

# MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020

- Present** Cllrs Ms L Stephenson (Chair), R Weston, J Hill, Ms L Llewellyn, D Novakovic & I McCord & residents Mr Vincent, Mrs Sharp, Ms Bullen, Mr Tite & Ms Kershaw.
- 4640** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs G Phillips & A Curtis.
- 4641** 2. **COUNCIL MATTERS**
- a) **Declaration of Interest:** None.
- 4642** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 The Minutes of Meeting held 7.1.20 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 Matters arising: None.
- 4643** 4. **OPEN FORUM:** Notes attached. Opened 8.02pm. Closed 8.22pm. Mr Tite leaves.
- 4644** 5. **PLANNING MATTERS**
- 5.1 Applications received:
- a) S/2020/0003/FUL – Land east of 1 Hortonsfield Road. Attached dwelling & associated works. After discussion Cllr Stephenson proposed that the Council respond as follows ‘We have no objections to the principal of development on this site, but have serious concerns about the effect this would have on the current access and parking arrangements along a narrow unadopted road with no off street parking or turning area, and would request that Highways undertake a site visit. Additionally Councillors would request that any objections raised by neighbours are taken into account when determining the application.’ Seconded by Cllr Hill. Cllr McCord abstained – all others in favour.  
Mr Vincent, Mrs Sharp, Ms Bullen & Ms Kershaw leave 8.35pm.
- b) S/2020/0045/FUL – The Old Barn, 58 Moorend Road. Proposed single storey rear extension. Cllrs had ‘no objections’.
- 5.2 Amendments: None.
- 5.3 Applications granted:
- a) S/2019/2266/FUL – 8 Brownsfield Road. Single storey rear extension & first floor side extension. 3 conditions.
- b) S/2019/2332/FUL – 5/6 Mount Pleasant. Single & first floor rear extensions, to split property back into 2 dwellings. 8 conditions.
- c) S/2019/2334/FUL – 95 Hesketh Road. Single storey front extension and high level windows to ground and first floor to side elevation. 4 conditions.
- 5.4 Applications refused: None.
- 5.5 Applications withdrawn: None.
- 5.6 Outstanding applications/Other planning: None.
- 4645** 6. **Finance Matters**
- 6.1 **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Clerk’s salary Jan 20 = £391.12 (001260).
- b) Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – Jan 20 = £50.00 (001321).
- c) BT – broadband - £30.50 – (paid by direct debit.)
- d) DNH Contracts – dog bins Jan = £80.70 + £16.14 VAT = £96.84 (001322).
- e) E.on – street lighting maintenance - £766.82 + £153.36 VAT = £920.18 (001323).
- f) WAVE Anglian water – allotment water supply = £60.21 (paid by direct debit.)
- g) Yardley Gobion Village Hall – hire of Hall 2019 = £135.00 (001324).
- h) Miss L Ratcliffe – contribution to telephone = £23.67 (001325).  
Proposed by Cllr Novakovic and seconded by Cllr Weston. Authorised by all Councillors.
- 6.2 **OTHER**
- a) Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £34,741.33 (15.1.20) SW - £2,088.07 (1.1.20).
- b) Workplace Pension scheme. The Clerk did not wish to be placed in a Workplace Pension scheme.
- c) Bank reconciliations 1/7/19 – 30/9/19 & 1/10/19 – 31/12/19. Cllr Weston had checked these.  
Noted and approved.
- d) Acknowledgements for donations from Warks & Northants Air Ambulance, Macmillan Cancer Care, Willen Hospice & The Old Mail.
- e) Review of Risk Assessment. The Clerk was asked to circulate the document for review.
- f) 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 2020. Seconded by Cllr Weston. All in favour.
- g) Review of level of PC’s fidelity guarantee insurance cover - £250,000 as standard. Noted and approved.
- h) Review of Code of Conduct. Cllr Stephenson proposed that it be adopted with no changes. Seconded by Cllr Llewellyn. All in favour.
- i) Review of Standing Orders. Cllr McCord asked for the document to be circulated for review.
- 4646** 7. **Committee Reports:**
- 7.1 **HIGHWAYS/R.O.W./MOWING/STREET LIGHTING/OVERHANGING VEGETATION**
- a) The ditch near The Poplar in Moorend Road required clearing and had now been reported twice as it was getting worse, with no apparent action apart from a flood warning sign!
- b) Cllr Stephenson had reported a pothole at the junction of Yardley Rd & High Street reference 1897548 - Works order already raised and 6 months for completion advised.
- c) The Clerk had reported a pothole on Chestnut Road between the Chapel and the Village Hall.
- 7.2 **PLAYING-FIELD/VILLAGE TREES**

- a) Monthly play area inspection reports. Nothing of any note on the sites. Litter bins were being well used.
- b) Coffee Pot field – The lease was now in place. The Clerk had asked Will Keeves to cut the hedge when appropriate. Nothing further had been heard from the residents of Chestnut Road and the Clerk was asked to contact them for an update.
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS**
  - a) No problems reported, although the site was very muddy. There were no empty plots.
  - b) The post supporting the gate is damaged and requires replacing. It is also difficult to shut the gate and a ramp is needed. Cllr Stephenson had obtained a quotation of £260.00 for the work and proposed that this be accepted. Seconded by Cllr Novakovic. All in favour.
- 7.4 POCKET PARK**
  - a) The Park was looking nice and clean and in good order. It was being well used by dog walkers.
- 4647 8. Y G VILLAGE HALL**
  - a) Afternoon Teas and Coffee Mornings continued to be well supported.
- 8.1 Y G RECREATION CENTRE**
  - a) Cllr Weston reported that refurbishment work was progressing slowly, new doors had been fitted, new lighting installed and the building would shortly be decorated.
- 4648 9. COMMUNITY MATTERS**
  - a) To consider the need to promote candidacy at the forthcoming elections 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Cllr Phillips would be asked to publicise the current 3 vacancies and invite residents to attend meetings, prior to thinking about next year's election. **GP**
  - b) Noticeboard by old Post Office. Rain had damaged the backing material in the noticeboard. Cllr Curtis had put on a trial surface to replace the backing, which was proving successful. **TC**
  - c) Consultation - Milton Keynes strategy for 2050. Cllr Phillips had placed this on the PC Facebook page.
  - d) Modification proposals to the made Castlethorpe Neighbourhood Plan. To be circulated. Interested parties could comment on the website as indicated.
- 4649 10. Date of next meeting:**
  - a) 3rd March 2020 – 8pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.25 pm.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

Ms Kershaw spoke of her objections to the planning application for 1 Hortonsfield Road above. She mentioned that she considered it inappropriate within the street scene and expressed her grave concerns about the access and parking along Chestnut Road. Mr Tite also expressed his concern with traffic and congestion issues and advised that on more than one occasion an ambulance had been unable to attend a property in the road. Ms Bullen supported the previous comments and also mentioned that as there was no turning area vehicles had to reverse out onto the dangerous corner by the Village Hall. Mr Vincent supported the comments made by his neighbours.

Mrs Sharp was concerned about Facebook posts indicating that the previous Highcroft Manor care home would be opening as a drug & alcohol rehabilitation centre. Cllr McCord advised that in planning terms a change of use was not required, although it was necessary that the centre be registered with a regulatory body, which he was investigating. He had also requested a meeting with the new Manager who had posted on Facebook.

