

YAXLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 6th August 2014 at Yaxley Community Centre

Present:

Cllr J Hawes,	Cllr Sano,
Cllr K Pawsey	Cllr I Luff,
Cllr J Moore,	Cllr Wright,
Cllr D Burn,	Cllr C Aldous,
Cllr A Watts.	

2 members of the public.

Philip Freeman – Parish Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence.
Apologies were received from Cllr Sano, Cllr Fleming and the Police.
2. Councillor's Declaration of Interests in Agenda Items.
Cllr Luff item 13aii.
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 2nd July 2014.
The minutes of the meeting on 2nd July 2014 were unanimously agreed as a true record, proposed by Cllr Burn and seconded by Cllr Luff, with the following amendments:
 - Page 341: In response to questions from councillors, Cllr Fleming reported that
First bullet point should read Kier May Gurney.
 - Page 342: fifth bullet point help should be helped.
 - Following a discussion it was agreed that the seventh bullet point on page 344 will read: 'Information from Common Concern.....' Proposed by Cllr Luff and seconded by Cllr Moore.
4. Matters Arising from the Minutes
The following were the action points from the previous meeting and most will be dealt with under agenda items:
 - New code of conduct for next meeting.
 - Review Standing Orders and Financial Regulations at next meeting. Deferred to a future meeting.
 - Report flooding by School House/Lyon Cottage on Old Ipswich Road.
 - Contact police – speed data recording on Old Ipswich Road and Mellis Road.
 - Arrange for cutting the area of vegetation at Cherry Tree Close.
 - Contact Jessica Fleming about Locality Budget.
 - Advice from solicitor on letter from Progress Power.
 - Cllr Pawsey and Cllr Luff to represent the PC at meetings about Progress Power.
 - Cllr Burn to send the Clerk information about whether the PC can contribute to Progress Power.
 - Contact Willing Hands about work on the slide.
 - Parts to repair swing.
 - SALC meetings to be an agenda item.
 - Send new cemetery prices to undertakers.
 - The Clerk reported that he had not investigated the cost of the membership of the Suffolk preservation society. This will be done for the next meeting. Action: the Clerk.
5. Notification of any items of urgent business:
None.

Meeting closed at 7.52 p.m.

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Public Forum:

County Councillor Report – August 2014.

Short Stay Gypsy and Traveler Sites - Consultation

Suffolk local authorities are searching for three short stay site in Suffolk, preferably one each in the north, central and eastern parts of the County and intend to consult affected parishes and communities starting around week of 11th August. Notice about the consultation will be provided directly to affected parishes however all communities and parishes in Suffolk will be eligible to comment. The form of the consultation will be through on online survey and public information events.

Children's Centres Operation – Consultation still open

The County is consulting the public on the future of Children's Centres, and the locations at which this service is provided. Former Labour minister Frank Field MP has agreed to advise the county as it seeks to improve the way it delivers these services while making best use of buildings. Responses to the consultation must be received by Thursday 16 October 2014. Go to: <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/your-council/decision-making/consultations/consultation-children-s-centre-services-across-suffolk/>

Waste – Agreement with Norfolk

An agreement has been reached for Suffolk to accept 40,000 tonnes of Norfolk's residual household (black bin) waste at the Great Blakenham Incinerator. Transfer of 40,000 tonnes requires an annual average of 8 20-tonneHGV trips per working day. The planning consent for Blakenham assumes that 270,000 tonnes (its capacity) will be brought in on various routes and is already transported to other sites therefore this is not 'new' traffic in planning terms.

Eye Gas Fired Power Station and Substation – Update

PINS held a meeting on 24th July in the Park Hotel, Diss to update interested parties about the process. PPL area seeking Statements of Common Ground with the LAs, Natural England, Environment Agency, National Grid (Gas & electric) and English Heritage.

Application documents, registrations of interest, and next steps are at:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/eastern/progress-power-station/?ipcsection=overview>

Business Support Grants –Suffolk has recently been awarded £1.4m from the Government's Regional Growth Fund through the NALEP and can offer grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). To register contact Nataliya Klymko, Fund Coordinator, nataliya.klymko@newanglia.co.uk, tel: 01603 510073. Deadline is 31st October 2014.

Highways Maintenance

A reminder that the best way to report and track road defects is for a Parish Council to use the online County reporting form, and follow up using the tracking number provided:

<https://secure.suffolkcc.gov.uk/customerservice/CSD/SCC/product.aspx?ProductID=PRHM01>

Police Report:**Crime Statistics**

Since your last meeting there have been 2 crimes reported to the police. These were;

Dangerous Dog Causing Injury which took place at 2.55pm on 31/7. The further crime we cannot report on.

Priorities

On the 1st July Mid-Suffolk North held there priority tasking meeting at Worlingworth. It was decided that for the coming 3 months the following issues would be addressed;

1. To address reported problems concerning the anti-social use of motor vehicles by drivers, gathering in Palgrave Community Centre car park
2. To help preserve the security of Schools during the summer period
3. To address contraventions of the 'Access Only' roads in Wellington Road, Eye and Priory Road, Palgrave

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If you have any concerns which you would like raised for the SNT to focus on, please contact me or alternatively attend the meeting which will be in Denham Village Hall on Tuesday 7th October 2014 at 7.30pm – 8.30pm.

Date for the Diary

Please make a note in your diary for our Heating Oil Crime Prevention Seminar which will be taking place on 7th October 2014 in Denham Village Hall, IP21 5DR. The date is in the early stages at the moment, but we are hoping to have representatives from Tank Commander and Fuel Shield who supply Secured by Design products. Our Crime Reduction Officer will also be present to answer any questions relating to Heating Oil Thefts or general advice as well.

We are booking this in advance to tie in with the nights becoming dark earlier, and the most likely time for people to fill up their tanks.

YOUR SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM (SNT)

To speak with an Officer from your SNT - telephone 101, or email your local SNT team – midsuffnorth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Please remember to visit your local SNT's web site on a regular basis at <http://www.suffolk.police.uk/saferneighbourhood.aspx> where you can find out more about the local policing priorities that have been set with your community input, and about the actions the teams are taking in your area.

Councillors noted that the police had again failed to attend this meeting and the Clerk agreed to contact the local police and crime Commissioner, since he had raised the non-attendance of the police and Parish Council meetings with Mr Passmore at a meeting he attended last autumn. Mr Passmore had agreed, at that meeting, to follow this up and to ensure that there was a police presence and Parish Council meetings. Action: the Clerk.

District Councillor Report:

The management team at Mid Suffolk District Council has been working on a priority based budgeting/resource planning exercise. Resources will be shuffled around and some services may not continue. The district Council has been trying to keep same level of service but will not be able to.

It is a statutory duty to provide transit sites for travellers and the county council has been trying to find three sites. Unauthorised encampments had been common in the north of the county along the A140 and the A143, therefore there was little point in looking outside of this area.

The Chair said that he felt this was one further burden that the local area was being asked to take on following the wind turbines and now the gas power station and substation.

Meeting reopened at 8:06 PM.

6. Correspondence (copies circulated in Correspondence File or with agenda).
 - Various documents from SALC
 - Various emails and letters about the Progress Power application.
 - Various emails from Suffolk Community Foundation.
 - Town and Parish Council newsletter.
 - Email from Hilary Butler about Thornham Road. Mrs Butler had reported a problem with the road surface and although work had been done it had not resolved the problem.
 - Holiday Activities Small Grant Fund.
 - Speed Monitoring in Yaxley.
 - WW1 Exhibition and Lights Out.
7. Yaxley Allotments:
 - Update on allotment gardens and tenancy agreement.

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- a. Report on the number of vacant plots.
Councillors unanimously agreed to the change of plot for lan Stanbury from number 11 to number six.
- b. Applications for Plots.
None.
- Unused plots:
Nothing further to report.

8. Highways Matters:

- a. The use of the road through Yaxley by HGVs.
 - i. HGV petition.
Nothing further to report.
- b. Flooding on Old Ipswich Road in front of School House/Lyon Cottage.
This matter had been reported to the highways Department of Suffolk County Council.
- c. Speed Data Recorders on Old Ipswich Road.
The speed data recorders were in place.

9. Finances and financial report

- a. Balances on Accounts: 28th July 2014.
 - i. Current Account: £7,013.58p.
 - ii. Deposit Account: £5,561.40p.

The Clerk had prepared a budget report to 31st July 2014. This was to give councillors information for the discussion on the Parish Council's contribution to the fighting fund of pledges. There was a projected surplus of £1,300 as at 31st March 2015.
- b. To authorise cheques for signature:
 - i. Clerk's Pay and Expenses: £160.80p
 - ii. HMRC: £40.00p
 - iii. David Newcombe: none.
 - iv. Donation to SARs: £50.00p
 - v. Willing Hands: £375.00p repair to slide.

Resolved, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts presented. Proposed by Cllr Hawes and seconded by Cllr Burn.
- c. Receipts.
None.
- d. Audit Report.
The audit report had not been received.
- e. Projects that the Parish Council may Finance
 - i. Disabled toilets/toilet refurbishment for the Community Hall.
 - o Grant application.
Nothing further to report.

10. Revised Code of Conduct – advice from SALC.

The revised code of conduct was unanimously agreed for use by the Parish Council, proposed by Cllr Luff and seconded by Cllr Moore. Councillors signed to say that they agreed to abide by the code of conduct.

11. Cherry Tree Close Working Party.

The working party had recently met to compose and agree a letter that was sent to Colin Arnold the developer of Cherry Tree Close. This took place because there had been no response from Suffolk County Council. Cllr Watts read the letter to the Council and it had been sent on the Monday evening prior to this meeting and a reply had been received on the afternoon of the day of this meeting. It appeared that there continued to be a problem over the adoption of the storm water drain and Suffolk County Council will discuss with Mr Arnold the problems with the drain and the road at the same time. The working party plans to meet again to follow up the reply. The Council thanked Cllr Watts and the working party for the work they had done.

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12. Foliage at the Entrance to Cherry Tree Close. Update.

The Clerk reported that he had spoken to a local contractor to arrange for the area to be cut. However, this had not been possible due to the harvest work that he was involved in.

13. Eye Airfield:

a. Progress Power Application:

i. Update from the Chairman and Cllr Luff.

Cllrs Pawsey and Luff reported :

- They had attended a number of meetings of local Parish Councils (except Mellis Parish Council) that were working, with Eye Town Council on this.
- Progress Power was hoping to sign a joint common ground statement with English Heritage that there was no historical interest in the site for the substation. However, the working group had written to English Heritage. The letter had been copied to 3 local MPs, Elizabeth Truss, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and the East Anglia Daily Times. A response had been received.
- Cllr Burn said that it will be possible to make a compelling case because it had been possible to compile plenty of evidence. The focus was on heritage and landscape and Christine Fisher - a landscape architect had been engaged at a cost of £920 plus expenses.
- Cllr Burn asked that what he said at this point of the meeting should not be minuted.

ii. Discussion of a contribution from the Parish Council to the 'fighting fund of pledges'.

Cllr Burn reported that the working group was looking for pledges to support its work and had received £1,600 so far. Palgrave Parish Council had given authority for expenditure up to £750. The call on any money that was committed would depend on what other councils were prepared to pledge. The system could only operate if one Parish Council was prepared to act as 'banker' and receive and pay invoices. Pledges from councils could be spent before those from private individuals. He went on to explain that this was a first request for funding and it may be necessary to return to councils and ask for a further pledge. Following a discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would pledge £1,500 to the fund, since Yaxley would be the area most affected, proposed by Cllr Watts and seconded by Cllr Hawes, voting: four in favour and three abstentions. It was agreed that expenditure to £1,500 had been authorised.

b. Letter from Progress Power – update on advice from solicitor.

The Clerk reported that he had a response from the Parish Council solicitor but she had not been able to contact the planning consultant that was used.

14. Parish Council matters for publication in the Yaxley Messenger.

It was agreed that there was nothing for Publication in the next edition.

15. Planning: To include any applications received after the publication of this agenda.

a. Applications:

None.

b. Planning Decisions:

i. Approved:

- o Erection of a new dwelling and access to no.1 Church View.

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The Parish Council had been notified that one condition had been discharged on this application.

Paul Youngman had contacted the Chair because he was hoping to convert a farm building into a house and wanted the Parish Council's opinion before he began the work. The Chair advised him that he should approach Mid Suffolk District Council planners for their guidelines and that it was too early for the Parish Council to comment. It was agreed to wait until the Parish Council was officially consulted.

- ii. Refused:
None.

16. Play Area:

- a. To receive Play Area Inspection Report.
Cllr Luff reported that everything was satisfactory on the play area and he had cleared the weeds. A supply of bin bags was needed and the Chair agreed to obtain them and a strap to secure them. Cllr Pawsey agreed to cover the next period. **Action: Cllr Pawsey.**
- b. Annual Playground Report.
Cllrs Luff Watts and Pawsey agreed to carry out a survey of the play area and compare it to the report.

17. Yaxley Cemetery:

- a. To consider inspection report – Cllr J Hawes.
All was in order, the grass had been cut. It was agreed that the Clerk should email Cllr Burn a copy of the cemetery charges for the website.

18. To receive Councillor's reports:

- a. Cllr Burn – EPR.
Nothing to report.
- b. Cllr Burn – SALC
Nothing to report.
- c. Cllr Moore – Yaxley Town Estates Fund.
Nothing to report.

19. A.O.B. – To agree change of dates for the next two meetings.

- It was agreed to change the dates of the next two meetings to 10th September and 22nd October 2014.
- Cllr Moore reported that the straw draw in the field behind the telephone box had caught fire.
- Cllr Hawes reported that he had received a reply from English Heritage.
- Cllr Luff reported that on the level crossing at Multi York a piece of concrete was missing from the road. It was agreed that the Clerk should report this.
Action: the Clerk.

Meeting closed at 9:28 p.m.

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