

# MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019

- Present** Cllrs Ms L Stephenson (Chair), A Curtis, G Phillips, D Novakovic & J Hill.
- 4521 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Weston
- 4522 2. COUNCIL MATTERS**
- a) Declaration of Interest:** Cllr Curtis declared an interest in Agenda item 6.1 j)
- 4523 3. Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1** The Minutes of Meeting held 8.1.19 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 Matters arising:** None.
- 4524 4. Open Forum:** Formally opened 8.04pm.  
Formally closed at 8.05pm.
- 4525 5. Planning:**
- 5.1** Applications received:
- a)** S/2019/0141/FUL – 19 Warren Road. Proposed annexe. Councillors objected as follows "Councillors would like further clarification as to the proposed use of the building, as from the dimensions it appears that this could be a separate dwelling. Councillors are concerned that, if approved, this could set a precedent for back garden development."
- b)** S/2019/0152/FUL – Badgers Farm, Cosgrove. Change of use from agricultural grazing land to green burial meadow. Councillors responded as follows "Yardley Gobion Parish Council supports this application providing Highways Agencies are satisfied that the necessary safety requirements with regards to traffic are met."
- 5.2** Amendments: None.
- 5.3** Applications granted: None.
- 5.4** Applications refused: None.
- 5.5** Applications withdrawn: None.
- 5.6** Outstanding Applications/Other planning. None.
- 4526 6. Finance Matters**
- 6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a)** Clerk's salary January 19 = £366.70 (001160).
- b)** Clerk's expenses (stamps) = £5.80 (001161).
- c)** Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – January 19 = £50.00 (001162).
- d)** BT – broadband - £30.50 – (paid by direct debit.)
- e)** DNH Contracts – dog bins – January 19 - £80.70 + £16.14 VAT = £96.84 (001163).
- f)** ESP – stickers for grit bins = £12.00 (001164).
- g)** Glasdon UK Ltd – Tidybear litter bin - £221.53 + £44.31 VAT = £265.84 (001165).
- h)** E.on – street lighting - £358.06 + £71.61 VAT = £429.67 (001166).
- i)** Wave – allotment water supply = £41.88 - (paid by direct debit.)
- j)** Yardley Gobion Village Hall – hire of hall 2018 - £139.50 (001167).
- k)** Miss L Ratcliffe – contribution to telephone = £24.33 (001168).
- l)** Yardley Gobion United Reformed Church – use of chapel - £15.00 (001169).  
Proposed by Cllr Phillips and seconded by Cllr Novakovic. Authorised by all Councillors.
- 6.2 Payments Received**
- a)** Allotment rent = £490.00.
- b)** Scottish Widows interest = 0.5p
- 6.3 OTHER**
- a)** Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £23,882.52 (15.1.19) SW - £2,087.87 (1.1.19).
- b)** Workplace Pension scheme. The Clerk did not wish to be placed in a Workplace Pension scheme.
- c)** Standing Orders. The Clerk had modified the 2018 Standing Orders to incorporate the advised amendments and sent them to Cllrs prior to this meeting. They were reviewed together with the Direct Debits in favour of BT Broadband, ICO and (Wave) Anglian Water. Cllr Curtis proposed that they be reviewed and adopted. Seconded by Cllr Phillips. All in favour.
- d)** Bank reconciliation 1/10/18 – 31/12/18. This had been checked by Cllr Weston. Noted & approved.
- e)** Acknowledgement from YGRC for donations to Firework display & Over 65's party.
- f)** Acknowledgements for donations from Willen Hospice, Royal British Legion, Warks & Northants Air Ambulance, The Old Mail & Macmillan Cancer Care.
- g)** Review of Risk Assessment. Following advice from Zurich (the PC's insurance company) it was suggested that the requirement for regular inspections of trees on PC land be added to the Risk Assessment. Cllr Stephenson proposed that the Risk Assessment plus the above addition be adopted. Seconded by Cllr Curtis. All in favour.
- h)** Review of appointment of internal auditor. The Council considers that the allocated auditor is competent and independent and Cllr Stephenson proposed they be appointed for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Seconded by Cllr Curtis. All in favour.
- i)** Review of Financial Regulations. Cllr Stephenson proposed that they be adopted with no changes. Seconded by Cllr Curtis. All in favour.
- j)** Review of level of PC's fidelity guarantee insurance cover - £250,000 as standard. Noted and approved.
- k)** Review of Code of Conduct. Cllr Stephenson proposed that it be adopted with no changes. Seconded by Cllr Phillips. All in favour.

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**7. Committee Reports:**

**7.1 HIGHWAYS/R.O.W./MOWING/STREET LIGHTING/OVERHANGING VEGETATION**

- a) Street Doctor – some of the potholes outside the Chapel in Chestnut Road had been repaired.
- b) Franklin Court lighting column. A lighting column in Franklin Court had been damaged and quotations had been received to repair or remove it. In view of the comments made by Franklin Court residents and the cost involved in replacing the column Cllr Phillips proposed that it be removed. Seconded by Cllr Novakovic. The lamp itself would be retained for use on another column elsewhere in the village.
- c) Cllr Novakovic was awaiting quotations for replacing more of the street lights. **DN**
- d) Mowing – Cllr Curtis would be advising the mowing contractor where bulbs had been planted round the village prior to the start of regular village mowing. **TC**

**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. Cllr Hill had lubricated the gate mechanism and it was now closing properly.
- b) Coffee Pot field – boundary dispute. Prior to this meeting Cllr Phillips had received an email advising that the residents concerned were unfortunately unable to attend the meeting; but that they had sent previous emails, which, if they had not been received would be resent.

**7.3 ALLOTMENTS**

- a) Cllr Curtis reported that he had spoken with the people concerned about the manure and it would continue to be left at the lower end of the field as long as conditions allowed. The result of the ‘mouse ballot’ was that the majority of allotment holders agreed to the use of bait boxes to deal with the mouse problem and Cllr Curtis proposed that Capps UK be asked to deal with the mouse problem over 3 visits at a maximum cost of £200.00 + VAT. Seconded by Cllr Phillips. All in favour. As noted previously, the hedge required trimming and he proposed that a maximum of £200.00 + VAT be spent on this. Seconded by Cllr Phillips. All in favour. **TC**

**7.4 POCKET PARK**

- a) The Park was nice & tidy & looking good. Mr Westlake was thanked for dealing with a couple of trees.

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**8. Y G VILLAGE HALL**

- a) The gas meter would be installed in the next couple of weeks and then quotes and grants would be 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** – Cllr Novakovic had spoken to a representative from the RC Committee who advised they were planning a May Day parade through the village from the Coffee Pot to the Recreation Centre – but he had no further details. Cllrs reacted positively to this idea and awaited more information. The new steward had taken up their role and already there was more advertising apparent.

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**9. COMMUNITY ITEMS**

- a) New bus service. Thanks were due to Tina Adey & John Parker who had cleaned the two timetable holders at the bus stops and inserted the new timetables. Also timetables had been published in The Old Mail, some printed and left at the shop, and others distributed to members of the Chestnut Club.
- b) Village sign. Cllrs were appreciative of the work carried out by a resident who had suggested a new sign at the High Street entrance to the village, however, whilst they supported the initiative, they were unable as a Council to progress the matter further, and it would have to be community led.
- c) Litter Pick – Cllr Weston and Miss Rosemary Weston had agreed to arrange this in conjunction with the Potterspurty Against Litter group. **RW**
- d) NCC – Consultation – Libraries – closing 6/2/19. Cllr Phillips had publicised.

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**10. Date of next meeting:**

- a) 5th March 2019 – 8pm at the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.05 pm.

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