

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 4th October 2022

- Present** Cllrs L Stephenson (Chair), N Wickens, R Weston, T Robinson, A Curtis, J Thorne, J Hill & I McCord & Ward Cllr Pritchard (entered 8.15pm).
- 4945 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr L Llewellyn.
- 4946 2. COUNCIL MATTERS**
- a) Declaration of Interest:** Cllr Weston declared an interest in Agenda items 6.3a) & 7.1j) & Cllr Curtis declared an interest in Agenda item 7.1 f).
- b)** Invitation to CPRE Northamptonshire Town & Country Awards for 2021, 27th October at Northampton Museum and Art Gallery. Interested Cllrs to contact the Clerk.
- 4947 3. Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1** Agreement as a true record: The Minutes of Meeting held 6.9.22 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- PUBLIC OPEN SESSION:** Opened 7.20pm. Notes attached. Closed 7.30pm.
- 4948 4. Community Items:**
- a)** Neighbourhood Watch Engagement Consultation – Cllr Stephenson & the Clerk would respond.
- b)** 89 bus service – unfortunately the service provider had encountered problems with MK Council which appeared unsurmountable, and the service was due to finish at the end of November.
- 4949 5. PLANNING MATTERS**
- 5.1 Applications received:**
- a)** WNS/2022/1741/EIA – Furtho Pits, Old Cosgrove Road. Erection of 9 x employment units comprising circa 69,744 sqm GIA of floorspace within Class B2 or B8 Uses, with ancillary class E (g) (i) offices and E (g) (ii) research and development, together with country park, ground re-profiling in the country park, new vehicular access from the A508 and associated site infrastructure, including lorry parking. The response date had been put back until December, and Cllr McCord indicated that the Ward Cllrs were going to prepare their own response, so it was agreed that their views would be awaited prior to the PC response to the application being formulated.
- 5.2 Applications approved:**
- a)** WNS/2022/0506/FUL & WNS/2022/0507/LBC – 32 Moorend Road. Internal and external alterations, first floor/part two storey side extension, single storey rear extension (garden room) and conversion of stable building into self-contained ancillary accommodation including increasing ridge height. 9 conditions.
- 5.3 Other Planning:**
- a)** Potterspury Road Solar Farm – No application had been received but it was understood that a site visit would be arranged shortly.
- 4950 6. Finance Matters**
- 6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a)** Clerk's salary Sept 22 (£502.39) + backpay from April 22 (£753.91) = £1,256.30 (001537).
- b)** PAYE Tax = £314.20 (paid by direct debit)
- c)** BT Broadband = £34.40 (paid by direct debit)
- d)** Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas – Sept 22 = £50.00 (001538).
- e)** DNH Contracts – dog bins Sept 22 - £80.70 + £16.14 VAT = £96.84 (001539)
- f)** Yardley Gobion Village Hall – room hire 2022 - £20.00 (001540)
- g)** LC Hedging & Grass Maintenance Ltd – mowing contract – £1,000.00 + £200.00 = £1,200.00 (001541)
- h)** Connolly Accountants & Business Advisors Ltd – Payroll processing - £12.75 + £2.55 VAT = £15.30 (paid by direct debit).
- i)** Baroni Martin Engineering – goal post repairs = £55.00 (001542)
- j)** RG & RW Weston – removal of goal posts for repairs = £40.00 (001543)
- k)** Npower Commercial Gas – street lighting 1/1/22 – 30/6/22 - £2,244.51 + £300.99 VAT = £2545.50 (001544)
- l)** E.on – Street lighting maintenance - £134.23 + £26.85 VAT = £161.08 (001545)
- m)** CAPPs MK – allotment pest control contract - £140.00 (001546)
- n)** To approve payment to Acorn (MK) Nurseries Ltd on acceptance of goods and receipt of invoice – 7 x trees & associated ties & stakes - £977.90 + £195.58 VAT = £1,173.48.
Proposed by Cllr McCord and seconded by Cllr Hill. (Cllrs Curtis & Weston took no part in the authorization of payments.)
- 6.2 OTHER**
- a)** Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £35,407.05 (11.8.22) SW - £2,089.08 (1.7.22).
- b)** Goat Field lease – Awaiting completion. Cllr Stephenson had emailed the solicitors to progress this.
- c)** Acknowledgement of grant for First Responder kit.
- 4951 7. 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 had had no success in finding out why they had not been fitted. Cllr Weston was in contact with E.on., however it appeared that PL35's column and lamp had been replaced prior to the meeting. As the original quotation for £3,972.50 was issued in February 2021, a revised quotation was required in order to earmark funds from reserves to complete the village lighting project. A quotation had also been requested from The Zeta Group; a company

recommended by NCALC.

- b) Village Trees – Cllr Wickens advised that the 7 Crataegus trees - Paul's Scarlet – would be delivered during the week beginning 10th October and stored in farm buildings prior to planting. The Cub Scouts would be receiving 30 saplings for planting during November and had asked the PC for suggestions as to where they could be planted. Councillors could not make a decision without knowing the species and asked that the Cub Scout leader attend the next meeting to discuss the matter further.
- c) Allotments – An email had been received asking for a further water tank at the allotments, an estimate of the cost of materials had been provided and the Clerk was asked to request allotment holders if they had any suggestions as to who could carry out the work.
- 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. The long-term future of the Hall is of concern, and the Committee would be investigating options. The idea of Warm Hubs was briefly discussed.
- e) Recreation Centre – Cllr Weston advised that a Community Café would be open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Plans were in hand for the bonfire and fireworks, and the OAP Xmas meal had been arranged.
- f) Playing fields – Cllr Wickens gave details of Kompan's £124,000 top of the range vision for the School Lane play area, and discussed possible sources of funding. The goal posts at the Coffee Pot field had been in a dangerous condition as they moved when touched. They had been removed and repaired.
- g) Highways – Cllr Weston volunteered to tidy up the Hesketh Road sign and repair the Hortonsfield Road sign. PL51 outside Moorgate Farm was almost obscured by foliage, which required cutting back, but this was proving difficult to report.
- h) Mowing – Cllr Thorne advised that the last cuts were due in October, and he had not received any comments. The contractor had suggested 16 cuts during the season rather than 14 as this gave him the opportunity to carry out other work like crowning trees and taking down trees. Cllr Thorne would discuss the idea with the contractor, but Cllrs were in favour.

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- 8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
- a) **1st November 2022 7.15pm in the Village Hall**

Meeting closed 8.45pm.

PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

Mr Weston spoke about the proposed Solar Farm along the Potterspurty Road, and advised that plans would be submitted in the Spring. Solar 2 were still negotiating routes and trying to arrange a site visit.

As Ward Councillor, Cllr McCord mentioned that the Boundary Review was underway and Councillors would be reduced from 93 to 77, with one Member for every 4227 residents. The new highways contract with Keir was now in place. Applications for school places should be made by 15th January for Primary Schools and 31st October for Year 7 pupils. The budget for a new SEND school at Tiffield had been approved by WNC at their meeting on 29th September. WNC had reported a £7.5m overspend for Q1. Q2 finished 30th September and those figures were awaited.

As Ward Councillor, Cllr Pritchard mentioned that the Planning Department was suffering significant problems. He had attended a meeting about the new Integrated Care System, which combined Adult Services, GP Services & Care Services all under the umbrella of Local Area Partnerships.

