

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 6th February 2018

- Present** Cllrs Mrs L Wolstenholme (Chair), A Curtis, J Hill, G Phillips, Richard Weston & D Novakovic.
- 4402** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** County Cllr Walker & District Cllr McCord.
- 4403** 2. COUNCIL MATTERS
- a) **Declaration of Interest:** None.
- 4404** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 The Minutes of Meeting held 9.1.18 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 Matters Arising: Boundary dispute – The Clerk was awaiting further approaches from Enterprise Inns, but had received an email from the resident concerned asking whether they should deal with the PC or Enterprise Inns directly to resolve the matter, and had responded accordingly.
- 4405** 4. **Open Forum:** Formally opened at 8.06pm.
Formally closed at 8.08pm.
- 4406** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 Applications received: None.
- 5.2 Amendments: None.
- 5.3 Applications granted: None.
- 5.4 Applications refused: None.
- 5.5 Applications withdrawn:
- a) S/2017/2936/FUL – Badgers Farm, Northampton Road, Cosgrove. Change of use of land from agricultural grazing to green burial site. (Cosgrove parish).
- 5.6 Outstanding Applications/Other planning. None.
- 4407** 6. **Finance Matters**
- 6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a) Clerk’s salary Jan 18 = £355.14 (001055).
- b) Clerk’s expenses Jan 18 (stamps) = £6.72 (001056).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying Jan 18 = £80.70 + £16.14 VAT = £96.84 (001057).
- d) Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – Jan 18 = £50.00 (001058).
- e) BT – broadband - £27.63 – (paid by direct debit.)
- f) CAPPs MK – pest control agreement - £240.00(001059).
- g) Anglian Water – allotment water supply = £40.96 (paid by direct debit).
- h) Miss L Ratcliffe – contribution to telephone = £29.52 (001060).
- i) Pawle & Co Ltd – locking cabinet for defibrillator - £335.00 + £67.00 VAT = £402.00 (001061).
Proposed by Cllr Novakovic and seconded by Cllr Hill. Authorised by all Councillors.
- 6.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED:
- a) Allotment rent = £465.00.
- b) NCC – mowing agency = £484.29.
- c) YGRC – mowing agency = £450.00.
- d) Scottish Widows interest = .05p.
- e) YGVH – mowing agency = £200.00.
- 6.3 OTHER
- a) Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £23,439.90 (15.1.18) SW - £2,087.67 (1.1.18).
- b) Workplace Pension scheme. The Clerk did not wish to be placed in a Workplace Pension scheme.
- c) Review of Standing Orders. They were reviewed together with the Direct Debits in favour of BT Broadband and Anglian Water. Cllr Wolstenholme proposed that they be reviewed and adopted. Seconded by Cllr Phillips. All in favour.
- d) Review of Emergency Plan. Cllr Phillips volunteered to review this and report his findings back to the next PC meeting for discussion. GP
- e) Review of Risk Assessment. To be circulated to all Cllrs.
- f) Review of appointment of internal auditor. The Council considers that the allocated auditor is competent and independent and Cllr Wolstenholme proposed they be appointed for the year ending 31st March 2018. Seconded by Cllr Curtis. All in favour.
- g) Review of Financial Regulations. To be circulated to all Cllrs.
- h) Review of level of PC’s fidelity guarantee insurance cover - £250,000 as standard. Noted and approved.
- i) Review of Code of Conduct. To be circulated to all Cllrs.
- 4408** 7. Committee Reports:
- 7.1 HIGHWAYS/R.O.W./MOWING/STREET LIGHTING
- a) Street Doctor – Nothing noted.
- b) Mowing Contract 2018 – Cllr Curtis advised that 3 tenders were received (from The Groundcare Company, N J Blackwell Garden Services & L C Hedging and Grass Maintenance). He had carefully checked the figures provided and confirmed that N J Blackwell had submitted the most expensive tender and L C Hedging had submitted a tender £500.00 more than that of The Groundcare Company. He asked if Cllrs were happy with the work previously carried out by The Groundcare Company and confirmed he would be emphasizing the full details of the work to be carried out by the newly appointed mowing contractor, including the requirement to remove all grass cuttings from metalled surfaces and to provide more detailed invoices. He then proposed that The Groundcare Company be appointed as YG’s mowing contractors for the 2018 season.

- Seconded by Cllr Weston. All in favour. TC
- c) A tree had fallen and completely blocked the footpath behind Warren Road. Mr Dallas Jones had quoted £50.00 to cut down and remove the tree and in view of the hazard posed by the tree Cllr Curtis proposed that Mr Jones be asked to deal with the tree at the earliest opportunity. Seconded by Cllr Weston. All in favour.
- 7.2 PLAYING-FIELD/VILLAGE TREES**
- a) Monthly play area inspection reports. No problems reported – although there was a lot of rubbish in both playing fields and there was evidence of mole activity in the Coffee Pot field. Mr Fricker had indicated that his charge for dealing with the moles for the next year would cost £622.80 + VAT. CAPPs MK had quoted £30.00 per visit per site, and in view of the continued mole activity and the absence of requested regular information from Mr Fricker, Cllr Wolstenholme proposed that CAPPs MK be asked to deal with the mole problem in the playing fields and Pocket Park. Seconded by Cllr Curtis. All in favour.
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS (TC)**
- a) There were now 4 vacant allotments. Cllr Curtis advised that Rob from CAPPs MK, the Pest Controller, had made his first visit to deal with the mouse problem. One allotment holder had requested to be omitted from the procedure and his wishes were respected. There was also evidence of rat activity along the roadside hedge.
- 7.4 POCKET PARK (JH)**
- a) There were still small amounts of rubbish left in the Park but apart from that it was looking fine, with no problems reported.
- 4409 8. Y G VILLAGE HALL**
- a) The Committee were looking at connecting gas to the VH and were considering quotations for this work.
- 8.1 Y G RECREATION CENTRE**
- a) Cllr Weston advised that the last RC meeting was the same night as the PC meeting, but that he would be attending the next meeting on 13th February. RW
- 4410 9. COMMUNITY ITEMS**
- a) Update on village defibrillator provision. The training for residents who were interested in learning how to use the defibrillator took place on 25th January. About 25 residents attended and all agreed that it was a very worthwhile and informative session. The cabinet for the second defibrillator had arrived and the defibrillator itself was awaited.
- b) Yardley Gobion Wellington Crash memorial plaque. An email had been received by the Clerk which advised that a relative of one of those commemorated wished to sponsor a replacement plaque in time for Remembrance Day 2018 as some of the names of the crew were spelt incorrectly. Cllrs were awaiting a report concerning the condition of the memorial prior to making any decisions regarding the request.
- c) Provision of library in village. The VH Committee were considering the use of the room on the stage at the Village Hall as a book exchange, and access would be during the regular coffee mornings and afternoon teas. Ongoing.
- d) Email from a resident concerned about litter, dog mess and inconsiderate parking in the village. The PC were investigating with SNC what could be done about the litter in the School Lane/Hesketh Road area of the village. Dog mess could be reported via the SNC website – it was not necessary to know the identity of the person in charge of the offending dog. The police and Highways were both aware of inconsiderate parking in the village.
- e) Request via Facebook for PC to consider providing further dog bins in the village. Ongoing.
- f) Meeting with Police & Crime Commissioner 29th March 6pm at Wootton Hall. Noted.
- 4411 10. Date of next meeting:**
- a) 6th March 2018 – 8pm at the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.20 pm.

Open Forum

District Cllr McCord's report was read out by Cllr Wolstenholme as follows 'The management restructure for SNC / CDC is nearing completion now. Most of the posts are either filled or have been offered to candidates. There are a couple of interviews yet to do which were postponed for a variety of reasons.

SNC budget has been provisionally set and will see a 3% rise in the council tax to £185.78. The Council will meet Wed 28 Feb for the council tax setting bringing together the various parts of the bill. At present from the information available the bills for a Band D property will be :-

Body	2017/18	Increase	Amount
NCC	£ 1,111.87	2.98%	£ 33.13
NCC Adult Social Care	£ 54.72	3%	£ 56.36

PCC	£ 209.04	6%	£ 12.00
SNC	£ 180.37	3%	£ 5.41

Total	£ 1,556.00	7%	£ 106.91
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The situation at NCC is dire and concerning. It is a great concern to me that the districts may be called on by residents to try to pick up some of the slack if NCC cannot fulfil its duties. For now we continue as we are but we are watching and monitoring the situation closely. SNC managed to rank 8th in the country for its recycling performance at 61%. My thanks go to all the residents who make this happen as the council just provide the bins.

Unapproved