

**MINUTES OF THE YOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING,
AS SOLE TRUSTEE OF YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL,
HELD AT YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 10th AUGUST 2020 AT 5:45 PM**

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr. Russell Pearce – Chair
Cllr. Paul Ashton – Vice Chair
Cllr. Ann Lambert
Cllr. David Tower
Cllr. Ian Shaw
Cllr. John Sutherell
Cllr. Stephen Siddall
Cllr. Sarah Barrett

Apologies for absence:

Cllr. Kara Cowie – written and accepted
Cllr. David Childs – written and accepted

In Attendance:

Sharon Smith - Clerk/RFO
Laura Greenberg – Management Committee Chair

2. Village Hall Matters

- a) The Council agreed to hold four quarterly meetings per year immediately following the Parish Council meetings.
- b) The Council appointed Cllr. Russell Pearce, Cllr. Sarah Barrett and Cllr. Stephen Siddall as signatories to the accounts held at Barclays Bank and Ipswich Building Society.
- c) Laura Greenberg informed the Council that the existing members of the Management Committee wished to continue at this time. It was agreed that the Clerk, Laura Greenberg and Cllr. Stephen Siddall would identify the responsibilities and duties for each party for consideration at the next meeting. Cllr. Ann Lambert and Laura Greenberg agreed to be the link between the Parish Council and the Management Committee.
- d) The Council agreed to extend the licence to the Consortium Multi Academy Trust to allow access over the car park for works to the swimming pool complex until 30 October 2020 at no additional cost to the licensee.
- c) Cllr. Russell Pearce reported that maintenance work had been on hold due to the coronavirus pandemic but he hoped this would resume shortly.
- d) In response to a request from a resident, the Council agreed not to allow residents to reserve exclusive rights to parking spaces in the car park at this time due to concerns that if one resident is allowed then similar requests could not be refused and space in the car park may become limited for hall users.
- e) Laura Greenberg reported to the Council that, despite the coronavirus pandemic, it had been a buoyant fundraising period. A volunteer raised £1,000 from her active selling site, a donation of £300 was received from Waitrose's Green Token Scheme, and a COVID-19 Business Grant for £10,000 was awarded to cover loss of income from regular bookings and events.
- f) The Council discussed the reopening of the hall as the government continues to ease lockdown restrictions. The Post Office is open each Monday and the yoga group meets outside on the grassed area each week. It was decided not to reopen to groups and events at this time due to the need for deep cleaning between bookings and the Council's responsibility for the safety of the cleaning staff.

g) Laura Greenberg reported that a resident had raised a concern about a cherry tree on Village Hall land which is overhanging his property and is potentially hazardous. Cllr. Ian Shaw, as Tree Warden, agreed to inspect the condition of the tree and report back at the next meeting.

3. Next Meeting

The Council confirmed the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Thursday 3rd September 2020 immediately following the Parish Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 6:30 pm.