

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF YARNTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 10TH OCTOBER 2018 at 6.15pm in the VILLAGE HALL, YARNTON**

Present: Robin Hearn (RH), Anna Isles (AI), Keith Johnston (KJ), Fred Jones (FJ) (Chairman), Fiona Mawson (FM), Graham Thompson (GT) (Vice-Chairman), Lynne Whitley (LW) (Parish Clerk), Nigel Simpson (NS)

- 1) **Apologies:** John Burford (JB), Michael Gibbard (MG), Nathan Shelton (NSh), Alaric Rose (AR) (CDC Councillor), Maurice Billington (MB) (County Councillor),
- 2) **Declaration of Interests:** The Register of Interests was tabled and members were asked to declare any personal interests and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the agenda items under discussion at this meeting. There were none declared.
- 3) **Minutes:** The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 12th September 2018 having been previously circulated were accepted as a true record, proposed GT, seconded RH.
- 4) **Matters Arising:** To be included in relevant agenda items.
- 5) **Report of District Councillors:** Planning Inspector's Pre-Hearing for the Local Plan review held on 28th September, Inspector expected to report back at the end of October.
CDC are having some trees cut back behind The Paddocks to combat some youth Anti-Social Behaviour.
- 6) **Report of County Councillor:** No report
- 7) **Police Liaison:** Reports of "Cold Calling" in Yarnton, residents advised as to reporting procedure. Increased reports of dwelling burglaries in and around the Kidlington area and vehicle break-ins for tools etc.
- 8) **William Fletcher School:** NSh went as YPC representative to school assembly celebrating the school achieving the Rights Respecting School Gold award.
Bus situation for getting pupils to secondary school continues the same; Marlborough is still catchment school for WFS.
- 9) **Planning Applications:**
18/01578/F 47 The Garth – Single storey side extension – *No objection*
18/01605/TPO Land adjacent to 24 The Paddocks – Crown lift to 3m and remove dead wood to 7 trees – subject to TPO 19/2000 (applicant: Cherwell District Council) – *No objection*

Planning Decisions:

18/01242/F Kings Retreat, 52 Church Lane – Erect extension to side to form wheelchair accessible bedroom – Granted 26.9.18

Several Yarnton Parish councillors attended Pre-Hearing meeting on 28th September chaired by the Government Inspector with regard to CDC Local Plan (Part 1) Partial Review. FJ spoke on behalf of YPC. Inspector will decide by end of October how to proceed. On 5th October FJ, GT and LW attended a Development Brief at CDC with regard to the same plan. Report on Development Brief received today from CDC. An overview of both meetings will be published in November issue of the village news.

10) Highway Matters & Public Rights of Way: Micro-asphalt surfacing in Aysgarth Road and The Garth has been completed.

OCC have notified YPC that Cassington Road will be closed from 5th December for 17 days to “facilitate carriageway resurfacing works” – YPC will ask them what exactly will be done.

Logs from Willow tree in The Paddocks have now been removed.

Quotes obtained for work on trees on green outside British Legion and corner of The Garth. Quote from M Rudge for work outside British Legion was agreed by GT/FJ, work now done.

Quotes for corner of The Garth received from Matthew Rudge and Treescape, FJ proposed M Rudge subject to discussion that Matthew had requested about the work, KJ seconded, all agreed. LW to get quote from Ady Podbury for work on shrubs/overgrowth at orchard area.

Grant request for funding from OCC for speed activated signage submitted 17th September.

AI mentioned school buses are parking all day in the old bus stop on Woodstock Road causing eyesore for residents. Although it's Highway with no restrictions all agreed YPC should write to bus companies asking if they could park somewhere else.

FM expressed concern that both roundabouts have been scalped by OCC.

11) Village Hall: No report.

12) Environmental Matters including Orchard: Letters have been sent to all interested parties as well as Doctors, British Legion, Church, Sanctuary House etc asking people to sponsor a tree @ £30 each – 19 trees accounted for to date. Aiming to plant at least some of them by end of November. Still need volunteers for committee to manage them.

NS met with representatives of BBOWT to discuss the Canal corridor, they're looking for places that need protecting as a local wildlife site – Green Lane suggested as a potential site.

13) Playing Fields: Nick Brown has been asked to re-roof the pavilion roof at Rutten Lane.

Grant request of £4577 towards cost of replacing Zip Wire has been accepted by CDC, need to order it then claim back from CDC.

Playing Field AGM to be arranged for end of October.

Planning application for 7 floodlights replacing 6 existing was validated 4th October.

For information purposes NS said total bill for new play area at Kidlington was £150,000 excluding adults' equipment.

13) Youth Provision: St John's centre at Kidlington full most of the time, now planning ahead for when OCC grant finishes. NS will find out how many go there from Yarnton.

15) Burial Ground/St Bartholomew's Churchyard: Tree survey reports received, need to get quotes for Intermediate (within 12 months) and Urgent work (within 6 months). Report said the "Horse Chestnut tree on the mound is an ageing tree which will start to shed larger limbs unpredictably so please advise parishioners to not sit under it". Matthew Rudge will move the bench next week into the cemetery extension. GT proposed that plaques are put on the back of this bench in memory of Brian Newell and Peter Luke, FJ seconded, all agreed.

A resident whose mother's ashes had recently been interred expressed concern that plots in the extension aren't as big as original side and won't leave room for memorial stones. GT/LW have double checked plot sizes which were found to be correct (3 feet apart) but as number marker had been misplaced after ashes were interred it gave the impression of being too close. Resident has been reassured they are correct.

16) Finance and General Purpose: The monthly financial report for September as page 61/2018 previously circulated was proposed GT, seconded RH, agreed by all to be a true record and signed by FJ together with Bank statements for Community acct 25th August – 26th September and Business acct 30th August – 28th September.

The notice of conclusion of audit has been displayed on the notice boards for 14 days from 24th September.

NSh says website is complete – will be sent to councillors for feedback shortly.

Our Bus Bartons is a huge success averaging 106 passengers per month from Yarnton/Begbroke; they now run 3 services every Tuesday.

Memorial plinth now laid, stone will be erected w/b 23rd October, services being arranged for 28th October and 11th November. LW/FJ/RH will meet to discuss letters, parking etc.

17) Risk Assessment and Management: No report.

18) Recent Correspondence: FM had complaint from a resident about air traffic noise, she told him that a parish councillor goes to every airport consultative meeting.

Email received from Layla Moran asking if we wanted 5 trees planted which would grow to 12-25m in height. All agreed not to accept as this was too high but to ask WFS if they are interested.

HMRC have written to say VAT can now be claimed online.

Wolvercote Neighbourhood Forum has submitted their Neighbourhood Development Plan, public consultation running from 9th October to 20th November.

Email received from resident in The Paddocks asking if YPC could help in tracing the owner of a tree overhanging into her garden. CDC say the land is owned by Taylor Wimpey who she's tried contacting but no reply to date.

19) Accounts: The following accounts were agreed for payment. BACS payments authorised by FJ, GT and KJ.

SSE (YPF)	303.49	BACS
Heritage Fruit tree company (orchard)	329.38	BACS
Lynne Whitley (Ink cartridges)	52.99	BACS
CDC (Emptying dog bins)	1153.15	BACS
Ady Podbery (clearing vegetation)	618.00	BACS
Ady Podbery (YPF)	273.60	BACS
M Rudge (Grass cuts September)	1575.00	BACS
Venners Arboriculture (Tree surveys)	730.00	BACS
Castle Water (cemetery standpipe)	3.40	DD
NEST (Pension)	4.51	DD
Lynne Whitley	567.38	BACS
David Poulton	162.78	BACS
John Gardner (YPF)	203.58	BACS
Mick Fallows (YPF)	213.47	BACS
Village Hall (Hire of hall – Macmillan coffee morning)	78.00	BACS
Ricky Smith (St Bart’s grass September)	250.00	BACS
Treescape (Pollard willow tree in The Paddocks)	780.00	BACS
Ady Podbery (YPF)	<u>172.80</u>	BACS
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The meeting ended at 8.00 pm

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 14th November 2018.

Lynne Whitley
Clerk to the Council

Signed as a correct record

Date: