

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 9th January 2018

- Present** Cllrs Mrs L Wolstenholme (Chair), A Curtis, J Hill, G Phillips, Richard Weston & D Novakovic.
Cllr Wolstenholme wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed them to the meeting.
- 4392** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** County Cllr Walker.
- 4393** 2. COUNCIL MATTERS
- a) **Declaration of Interest:** None.
- 4394** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 The Minutes of Meeting held 5.12.17 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.
- 4395** 4. **Open Forum:** Formally opened at 8.04pm.
Formally closed at 8.05pm.
- 4396** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 Applications received:
- a) S/2017/2936/FUL – Badgers Farm, Northampton Road, Cosgrove. Change of use of land from agricultural grazing to green burial site. (Cosgrove parish). Cllrs supported 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:
- a) S/2017/2668/FUL – Annexe, 3 Grafton Road. Part garage conversion to create ancillary dwelling. 4 conditions.
- b) S/2017/2674/FUL – The Poplars, 4 Chestnut Road. Replacement single storey side extension, single storey rear extension, re-roof existing garage, replace some ground floor windows inn front & side (south) elevations, new window in ground floor rear elevation, replacement flat roof at rear. 5 conditions.
- c) S/2017/2548/FUL & S/2017/2549/LBC – 1 Chestnut Road. Two storey rear extension, repair & repaint windows on front elevation, partial demolition of outbuilding & internal works. 9 conditions.
- 5.4 Applications refused: None.
- 5.5 Applications withdrawn: None.
- 5.6 Outstanding Applications/Other planning. None.
- 4397** 6. **Finance Matters**
- 6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a) Clerk's salary Dec 17 = £355.14 (001039).
- b) HMRC – PAYE Tax = £128.20 (001040).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying Dec 17 = £64.56 + £12.91 VAT = £77.47 (001041).
- d) Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – Dec 17 = £50.00 (001042).
- e) BT – broadband - £25.00 – (paid by direct debit.)
- f) Viking – stationery - £32.36 + £6.47 VAT = £38.83 (001043).
- g) Keeves Contracting – cutting of Coffee Pot field hedge - £152.00 + £30.40 VAT = £182.40 (001044).
- h) E.on – street lighting maintenance Sept quarter - £126.98 + £25.40 VAT = £152.38 (001045).
- i) E.on – street lighting maintenance Dec quarter - £126.98 + £25.40 VAT = £152.38 (001046).
- j) Enterprise Inns – Coffee Pot field rent - £10.00 + £2.00 VAT = £12.00 (001047).
- k) E.on – replace photocell PL 86 Franklin Court - £23.47 + £4.69 VAT = £28.16 (001048).
- l) E.on – street lighting Dec quarter - £754.40 + £150.88 VAT = £905.28 (001049).
- m) The Old Mail - £400.00 (001050).
- n) Royal British Legion - £100.00 (001051).
- o) Willen Hospice - £250.00 (001052).
- p) Macmillan Cancer Support - £300.00 (001053).
- q) Warks & Northants Air Ambulance - £400.00 (001054).
- Proposed by Cllr Wolstenholme and seconded by Cllr Phillips. Authorised by all Councillors.
- 6.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED:
- a) Field rent = £120.00.
- b) E.on refund = £1,408.14.
- 6.3 OTHER
- a) Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £21,752.05 (15.12.17) SW - £2,087.62 (1.10.17).
- b) Workplace Pension scheme. The Clerk did not wish to be placed in a Workplace Pension scheme.
- c) Budget & Precept 2017-2018. The Clerk had prepared a spreadsheet showing the breakdown of costs for the current year and suggestions for the budget and precept had been circulated to all Cllrs. These were discussed in full and Cllr Wolstenholme proposed that the budget be approved as follows: Salaries £5,000.00, Admin £1,000.00, Street Lighting £6,500.00, Mowing £5,000.00, Playing fields £1,500.00, Section 137 £2,000.00, Other £4,500.00 – a total of £25,500.00. Seconded by Cllr Weston. All in favour.

- 4398
- d) Cllr Wolstenholme then proposed a precept of £25,500.00 for the Parish Council, the same as last year. Seconded by Cllr Weston. All in favour.
 - 7. Committee Reports:
 - 7.1 HIGHWAYS/R.O.W./MOWING/STREET LIGHTING
 - a) Overhanging vegetation. None noted.
 - b) Street Doctor – Nothing noted.
 - c) Mowing Contract 2018 – Cllr Curtis advised that 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. The Clerk would send out the tender forms to The Groundcare Company, N J Blackwell Garden Services, L C Hedging and Grass Maintenance & Sage Garden Services.
 - d) Cllr Novakovic confirmed that the order had been placed for the next phase of the lighting replacement, but that there was a 10/12 week backlog. He would start planning for the next phase. DN
 - 7.2 PLAYING-FIELD/VILLAGE TREES
 - a) Monthly play area inspection reports. No problems reported – although there was a lot of rubbish in School Lane field and the ground was quite muddy in places.
 - 7.3 ALLOTMENTS (TC)
 - a) There were now 3 vacant allotments, with one resident expressing interest in taking an allotment. Cllr Curtis advised that he had spoken with a Pest Controller who had proposed a different method of dealing with the mouse problem, which entailed the provision of all equipment and 4 inspections a year at regular intervals at a cost of £240.00. Cllr Weston proposed this quotation be accepted. Seconded by Cllr Hill. All in favour. TC
 - b) The allotment holder's meeting had just taken place and few issues apart from the mouse problem and the strimming and condition of the track had been mentioned.
 - 7.4 POCKET PARK (JH)
 - a) Cllr Hill had removed a bag of rubbish from the Park but apart from that it was looking fine, with no problems reported although there was still a small amount of rubbish being left.
- 4399
- 8. Y G VILLAGE HALL
 - a) The Committee were looking at replacing the heating system.
 - 8.1 Y G RECREATION CENTRE
 - a) Cllr Weston advised that the problem of litter in the area around the shop/School Lane & the Recreation Centre was mentioned at the recent Committee meeting. The Clerk had written to the owners of the shop in 2016 advising them of their responsibilities regarding waste generated from products they sold and was asked to write to them again as it appeared that no action had been taken.
- 4400
- 9. COMMUNITY ITEMS
 - a) Update on village defibrillator provision. Training for any residents who were interested would take place on 25th January 7.00pm at the Village Hall. The second defibrillator and cabinet had been ordered and would be placed on the wall at the Children's Centre.
 - b) Closure of Potterspurty Road from 3rd January – 2nd February to replace water main. Residents were now well aware of this.
 - c) 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. The Clerk had emailed the PC's thoughts and concerns after the last meeting and had received a reply advising that the spelling of the crew's names had been taken from their Canadian military service records. The relatives were also aware of the concerns regarding the age of the memorial and the possibility it may require repair / upgrade to accommodate the requirements of the War Memorial Commission, and would be discussing this with their MP to seek some assistance, if required, in funding this portion of the renewal.
 - d) Northamptonshire Libraries and Information Service Review 2017 Consultation – closing 13th January 2018. This had been publicised so that interested residents could respond.
 - e) Provision of library in village. It was suggested that a phone box could be used as a 'book exchange' as in other villages. The room on the stage at the Village Hall was also suggested – but access would be limited to occasions when the VH was in use. Ongoing.
 - f) SNC – Consultation on Parking: Standards & Design. This had been publicised so that interested residents could respond.
 - g) Closure of A508 12th January from 8pm – 6am. Noted.
- 4401
- 10. **Date of next meeting:**
 - a) 6th February 2018 – 8pm at the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.20 pm.

Open Forum

County Cllr Walker advised by email 'I am still actively pursuing the 90 bus service issue

Unapproved