

MINUTES OF
YARKHILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 11th September 2018

Present: Councillor Jeff Hughes, Councillor Chrissie Dobson, Councillor Ian Carr, Councillor Sarah Daw, Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester and clerk Sallyanne Batchelor.

3 members of the public were present.

1. Apologies received from Councillor Nick Nenadich
2. There were no declarations of interest or written requests for dispensations
3. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held Tuesday 10th July were adopted and signed.

4. **Open Session**

4.1 Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester informed the meeting that following the holiday period of August there were two important Council meetings concerning the new route for the Hereford By-pass. The selection process is very lengthy and takes into consideration the overall cost, the disruption to residents, the ecological impact and the least complicated route. The Red Route has been chosen and details of this and progress can be viewed on the HC website (go to Council Meetings > Cabinet Meetings > 27th July) and all the relevant documents are there. Councillor Jonathan Lester thanked Councillors Jeff Hughes and Tom Misselbrook for attending the recent Parish Council Summit meeting. These meetings are intended to allow better dialogue between Parish Councils and HC. There are 133 Parish Councils with between 5 and 15 Councillors; this represents a huge army of people who are working for the benefit of Herefordshire and their voices need to be, and now will be, heard. It also opens dialogue between Parish Councils and allows them to interact and glean knowledge from each other. HC has received recognition and praise for its work for Syrian refugees.

4.2 Footpath and Pond Officer. The Parish Clerk will include an advert in the Newsletter to encourage someone to volunteer to take on this role. The Parish Clerk advised that she had been told of a possible problem with access to a bridleway alongside "Ivy Cottage". It appears the householder has installed some heavy gate posts and concern had been expressed about accessing the bridleway from a horse. Councillor Ian Carr told the meeting that the householder was aware of the required access and there should be no problem.

4.3 Tree Warden. Through the drought the biggest sufferers have been the horse chestnut and the common ash, both of which have had a disease which exacerbated the situation. It is worth noting that some delivery drivers (fuel etc) can refuse to deliver goods to an address where overhanging trees in the driveway may cause damage to lorries.

4.4 Chairmans Update. Councillor Jeff Hughes told the meeting that the main news since his last update was the overriding endorsement of our Neighbourhood Development Plan by the village following the Referendum on 2nd August. Yarkhill can now look forward to the NDP having the appropriate influence on all future planning decisions across the parish; indeed it has already impacted proposed developments in Newtown and Monkhide which have recently been

refused by Herefordshire Council. There was a further accident on the Stokebridge road on Monday 13th August with a car ending up on its roof in one of the storm ditches resulting in

West Mercia police being called out. This has further endorsed the importance of new safety measures being established on this notoriously dangerous stretch of road between the A4103 and A438. We have now been advised by Jonathan Lester, our Ward Councillor at Herefordshire Council, that works on this route are being programmed following the injection of funding for the purposes of additional road improvements in the county. Councillor Jeff Hughes will keep the parish updated on progress via the newsletter. He also extended thanks to Nick Nenadich for his continued efforts to push through safety enhancements on this busy cut through. He also informed the meeting that fly tipping continues to be an issue for us and some may have noticed the new chain across the entrance to the large field in Watery Lane just off the Stokebridge Road. This field has seen more than its fair share of rubbish dumping and hopefully these precautions will act as a deterrent to illegal fly tippers. He asked that all persons remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity.

4.5 Neighbourhood Plan update. In the absence of Councillor Tom Misselbrook it was decided to postpone the final NDP update until the next meeting.

4.5.1 The results of the NDP Referendum were very pleasing. Votes for the NDP were 115, those against 14. The overall turnout was 50.99%.

4.5.2 It was agreed that the NDP Steering Group be dissolved as its job has been completed. The Steering Group can be recalled at any time in the future should the need arise.

5. With regard to planning matters Councillor Jeff Hughes confirmed that only two applications have been decided since the last meeting – the first being the proposed development at Little Woodmanton; this application was refused by HC as it was too far removed from the settlement boundary as defined in the NDP. The second being land adjacent to Northcroft and this application has also been withdrawn. At this time we are not aware of any further plans for this site. Councillor Ian Carr raised the matter of the ditch to the rear of Northcroft which, at the time of the PC visit was extremely stagnant and foul smelling. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk write to the relevant authority regarding this.

6. Councillor Jeff Hughes told the meeting that all Parish Councils have been asked to provide their views on potholes and the repair of potholes. It was decided to include this in the next Newsletter so that parishioners could pass their comments to the Parish Clerk

7. The Parish Clerk read the Village Hall report as follows: “The village hall committee are trying to work closely with the church now. The fete and produce show was our first jointly run event and was fairly successful. The weather conspired to reduce the amount of produce entered in the show but a good day was still had by all. The final produce sale of the year was last Saturday and very well attended. We are having a maintenance day at the hall on the afternoon of Sunday 16th September and would love some help. There are a number of jobs that need doing, such as hanging pictures, putting together and painting radiator covers, tree stump removal, rubbish removal, a bit of gardening etc. The more people we have the quicker it will be done so if you can come and help we'd be very grateful. We have set a date for the AGM has been set for 25th September at 7.30pm, any support and volunteers for the committee would be appreciated.

8. A Litter Picking date was confirmed for 24th November at 1030am, meeting at the Village Hall. The Parish Clerk to include a “visible” notice in the newsletter to encourage more people to turn out. The last litter pick was very disappointing with only Councillor Tom Misselbrook turning up.

9. It was decided to postpone discussing the Precept to the next PC Meeting.
10. The Parish Clerk confirmed she had received a letter from the bank concerning the new signatories. She will be replying to the letter and the new signatories should be in place shortly.
11. There were no questions from the floor.

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12. Payments made as follows:

12.1	Yarkhill Village Hall	£ 82.00
12.2	PIP Printing (NDP)	£ 36.00
12.3	PIP Printing (NDP)	£104.40
12.4	Martin Ennis	£ 9.78
12.5	Parish Clerk	£316.16
13. Items for the next agenda to be submitted to the Parish Clerk (with a copy to the Chairman) including description why this should be added to said agenda – to be received by Parish Clerk no later than 2 November 2018.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th November 2018