**Minutes of the Meeting of Yaxley Parish Council held on 3rd April 2018.**

**Present:**

Councillor I Luff Councillor A Luff Councillor J Hawes

Councillor M Fisher Councillor B Feaver Councillor R Hall

Councillor J Moore Councillor C Wright

P Freeman Parish Clerk.

Philip Butler.

1. Apologies for Absence.

* Councillor K Pawsey.

1. Councillor’s Declaration of Interests in Agenda Items.

* None.

**Public Forum.**

County councillor Fleming made the following points:

* The proposed parking restrictions at the T-junction will go ahead.
* Footpath:
  + She had been a meeting with Dave Watson and funding may be available in the long-term but the more support for the project there is the more likelihood it will go ahead. Mellis Primary School had contacted her.
  + There will be a survey to look at refining the costs and there may be a less formal footpath on top of the BT infrastructure.
  + There could be greater flexibility in the width of the path.
  + There would be bids for funding for this.

In response to questions the following point were made:

* + Very little land would need to be acquired and the pathway could be a little narrower than that shown in the plans. The road could be moved over onto highways land on opposite side of the road.
  + A creative way of looking at the project could be put in place and traffic calming could result.
  + The work will depend on funding.
  + Councillor Fleming had put a further £2,000 from her budget into the project.
  + Councillor Feaver has taken photographs of the BT infrastructure.
* Councillor Hawes raised the issue of the location of the processing plant and pointed out that it was completely in Yaxley, and this was not mentioned in the application.
* On 19th April 2018 there will be stakeholders’ meeting at Brome Grange Hotel and Yaxley and Thrandeston Parish Councils will be invited. Councillor Fleming will follow this up.
* The Parish Council thanked Councillor Fleming.

1. Progress Power Update, to discuss latest submissions from Progress Power.

Presentation by Philip Butler. The following points were made:

* Mr Butler had submitted an objection to the plan which had been supported by Yaxley Parish Council.
* The hedge could be removed as far as shown in the original document and this was in response to historical and ecological issues.
* The new application was in line with comments that had been made.
* The aim was to adjust the plan back to the original documentation.

In response to a question the following point was made:

* The tree cannot be cut down at this stage because of nesting birds. There was no contract with the National Grid and the next stage for bids would be Christmas 2018, when Progress Power will know if they had been awarded a contract.
* There has been a drop in the price awarded from £22 last year to £8 this year and this had now made the new build non-viable.
* There may be a pot of £50,000 for offsite planting and some of the money may be available to parishes. Mid Suffolk District Council should be using this money and it will be outside the Progress Power site. The landscaping strategy document will have to be updated. There will be an embankment 1,5 m high for planting and there will be a maintenance plan for 10 years and a condition for replacement of any plants that die.

The Council thanked Mr Butler for his help.

1. Planning:
   1. Applications:
      1. Application for Reserved Matters - DC/18/00999

Proposal: Submission of details under Outline Planning Permission DC/17/04028 - Scale, appearance landscaping and layout for No. 2 dwellings.

Location: Conifers, Mellis Road, Yaxley, Eye Suffolk IP23 8DB

* Council agreed to make no comment on this application.
  + 1. Application: DC/17/05880 Proposal:

**Reason(s) for re-consultation:** amended documents have been submitted to the Local Planning Authority 15/03/2018.

Full Planning Permission - Removal of sections in field boundaries, sections of hedgerows, trees and associated vegetation in association with Development Consent Order.

Location: Adjacent to and between Old Norwich Road and the A140 (Easting 612501, Northing 274839) and land adjacent to and West of Leys Lane, North of Yaxley and South of the Leys (Easting 611745, Northing 274963), Yaxley.

The Parish Council agreed the following comments:

* + - The previous comments made by the Parish Council still apply.
    - Conditions must be applied to the future works.
    - The one oak tree, that may be felled, should only be cut down if there is a definite date to carry out the work and then it should be done at the last possible date in case the work does not proceed.
    - Any work planned for the A140 should be taken into account to avoid too much local disruption and the development of 'rat runs' through local roads which would not be suitable for an increase in traffic.
    - The access to Yaxley allotments, along the Old Norwich Road, by pedestrians, cars and tractors, must not be obstructed.
  1. Applications – no decisions to date:
     1. Application Number: DC/17/05666 Proposal:

Planning Application - Erection of a new processing facility, waste water treatment plant and gatehouse with associated car park and service yards, two vehicle access points, drainage swale and landscaping.

Location: Land to the South of Eye Airfield and East of the A140.

* 1. Planning decisions:
     1. Approved:
        + Application Number: DC/18/00623

Proposal:Planning Application. Erection of 1No. dwelling, detached garage with games room and storage over, alterations to access, parking and turning area and replacement agricultural access. Revision of previously approved DC/17/05082.

Location:Land Adj. To Arch Haven, The Street, Yaxley, IP238BJ

* + - * Re-consultation: Application for Planning Permission Without Compliance of Conditions: DC/17/06179:

Proposal: Application under section 73 of the Town & Country Planning Act – DC/17/03934 - Erection of a new dwelling, garage and new vehicular access for variation of Condition 2 (approved plans and documents) and discharge of Condition 3 (agreement of levels), Condition 4 (agreement of materials), Condition 5 (details of screen walls and fences), Condition 9 (surface water drainage details and Condition 10 (foul water details).

Location: Crossway Cottage, Mellis Road, Yaxley.

* + 1. Refused: none.
    2. Discharge of Conditions: none.
  1. Withdrawn: none.
  2. Appeal by: none.

1. AOB - Any items raised earlier but not for an extended discussion or decisions and items for inclusion at the meeting on 18 April 2018.
   * + - None.

Meeting closed at 8:17 p.m.