

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 1st September 2020 via Zoom

- Present** Cllrs Ms L Stephenson (Chair), R Weston, J Hill, Ms L Llewellyn, A Curtis & Messrs Wickens & Thorne (later Cllr) & Mrs Westlake.
- 4699** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr I McCord & Mr S McCarthy (later Cllr).
- 4700** 2. **COUNCIL MATTERS**
- a) **Declaration of Interest:** Cllr Curtis declared an interest in Agenda items 6.1 d). Cllr Llewellyn declared an interest if the Pocket Park was discussed.
- b) **Co-option of new Councillors:**
Messrs Nigel Wickens, John Thorne & Sam McCarthy had indicated their willingness to be co-opted to the Council. Their co-option was proposed by Cllr Hill and seconded by Cllr Curtis. All Cllrs voted in favour. The new Cllrs signed their Acceptance of Office – which would later be witnessed by the Clerk.
Cllr Stephenson welcomed Cllrs Wickens, Thorne & McCarthy to the meeting and thanked them for their demonstration of community spirit.
- 4701** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 Agreement as a true record: The Minutes of Meeting held 4.8.20 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 Matters arising: None.
- 4702** 4. **OPEN FORUM:** Opened 4.07pm.
Cllr Stephenson outlined the background to the Pocket Park for the benefit of the new Councillors and explained that it is part of the church land and its purpose is as a future burial ground. It had been the subject of a 21-year lease between the PCC and the PC which had ended in April. Mrs Westlake indicated that the PCC estimated there was 5 years' worth of space in the current churchyard and they were concerned at the cost involved to bring the PP into a condition suitable for burials, and mentioned the possibility of another site outside the village. Mrs Westlake was asked to set out the situation for the PC so the matter could be more usefully discussed with all the available information.
Closed 4.23pm.
Mrs Westlake leaves 4.23pm.
- 4703** 5. **PLANNING MATTERS**
- 5.1 Applications received:
- a) S/2020/1282/FUL – White Rose Cottage, Potterspurty Lodge. Erection of first floor side extension. Cllrs had 'no objections', but requested that any concerns raised by neighbours be taken into account when determining the application.
- 5.2 Applications granted:
- a) S/2020/1226/FUL – 27 Moored Road. Fell 3 conifers. No objections.
- 4704** 6. **Finance Matters**
- 6.1 **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Clerk's salary August 20 = £388.52 (001261).
- b) Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas – August 20 = £50.00 (0011262).
- c) BT – broadband - £30.50 – (paid by direct debit.)
- d) Yardley Gobion Village Hall – contribution to Covid 19 compliance = £100.00 (001263)
- e) The Ground Care Co – mowing contract - £605.00 + £121.00 VAT = £726.00 (001264)
- f) Gingerprint Ltd - Covid 19 compliance signs for play area = £80.00 + £16.00 VAT = £96.00 (001265)
- g) D Jones – constructing and fitting Covid 19 compliance signs for play area = £50.00 (001266)
Proposed by Cllr Weston and seconded by Cllr Thorne. Authorised by Councillors. Cllr Curtis took no part in the above discussions.
- 6.2 **Payments received**
- a) Scottish Widows interest = 0.05p
- 6.3 **OTHER**
- a) Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £34,740. 58 (13.8.20) SW - £2,088.17 (1.7.20).
- b) Workplace Pension scheme. The Clerk did not wish to be placed in a Workplace Pension scheme.
- 4705** 7. **Councillor Reports:**
- a) **HIGHWAYS** – Mr Dennis Allen had approached the PC with his plans for the planting of bulbs around the village. To be circulated for discussion at the next meeting.
- b) **MOWING** – Cllr Curtis had no comments to make.
- c) **STREET LIGHTING** – Nothing to report.
- d) **VILLAGE TREES** – Further reports about the Chestnut tree in School Lane field were awaited.
- e) **ALLOTMENTS** – Cllr Curtis reported these were being generally well used, and were mostly now in good condition. However, a few were giving cause for concern and the ploholders would be sympathetically contacted to ask if there was a problem. **TC**
- f) **VILLAGE HALL** – The VH was slowly re-opening with slots being booked. Many local groups had indicated their wish to return.
- g) **RECREATION CENTRE** – Cllr Weston advised this was planning to reopen fully in the next weeks. The refurbishment and extension of the storage area should soon be completed. The PC had been asked if they would consider a further contribution to the refuse collection, which would be discussed at the next meeting.
- h) The PC had been approached by Towcester Town Juniors who had asked if they could use the field for matches on Sundays. After a previous meeting and much discussion Cllr Weston

proposed that permission be given for TTJ to use the Coffee Pot field for football on a Sunday throughout the season. Whilst parking was a concern it was felt that this village amenity should be utilized. Seconded by Cllr Wickens. All in favour.

- i) Matters arising from police visit to village 26.8.20. Residents had visited the police surgery and raised issues of speeding and parking around the village. The fastest vehicle had been recorded at 38mph, which was disappointing as the police were in full view and there was traffic around. The Clerk would contact NCC Highways to enquire about the possibility of providing speed bumps and also to ascertain the results of the speed monitoring exercise carried out near the water tower. Community Speedwatch would be publicised to find out if residents would like to register and take part.
- j) PC RESPONSE TO CORONA VIRUS – The village volunteers were generally quiet, but much appreciated and always available and willing to assist if required.

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8. Date of next meeting:

- a) 6th October 2020

Meeting closed 5.10 pm.