

# MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022

- Present** Cllrs L Stephenson (Chair), N Wickens, R Weston, T Robinson, A Curtis, J Thorne, L Llewellyn & I McCord & Ward Cllr Pritchard.
- 4953 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr J Hill
- 4954 2. COUNCIL MATTERS**
- a) **Declaration of Interest:** Cllr Weston declared an interest in Agenda item 7.4a), Cllr Curtis declared an interest in Agenda item 8.1f), & Cllr Stephenson declared an interest in Agenda item 8.1m).
- b) Invitations to meeting with the Commissioner, Chief Constable and Chief Fire Officer, 7<sup>th</sup> November & NCALC Climate Conference 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Interested Cllrs to contact the Clerk.
- 4955 3. Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1** Agreement as a true record: The Minutes of Meeting held 4.10.22 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 4956 4. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION:** Opened 7.20pm. Notes attached. Closed 7.30pm.
- 4957 5. Community Items:**
- Provision of Warm Hubs for Yardley Gobion village residents. The Coffee Pot had suggested that they could provide a Warm Hub for residents but could now not be relied upon. After discussion it was agreed that the situation be monitored to see if there was a need, and if the weather was severe the Emergency Plan would be invoked and Parish Shelters would be made available for residents.
- 4958 6. New Projects:** Cllr Wickens showed Sutcliffe Play's design for the play area. The cost of this was £84,000. A further quotation from Wicksteed was awaited and then the 3 designs would be discussed further.
- 4959 7. PLANNING MATTERS**
- 7.1 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 January, 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.
- b) WNS/2022/2037/FUL - 1 Grays Lane. Replace 4 no. single glazed uPVC windows & 1 no. single glazed uPVC door with double glazed uPVC units. Replace existing steel & glass lean to roof with natural slate mono pitched roof with the addition of 1 no. roof light. Cllrs had 'no observations.'
- 7.2 Applications approved:**
- a) WNS/2022/0388/FUL – 15 High Street. One detached dwelling. 17 conditions.
- b) WNS/2022/1284/FUL – 21 High Street. Erection of a single storey outbuilding comprising a workshop, garage and car port for domestic use situated to the rear of the property. increasing ridge height. 3 conditions.
- 7.3 Applications refused:**
- a) WNS/2022/1199/ADV – The Coffee Pot, 30 High Street. Installation of replacement illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building.
- 7.4 Other Planning:**
- a) Potterspurpy Road Solar Farm – A site visit to Westmill Solar Park had been suggested by Cadence PR, on 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> November. Cllr Stephenson would liaise with Potterspurpy PC.
- 4960 8. Finance Matters**
- 8.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:** (Cllr McCord took the Chair for this Agenda item)
- a) Clerk's salary Oct 22 £502.45 (001547).
- b) PAYE Tax = £125.60 (paid by direct debit)
- c) BT Broadband = £34.40 (paid by direct debit)
- d) Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas – Oct 22 = £50.00 (001548).
- e) DNH Contracts – dog bins Oct 22 - £64.56 + £12.91 VAT = £77.47 (001549)
- f) Yardley Gobion Village Hall – room hire 2022 - £20.00 (001550)
- g) LC Hedging & Grass Maintenance Ltd – mowing contract – £800.00 + £160.00 = £960.00 (001551)
- h) Npower Commercial Gas – street lighting 1/7/22 – 30/9/22 - £915.14 + £45.76 VAT = £960.90 (001552)
- i) Viking – stationery - £52.75 + £10.88 VAT = £63.63 (001553)
- j) Reids Playground Maintenance Ltd - play area repairs - £750.00 + £150.00 = £900.00 (001554)
- k) Miss L Ratcliffe – contribution to telephone = £23.30 (001555)
- l) WAVE (Anglian Water) – allotment water = £50.34 (Paid by direct debit)
- m) Ms L Stephenson – mileage to NCALC Conference (50miles), Furtho Pit meeting (6 miles) & CPRE Reception (24 miles) – 80 miles at .45p per mile = £36.00 (001556).
- 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 Wickens. (Cllrs Curtis & Stephenson took no part in the authorization of payments.)

## 8.2 Payments received

- a) WNC – 2<sup>nd</sup> half Precept = £12,750.00
- b) Scottish Widows interest = £1.25
- c) Allotment deposit = £40.00

## 8.3 OTHER

- a) Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £37,323.16 (14.10.22) SW - £2,089.08 (1.10.22).
- b) Goat Field lease – Awaiting signature.
- c) Internet Banking – Due to the difficulty of transferring funds from one account to another, and the unreliability of the postal service the Clerk as RFO recommended that the Council begin to use Internet Banking. Cllr Stephenson would authorise payments prepared by the Clerk after they had been approved at a meeting. All in favour.
- d) Advice of price increase for dog bins from DNH Contracts to £2.75 per bin from £2.69. Noted.
- e) Bank reconciliation – 1/7/22 – 30/9/22. This had been checked by Cllr Weston. Noted & approved.
- f) Replacement pads and battery for defibrillator. Cllr Stephenson proposed these be ordered up to a cost of £500.00. Seconded by Cllr Wickens. All in favour.

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## 9. **Councillor Reports:**

- a) Street Lighting – The quotation for £3,972.50 to replace lamps for the lighting columns in Eastfield Crescent & Malborough Way had been confirmed by E.on and Cllr Stephenson proposed this be approved and funds earmarked from reserves to complete this project. Seconded by Cllr Wickens. All in favour.
- b) Village Trees – Cllr Wickens advised that the 7 Crataegus trees - Paul's Scarlet – had been delivered and would be planted on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Cllr Weston & Mr Will Weston would carry out the planting, assisted by Cllr Wickens and any other volunteers.  
The residents of 4 Lime Road had requested the PC take action to deal with the Norway Maple in School Lane playing field that drops leaves onto their property. After discussion, in which Cllr Weston objected to any work being carried out, it was agreed that the Clerk be provided with contact details for arboriculturists, and they be asked for their proposals regarding what action could be taken to deal with the problem, including considering reducing the crown of the tree by 30% or other such recommended reduction, in order not to irreparably damage it.
- c) Allotments – An email had been received asking for a further water tank at the allotments and an estimate of the cost of materials & labour in the sum of approx. £600.00 had been provided. After discussion Councillors considered that spending 75% of the annual allotment rent on this matter was not acceptable, especially as it would only benefit a minority of ploholders. An application for a shed on Plot 19 was approved, but the request to erect a fence across the plot was not.
- d) Village Hall – Cllr Curtis reported that the Committee had approved a contractor to carry out work on the Hall to ensure the survival of the building, because if a new Hall was needed then it would take time to raise the funds. The idea of Warm Hubs had been briefly discussed, but it was felt that the Coffee Pot was a more suitable location.
- e) Recreation Centre – Nothing to report.
- f) Playing fields – Nothing to report.
- g) Highways – Cllr Stephenson & Mr Coleman would check the grit bins and advise accordingly. Cllr Weston mentioned the dip in the road outside the Church and asked that it be reported to the Street Doctor.
- h) Mowing – Nothing to report.
- i) R.O.W. – It had been noted that SH30 bridleway had not been diverted, therefore the terms of planning permission S2020/2079/FUL (Wharf Lane Stables) had been breached. Cllr McCord would take the matter forward with the Enforcement Officers.

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## 10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

Meeting closed 8.53pm.

## PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

As Ward Councillor, Cllr Pritchard mentioned that he had been appointed to the Committee for the new Integrated Care System, which combines Adult Services, GP Services & Care Services all under the umbrella of Local Area Partnerships.  
He also advised that the energy support scheme does not cover oil heating and this had been raised with Dame Andrea Leadsom.

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.  
Proposals would be discussed at the full Council meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.  
There had been an open meeting at Cosgrove to discuss the Furtho Pit – AL5 planning application, which had been well attended, but there was little to report as the closing date had been put back until 13<sup>th</sup> January.  
The Planning Policy Committee had approved the Supplementary Planning Guidance document.





