

# MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022

- Present** Cllrs L Llewellyn, N Wickens, J Thorne, J Hill, R Weston, T Robinson & I McCord, & resident Ms Bance.
- 4915**      **1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs L Stephenson & A Curtis.  
**As Vice Chairman Cllr Wickens took the Chair for the meeting in the absence of the Chair. Ms Bance took the Minutes.**
- 4916**      **2. COUNCIL MATTERS**
- a) Declaration of Interest:** Cllr Weston declared an interest in Agenda item 6.3).
- 4917**      **3. Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1** Agreement as a true record: The Minutes of Meeting held 7.6.22 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 4918**      **4. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION:** Opened 7.17pm. Notes attached. Closed 7.25pm.
- 4919**      **5. Community Items:**
- a)** Gigaclear – The Community Engagement Manager had advised she would be organising a walk round the village with members of the PC and the Project Delivery Lead. Cllr Wickens suggested the PC do their own walk round on at 6.30pm on 8<sup>th</sup> July and compile their list prior to the walk round suggested by Gigaclear.
- b)** It was noted that the cover where the Christmas tree was located on Elm Green was loose. Cllr Robinson would investigate and report back.
- 4920**      **6. PLANNING MATTERS**  
Cllr McCord took no part in discussions or decisions.
- 6.1 Applications received:**
- a)** WNS/2022/1284/FUL – 21 High Street. Erection of a single storey outbuilding comprising a workshop, garage & car port for domestic use situated to the rear of the property. Councillors had no objections to this application but requested that any concerns raised by neighbours be addressed when the application is determined
- b)** WNS/2022/1238/FUL – 6 Franklin Court. Single storey rear extension. Councillors had no objections to this application but requested that any concerns raised by neighbours be addressed when the application is determined.
- c)** WNS/2022/1199/ADV – The Coffee Pot, 30 High Street. Installation of replacement illuminated & non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building. After discussion Councillors objected as follows "Councillors consider that the proposed signage and illumination is excessive within the village Conservation Area and more suited to a town environment. We also note the proximity of the building to the Grade 2 listed buildings at Manor Farm, and consider that the proposed new exterior paint colour is not sympathetic to the building itself, and furthermore not appropriate in a rural setting. Councillors also request that any concerns raised by neighbours and village residents be addressed when the application is determined. Additionally, it appears that despite this not being a retrospective application, the work applied for has already been carried out."
- d)** WNS/2022/1319/FUL – 12 Hesketh Road. Single storey extension to rear of property comprising of kitchen and breakfast room. Councillors had no objections to this application but requested that any concerns raised by neighbours be addressed when the application is determined.
- 6.2 Applications approved:**
- a)** WNS/2022/0756/TC – Mount Pleasant Farmhouse, Grays Lane. T1 Cedar. Tree has failed in recent storms, leaving 1 limb remaining which is now exposed and over BT Lines/road. Remove tree as soon as possible due to high potential for further damage. No objections.
- 6.3 Other Planning:** Potterspurty Road Solar Farm – No application had been received but it was noted that different fields would form part of the project.
- 4921**      **7. Finance Matters**
- 7.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a)** Clerk's salary June 22= £351.76 (001508).
- b)** PAYE Tax = £87.80 (paid by direct debit)
- c)** BT Broadband = £34.40 (paid by direct debit)
- d)** Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas – June 22 = £50.00 (001509).
- e)** DNH Contracts – dog bins June 22 - £80.70 + £16.14 VAT = £96.84 (001510)
- f)** Yardley Gobion Village Hall – room hire 2022 - £20.00 (001511)
- g)** LC Hedging & Grass Maintenance Ltd – mowing contract – £500.00 + £100.00 = £600.00 (001512)
- h)** E.on – street lighting maintenance - £134.23 + £26.85 VAT = £161.08 (001513)
- i)** Npower Commercial Gas Ltd – Christmas tree power - £1.18 + £.07p VAT = £1.25 (001514)
- j)** Northants CALC – Subscription, Internal Audit service & Data Protection Officer fee - £692.51 + £40.00 VAT = £732.51 (001515)
- k)** Connolly Accountants & Business Advisors Ltd – Payroll processing for May - £12.75 + £2.55 VAT = £15.30
- l)** SNAST Membership - £25.00 (001516)
- m)** Playsafety Ltd – ROSPA inspection fee - £147.00 + £29.40 VAT = £176.40 (001517)
- n)** DJ Hennessy – Installation of concrete and lockable bollards across land off Woodville Crescent - £1,252.00 (001518)
- o)** E.on – Lamp outside 6 Moored Road - £105.00 + £21.00 VAT = £126.00 (001519)  
Proposed by Cllr McCord and seconded by Cllr Hill.
- 7.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED:** Allotment rent & deposit = £60.00

- 7.3 OTHER**
- a) Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £43,868.22 (15.6.22) SW - £2,088.52 (1.4.22).
  - b) Goat Field lease – Awaiting signature.
  - 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.
- 4922 8. New Projects – Councillors discussed the earmarking of reserves in order to comply with the requirements of the Audit.** There was in the region of £14,000 to spend on projects that would benefit the whole community. Approx. £2,000 had been earmarked for replacement May trees and an accurate quotation would be requested nearer to the proposed planting date. Approx. £2,000 had also been earmarked for a mobile defibrillator and details of this were awaited. Other ideas were to fund new play equipment and village signs, but more suggestions were needed.
- 4923 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 would try 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).
  - c) Allotments – After discussions with the contractor, Cllr Thorne advised that only one side path could be mowed; the others required strimming. The paths were now all clear.
  - d) Village Hall – No report
  - e) Recreation Centre – Cllr Weston advised that work had started on the refurbishment of the kitchen. £2,500 had been obtained as a grant from WNC, matching the donation from the PC. A letter of appreciation had been received from the Treasurer.
  - f) Playing fields – After discussion it was decided that Cllr Wickens would make appointments with play area designers for suggestions for new equipment, the cost of which would be earmarked from the reserves. However, the ROSPA report required analysing prior to any purchase of new equipment.
  - g) Highways – WNC has negotiated a new 7 year highways maintenance contract with Keir beginning in September.
  - h) Mowing – Cllr Thorne had asked for the contractor to carry out work on the urban footpaths in the village, which were due to be dealt with 4 times a year, but had been missed twice. Unfortunately, this meant that some paths were very overgrown. Cllr Weston had cleared the path behind Warren Road after reading complaints on social media. It was suggested that the urban footpaths be dealt with more often in next year's contract.
- 4924 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
- a) **2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022 7.15pm in the Village Hall**

Meeting closed 8.21pm.

#### PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

As Ward Councillor, Cllr McCord advised that WNC had now issued a draft Supplementary Planning Document about the AL employment allocations at Towcester and Furtho Pit at the end of the A508. He said that the SPD seemed to be a reasonable attempt to get more control of these sites but questioned why WNC had chosen Swan Valley on the M1 as the reference point for large warehouses at 8000 sq mts and not a smaller one.

Cllr McCord suggested that the PC may wish respond to the consultation requesting no large warehouses on the Furtho Pit site and encouraged all to support this to ensure there was a good response to balance the inevitable developer interest that will be reluctant to have this extra set of hoops to go through.

He advised not to seek an extension of time as the sooner WNC adopts this the better as any planning applications and appeals will be judged against all relevant policy at the time of determination not the time of application.

Cllr McCord agreed to write a draft submission and circulate to the PC and others which may aid the process of responding to the consultation.



