorial service at the war memorial at 6.30am on Sunday 11th November to commemorate 100 years since the end of the First World War. Later that day the Remembrance Parade will leave the British Legion at 2.15pm and after laying wreathes a church service will be held in St Peters Church. A

wreath for the Parish Council has been ordered, the cost of which would be met from the Chairman's allowance.

FC101. BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Councillors received and noted the contents of the Bank Reconciliation Statements as at 30th September 2018 (copies of which are appended in the Minute Book).

FC102. 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 R Doncaster, seconded by Councillor S Wayland and **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to be paid.

FC103. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor J Willis reported that she only had two issues from residents relating to overgrown bushes and dropped kerb contractors, both of which she had spoken to the Clerk about prior to the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed

Chairman.

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