

# MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022

- Present** Cllrs L Stephenson (Chair), L Llewellyn, N Wickens, R Weston, T Robinson, A Curtis & Ward Cllr Pritchard.
- 4925** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs J Thorne, J Hill & I McCord.
- 4926** 2. **COUNCIL MATTERS**
- a) **Declaration of Interest:** Cllr Weston declared an interest in Agenda item 7.3a) & Cllr Curtis declared an interest in Agenda items 8.1 f) & g).
- 4927** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 Agreement as a true record: The Minutes of Meeting held 5.7.22 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 4928** 4. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION:** Opened 7.25pm. Notes attached. Closed 7.43pm.
- 4929** 5. **Community Items:**
- a) It had been noted that the cover where the Christmas tree was located on Elm Green was loose and Cllr Robinson had arranged for this to be dealt with.
- 4930** 6. **New Projects**
- a) Application for grant for mobile defibrillator from South Northants Community Responders. Cllr Stephenson read out a precis of the work carried out by the First Responders and Cllrs considered this a vital addition to the medical provision for the village and surrounding area and were happy to grant £2,000.00 to this project as earmarked reserves. Proposed by Cllr Stephenson and seconded by Cllr Curtis. All in favour.
- 4931** 7. **PLANNING MATTERS**
- 7.1 Applications received: None.
- 7.2 Applications approved: None.
- 7.3 **Other Planning:**
- a) Potterspury Road Solar Farm – No application had been received but it was noted that different fields would form part of the project.
- b) Local Plan Part 2 modifications. Cllr Stephenson and the Clerk would prepare the response to the SPD from the PC. Individual responses were also suggested.
- 4932** 8. **Finance Matters**
- 8.1 **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Clerk's salary July 22= £351.56 (001520).
- b) PAYE Tax = £88.80 (paid by direct debit)
- c) BT Broadband = £34.40 (paid by direct debit)
- d) Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas – July 22 = £50.00 (001521).
- e) DNH Contracts – dog bins July 22 - £64.56 + £12.91 VAT = £77.47 (001522)
- f) Yardley Gobion Village Hall – room hire 2022 - £20.00 (001523)
- g) Yardley Gobion Village Hall – contribution to structural appraisal & report - £600.00 – as above
- h) LC Hedging & Grass Maintenance Ltd – mowing contract – £500.00 + £100.00 = £600.00 (001524)
- i) Northants CALC – Training Course fee - £38.00 + £7.60 VAT = £45.60 (001525)
- j) Yardley Gobion Recreation Centre – contribution to refurbishment of kitchen - £2,500.00 (001526)
- k) Viking – stationery - £35.89 + £10.88 VAT = £46.77 (001527)
- l) Connolly Accountants & Business Advisors Ltd – Payroll processing - £12.75 + £2.55 VAT = £15.30 (paid by direct debit).
- m) Miss L Ratcliffe – contribution to telephone = £28.63 (001528)
- n) WAVE (Anglian Water) Allotment water = £69.80 (paid by direct debit)  
Proposed by Cllr Wickens and seconded by Cllr Weston. (Cllr Curtis took no part in the authorization of payments.)
- 8.2 **PAYMENTS RECEIVED:**
- a) Allotment rent & deposit = £60.00
- b) Scottish Widows interest = 0.56p
- 8.3 **OTHER**
- a) Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £41,027.61 (15.7.22) SW - £2,089.08 (1.7.22).
- b) Goat Field lease – Awaiting completion.
- c) New website update – Data had been transferred to the new site, the new domain name had been approved and Cllr Wickens & the Clerk had been given admin control of the site, which required bringing up to date. Cllr Wickens would publicise the new website and the new email address for the Clerk. Out of date information would be cleared and the old site would be closed next year.
- 4933** 9. **Councillor Reports:**
- a) Street Lighting – A query had been raised concerning replacement lamps for the lighting columns in Eastfield Crescent & Malborough Way. The Clerk had been advised in 2021 that the lamps had been ordered, and she was trying to find out why they had not been fitted.
- b) Village Trees – Reserves would be earmarked to replace trees at the entrance to the village (see above). It was agreed that Cllrs would meet at 6pm on 8<sup>th</sup> August outside The Coffee Pot to walk along the length of the road and discuss the replacement/new trees.
- c) Allotments – The roadside hedge required work and the Clerk was asked to obtain a quote from the mowing contractor who had indicated that he was interested in carrying out this type of work. An email had been received asking for a further water tank at the allotments and the Clerk was asked to request further details from the ploholder, and if they had any suggestions as to who

could carry out the work.

An application for a shed on Plot 11 had been received and after discussion the shed was approved subject to the following: It should be placed at the boundary of the plot closest to the roadside hedge, it should not be placed on a concrete base and have max dimensions 6 x 4 feet.

- d) Village Hall – Cllr Curtis reported that the structural survey recently carried out had found there was significant damage to the Hall. The Committee were trying to find a company to carry out the work, which would prove quite costly. Cllr Curtis again thanked the PC for their grant towards the cost of the survey.
- e) Recreation Centre – Cllr Weston advised that the refurbished kitchen was looking good and it was hoped that business would improve.
- f) Playing fields – Cllr Wickens reported that he had had meetings with Kompan and Sutcliffe Play regarding the possible upgrade/refurbishment of the School Lane play area. He emphasised that this would be at least a 2-year project and he was keen on researching possible sources of funding. Cllr Curtis stressed the importance of compliance with the findings of the ROSPA reports and the Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for dealing with any issues raised by the inspection. Paperwork had been received from the Football Foundation Grant Pitch Maintenance Fund and this would be checked to ensure the role of the PC had not materially altered. An email had been received from YGRC advising that cracks had appeared in the surface of the playing field and asking if the PC would consider contributing to the purchase of soil to fill in the cracks. Cllr Weston had inspected the site and reported that the cracks had been caused by the white lines delineating the football pitches desiccating the soil. Therefore, Councillors were unable to assist and suggested using soil from the bund rather than purchasing topsoil, and advising the football clubs that they should be using a lining method that was not detrimental to the surface of the field. Mrs Schumacher's report indicated that the seat in School Lane play area required attention as it wobbled when it was sat on. Cllr Weston volunteered to deal with this. The report also suggested that the swings needed oiling as they were creaking. The nice weather and school holidays had generated a lot of rubbish – some of which was clearly from the Recreation Centre.
- g) Highways – No concerns raised.
- h) Mowing – Cllr Thorne had emailed some of the points raised by the mowing contractor regarding the crown lifting of trees and dealing with the hedge around School Lane field. More details were required concerning the trees, and it was confirmed that the hedge around School Lane field was the responsibility of the Recreation Centre.

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**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- a) **6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 7.15pm in the Village Hall**

Meeting closed 8.55pm.

**PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

Ward Councillor Pritchard advised that the Appeal for the Land East of Northampton Road had taken place, and a decision was expected shortly.

He mentioned the draft Supplementary Planning Document about the AL employment allocations at Towcester and Furtho Pit in Cosgrove. He said that the SPD seemed to be a reasonable attempt to get more control of these sites. The application for AL2 - Woolgrowers (Services hub site) had been submitted, but AL5 Furtho Pit had not.



