**Minutes of the Meeting of Yaxley Parish Council held on 27th January 2022**

**at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:**

Councillor I Luff Councillor K Pawsey

Councillor J Moore Councillor R Hall.

Councillor N Young Councillor K Stubbington

Councillor J Hawes Councillor J Laughlin.

County Councillor J Fleming

P Freeman Parish Clerk.

No members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence.

* Councillors Wright, County Councillor Fleming and District Councillor Burn.

1. Chair’s Opening Remarks

* The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

* None.

1. Purchase of Generator for Yaxley Community Centre.

* It was agreed to accept the electrician’s advice about the problems likely to arise from the purchase of a generator. He advised against buying one, as there are insurance issues because of storing the petrol in it and it would need regular maintenance.
* However, a decision was made to investigate the installation of solar panels on the roof of the Community Centre as an alternative source of electricity.
* The Parish Council would want to work with the Community Centre Committee on this as a joint project.
* The Clerk will contact Cllr Fleming and Cllr Burn about grants and advice for installing solar panels on Yaxley Community Centre. The Clerk will also contact the Yaxley Community Centre Committee. **Action: The Clerk.**

1. Purchase of larger Litter Bin for the Lay By.

* The Clerk will investigate litter bins for the lay by on Eye Road. **Action: The Clerk.**

1. Street Naming – The Street/Old Norwich Road

* There has been some confusion amongst delivery drivers about the road names at The Street/Old Norwich Road. It was agreed that a sign should be installed at a cost of £175.00.
* The Clerk will complete an application for a sign for ‘Old Norwich Road formerly known as the Street’. **Action: The Clerk.**

1. Tender for cutting Burial Ground, Wells Seat and under the Village Sign.

* It was agreed to accept Mr Newcombe’s tender, proposed by Councillor Pawsey and seconded by Councillor Moore:
  + As previous years 9 cuts at burial ground well seat and under village sign
  + Twice a year trim hedges at burial ground
  + Cost per cut £80.

1. Planning:
   1. Applications:
      1. Application for Planning Permission- DC/21/06648

Proposal: Full planning application for the conversion of agricultural barn (1) to form 1No

residential dwelling with associated landscaping and parking, including the demolition

of temporary structures within the listed curtilage of White House Farmhouse.

Location: White House Farm, Old Norwich Road, Yaxley, Suffolk IP23 8BH

* + 1. Application for Listed Building Consent - DC/21/06649

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - Works to facilitate conversion of agricultural

barn (1) to form 1No residential dwelling with associated landscaping and parking,

including the demolition of temporary structures within the listed curtilage of White

House Farmhouse.

Location: White House Farm, Old Norwich Road, Yaxley, Suffolk IP23 8BH

* + 1. Application for Planning Permission - DC/21/06650

Proposal: Full Planning Application - Conversion of agricultural barn (2) to form 1No residential

dwelling with associated landscaping and parking, including the demolition of

temporary structures within the listed curtilage of White House Farmhouse.

Location: White House Farm, Old Norwich Road, Yaxley, Suffolk IP23 8BH

* + 1. Application for Listed Building Consent - DC/21/06651

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - Works to facilitate conversion of agricultural

barn (2) to form 1No residential dwelling with associated landscaping and parking,

including the demolition of temporary structures within the listed curtilage of White

House Farmhouse.

Location: White House Farm, Old Norwich Road, Yaxley, Suffolk IP23 8BH

* The following was agreed for applications i. to iv:

Yaxley Parish Council supports the applications for the following reasons:

1. The applications are a good use of redundant buildings.
2. There will be an improvement in the appearance of the buildings.
3. The Wildlife and Ecology Section of the Planning, Design and Access Statement should be taken into account.
   * 1. Application for Planning Permission without Compliance of Condition(S) -

DC/22/00400

Proposal: Application under Section 73 of The Town & Country Planning Act relating to

DC/19/03345 Allowed at Appeal for the variation of Condition 2 (Approved drawings)

Location: Land Off Cherry Tree Close, Yaxley, IP23 8DH.

* + 1. Application for Planning Permission without Compliance of Condition(S) -

DC/22/00401

Proposal: Application under Section 73 of The Town & Country Planning Act relating to

DC/20/05028 for variation of Condition 1 (Approved plans & documents)

Location: Land Off Cherry Tree Close, Yaxley, IP23 8DH,

* The following was agreed for applications v. to vi: Yaxley Parish Council supports the applications.

1. AOB - Any items raised earlier but not for an extended discussion or decisions and items for inclusion at the meeting on 23rd February 2022.

* The Clerk will contact Mellis Parish Council to accept the offer to pay for half the cost of the traffic survey. **Action: The Clerk.**
* Councillor Hawes report on the Drax Community Liaison Group meeting:
  + The groundwork to put the temporary link road in is well underway and are in fact, two weeks ahead of schedule. There will be a one-day closure of Leys Lane to enable a levelling up of the existing road surface to prevent a flood pool forming. Initially, to speed up this work and to minimise the time the road is closed, a similar surface to the link road will be used, a permanent surface will be laid in due course.
  + The National Grid will be replacing the existing high-tension cables strung along the pylons later this year, also the pylon nearest the proposed sub-station will be moved 24 metres.
  + Once permission is obtained from Suffolk Highways, there will be two weeks of daytime roadworks on the A140 close to where the hard stand is situated. Traffic lights will regulate the flow of traffic whilst each half of the carriageway is worked on. Also, an anti-skid road surface will be laid 100 metres north and south of the compound entrance. This is for safety reasons should any vehicles fail to stop under control when heavy construction vehicles negotiate the entrance into the compound. Apparently, there will be abnormal loads making their way over to the sub-station compound. It appears that the National Grid will begin work on the sub-station in March 2022.
* One of the allotment tenants has left a mound of earth by the compost heap. The Clerk received an email about this and investigated the problem. It will be left until the summer before any action can be taken.
* The Clerk had received an email about the state of the pavement from the Thornham Road to Mellis CEVC Primary School. The Clerk arranged for it to be swept by Mid Suffolk District Council. The work was carried out within one day of his report and was done well.
* An articulated lorry was observed trying to enter the Cranswick Processing Plant via the main entrance. The Clerk will contact the company about it. **Action: The Clerk.**

**Action points from this meeting:**

* The Clerk will contact Cllr Fleming and Cllr Burn about grants and advice for installing solar panels on Yaxley Community Centre. The Clerk will also contact the Yaxley Community Centre Committee. **Action: The Clerk.**
* The Clerk will investigate litter bins for the lay by on Eye Road. **Action: The Clerk.**
* The Clerk will complete an application for a sign for ‘Old Norwich Road formerly known as the Street’. **Action: The Clerk.**
* The Clerk will respond to the planning applications for White House Farm and the Land off Cherry Tree Close. **Action: The Clerk.**
* The Clerk will contact Mellis Parish Council to accept the offer to pay for half the cost of the traffic survey. **Action: The Clerk.**
* An articulated lorry was observed trying to enter the Cranswick Processing Plant via the main entrance, which should not be used by lorries. The Clerk will contact the company about it. **Action: The Clerk.**

Meeting closed at 8:05 p.m.