

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 4th December 2018

- Present** Cllrs Ms L Stephenson (Chair), Richard Weston, A Curtis, J Hill & I McCord & County Cllr Walker.
- 4501** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs G Phillips & D Novakovic.
- 4502** 2. COUNCIL MATTERS
- a) **Declaration of Interest:** Cllr Curtis declared an interest in Agenda item 7.3 b) & Cllr McCord declared an interest in Agenda item 9 e).
- 4503** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 The Minutes of Meeting held 6.11.18 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 **Matters arising:** None.
- 4504** 4. **Open Forum:** Formally opened 8.02pm.
Comments attached.
Formally closed at 8.25pm.
County Cllr Walker leaves.
- 4505** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 Applications received: None.
- 5.2 Amendments: None.
- 5.3 Applications granted:
- a) S/2018/1973/FUL – Wharf Lane Stables. Permanent siting of the chalet building. 5 conditions.
- 5.4 Applications refused: None.
- 5.5 Applications withdrawn: None.
- 5.6 Outstanding Applications/Other planning.
- 4506** 6. **Finance Matters**
- 6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a) Clerk's salary November 18 = £366.70 (001138).
- b) Clerk's expenses - £6.96 (stamps) (001139).
- c) Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – October 18 = £50.00 (001140).
- d) BT – broadband - £30.50 – (paid by direct debit.)
- e) DNH Contracts – dog bins – November 2018 - £80.70 + £16.14 VAT = £96.84 (001141).
- f) The Ground Care Company – mowing contract - £292.50 + £58.50 VAT = £351.00 (001142).
- g) Viking – stationery - £34.26 + £6.85 VAT = £41.11 (001143).
- h) SLCC Membership - £106.00 (001144).
Proposed by Cllr McCord and seconded by Cllr Curtis. Authorised by all Councillors.
- 6.2 OTHER
- a) Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £25,239.19 (15.11.18) SW - £2,087.82 (1.10.18).
- b) Workplace Pension scheme. The Clerk did not wish to be placed in a Workplace Pension scheme.
- c) Review of PC Grant aid. After discussion Cllr Curtis proposed and Cllr Weston seconded that the Council in accordance with its powers under Section 142 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, was in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and would benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure – a donation of £400.00 to The Old Mail. The other grants were then discussed and following proposals from Cllrs Curtis and Weston, the Council, in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, agreed to incur the following expenditure which, in its opinion, was in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and would benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure – Royal British Legion - £100.00, Willen Hospice - £250.00, Macmillan Cancer Care - £300.00 Warks & Northants Air Ambulance - £400.00, YGRC fireworks - £400.00 & YGRC – over 65's party - £250.00. All in favour. The Council would also be happy to consider any other suitable good causes.
- d) SNC had agreed grant aid in the sum of £695.00 to the youth football team for kit & hire of facilities.
- e) Budget & Precept 2019-2020. The Clerk would prepare figures for discussion at the January PC meeting.
- 4507** 7. Committee Reports:
- 7.1 HIGHWAYS/R.O.W./MOWING/STREET LIGHTING/OVERHANGING VEGETATION
- a) Street Doctor – nothing to report.
- b) 4 village grit bins. Unfortunately despite a meeting with Cllr Stephenson, NCC would not maintain the remaining 4 bins & therefore it was agreed under the S185 Highways Act 1980 (the legal power to own and maintain the bins) and S19 LGA 2000 (the legal power to purchase grit to put in them), that the PC go ahead with Option 2 from TBS so that the bins the PC was now responsible for would be filled regularly.
- c) Potterspurgy Against Litter group – an email had been received advising that it was expected the PC would arrange the litter pick along Moorend Road. Cllrs agreed that this should take place towards the end of February prior to the next cut of the grass verges.
- 7.2 PLAYING-FIELD/VILLAGE TREES
- a) Monthly play area inspection reports. No real problems reported – although there was a lot of rubbish in School Lane field. The lower cradle swing had been raised to the appropriate height.
- b) Coffee Pot field. Nothing further had been heard from the residents concerned and the Clerk was

- asked to contact them regarding their plans to restore the fence line to the original boundary.
- c) Requirement for a village Tree Warden. Information from the PC's insurers indicated that landowners have to have a risk based, planned and managed approach to the risks that trees on their land bring, and that inspections should take place regularly and also take into account trees in higher risk locations, which should identify any problems that may subsequently lead to the tree falling. Cllr Curtis would check with a resident as to whether they felt able to take on the role, otherwise the PC would consider a maintenance contract for the trees on PC land. **TC**
 - d) Litter bins in the School Lane play area. Cllr McCord proposed the PC purchase a Tidy Bear litter bin at a cost of £225.00 + VAT and that Cllr Hill be delegated to install it with a budget of £100.00. Seconded by Cllr Curtis. All in favour.
- 4508**
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS**
 - a) There were currently 2 empty plots and no issues.
 - b) Review of allotment rent for 2019. Cllr McCord proposed that the rent for 2019 remain at £15.00. Seconded by Cllr Stephenson. All in favour – Cllr Curtis abstained.
 - 7.4 POCKET PARK**
 - a) The Park was looking tidy with no evidence of fires.
 - 8. Y G VILLAGE HALL**
 - a) New lights were being fitted and quotes and grants were being sought for a new heating system & refurbishment of the toilets and kitchen. Afternoon Teas and Coffee Mornings continued to be well supported.
 - 8.1 Y G RECREATION CENTRE**
 - a) Cllr Curtis reported that a new steward was required and that 3 new members had joined the Committee.
- 4509**
- 9. COMMUNITY ITEMS**
 - a) Emergency Plan update. Research was being carried out & Cllrs were appreciative of this work.
 - b) Email from resident suggesting new signs for the entrances to the village. Councillors considered this and would be supportive of such an initiative.
 - c) Community transport. Deferred in view of proposed new bus service commencing 7th January 2019.
 - d) New Bus Service. This would commence on January 7th and run from Towcester to Milton Keynes and back, serving YG approximately every 90 minutes from 6.45am to 6.43pm. See Open Forum below.
 - e) SNC – Consultation - New Homes Bonus – closing 10th December.
- 4510**
- 10. Date of next meeting:**
 - a) 8th January 2019 – 8pm at Chestnut Road Chapel – preceded by Annual Allotment Holder's meeting.

Meeting closed 9.30 pm.

Open Forum

County Cllr Walker gave the background to the loss of the Stagecoach bus service but confirmed a new service would be run by Britannia on a one year contract which would commence in January accepting bus passes and school passes. Cllr Hill commented on the unsuccessful reorganisation of the Old Stratford roundabout citing a lost opportunity for improvement. Cllr Walker was disappointed with the outcome.

As District Cllr, Cllr McCord advised that local government reform was dominating proceedings and work to divide SNC & Cherwell was continuing. They were working through the budget. Next year's proposed elections had been postponed until 2020 and a consultation re Unitary Authorities was underway.

Unapproved