

## MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019

- Present** Cllrs Ms L Stephenson (Chair), Richard Weston, A Curtis, G Phillips, D Novakovic & J Hill.  
Cllr Stephenson wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- 4511** 1. **Apologies for Absence: None.**
- 4512** 2. COUNCIL MATTERS
- a) **Declaration of Interest:** Cllr Hill declared an interest in Agenda item 6.1 i)
- 4513** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 The Minutes of Meeting held 4.12.18 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 **Matters arising:** None.
- 4514** 4. **Open Forum:** Formally opened 8.04pm.  
Formally closed at 8.05pm.
- 4515** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 Applications received: None.
- 5.2 Amendments: None.
- 5.3 Applications granted:
- a) S/2018/2151/FUL – Unit 3 Springfield Farm. Alterations to and change of use of agricultural building to form 4 units for business or storage use. 5 conditions.
- b) S/2018/2168/FUL – 79 Hesketh Road. 2 storey side & rear extensions & demolition of existing garage. 4 conditions.
- c) S/2018/2340/FUL – 4 Malborough Way. 2 storey side & single rear extension. 3 conditions.
- d) S2018/2417/TPO – 2 Woodville Crescent. Tree work. 2 conditions.
- 5.4 Applications refused: None.
- 5.5 Applications withdrawn: None.
- 5.6 Outstanding Applications/Other planning.
- 4516** 6. **Finance Matters**
- 6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a) Clerk's salary December 18 = £366.70 (001145).
- b) HMRC – PAYE Tax = £117.60 (001146).
- c) Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – December 18 = £50.00 (001147).
- d) BT – broadband - £30.50 – (paid by direct debit.)
- e) DNH Contracts – dog bins – November 2018 - £80.70 + £16.14 VAT = £96.84 (001148).
- f) Viking – stationery - £34.26 + £6.85 VAT = £41.11 (001149).
- g) Enterprise Inns plc – Coffee Pot field rent - £10.00 + £2.00 VAT = £12.00 (001150).
- h) E.on – street lighting maintenance - £126.98 + £25.40 VAT = £152.38 (001151).
- i) Mr J Hill – fittings for litter bin - £18.88 (001152).
- j) The Old Mail - £400.00 (001153).
- k) Royal British Legion - £100.00 (001154).
- l) Willen Hospice - £250.00 (001155).
- m) Macmillan Cancer Support - £300.00 (001156).
- n) Warks & Northants Air Ambulance - £400.00 (001157).
- o) YGRC - £400.00 – fireworks (001158).
- p) YGRC - £250.00 – Over 65's party (001159).
- Proposed by Cllr Phillips and seconded by Cllr Weston. Authorised by all Councillors.
- 6.2 OTHER
- a) Budget & Precept 2019-2020. 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 Stephenson proposed that the budget be approved as follows: Salaries £5,000.00, Admin £1,000.00, Street Lighting £5,250.00, Mowing £4,000.00, Playing fields £2,750.00, Section 137 £2,500.00, Other £5,000.00 – a total of £25,500.00. Seconded by Cllr Curtis. All in favour.
- b) Cllr Stephenson then proposed a precept of £25,500.00 for the Parish Council, the same as last year. Seconded by Cllr Curtis. All in favour.
- c) Letter from Citizens Advice asking if the PC could consider a donation to them. Citizens Advice had assisted 17 clients from YG during the last year – Cllrs agreed to consider a donation at their next review.
- d) New Standing Orders. Cllr Stephenson read out the changes to the model Standing Orders and proposed that the Clerk be delegated to amend the current Standing Orders to incorporate the advised amendments and present them to Cllrs prior to the next PC meeting. Seconded by Cllr Weston. All in favour.
- 4517** 7. Committee Reports:
- 7.1 HIGHWAYS/R.O.W./MOWING/STREET LIGHTING/OVERHANGING VEGETATION
- a) Street Doctor – the Clerk was asked to report the potholes outside the Chapel in Chestnut Road.
- b) 4 village grit bins. The 4 bins taken over by the PC required labelling & Mr Hallett was to be asked for his advice
- c) Potterspurty 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.

- d) Urban highway grass mowing – section 136. The PC would again be carrying our village mowing via a contractor.
- e) Franklin Court lighting column. A lighting column in Franklin Court had been damaged and quotations had been received to repair or remove it. The Clerk was asked to ascertain whether the light in question was required as part of the planning approval prior to a decision being made.
- 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 new bin had arrived and been secured in place by Cllr Hill – who was thanked by Cllr Stephenson. Cllr Hill would also look again at the gate, which was not closing properly. **JH**
- 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 and invite them to the next PC meeting to discuss any problems there might be.
- c) Requirement for a village Tree Warden. Cllr Curtis advised that Mrs Purton had volunteered to take on the role of Tree Warden and he would liaise with her to ensure she received adequate support. **TC**
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS**
- a) The AGM had just taken place - Cllr Curtis reported it was a cordial meeting, but that there was a mouse problem which was low level at present. He would be trying to avoid unnecessary expenditure in dealing with the problem. The manure heaps were spreading & he would speak with the person concerned. The hedge required trimming. **TC**
- 7.4 POCKET PARK**
- a) The Park was nice & tidy & looking good.
- 4518 8. Y G VILLAGE HALL**
- a) New lights had been fitted and quotes and grants were being sought for a new heating system, new energy supplier & refurbishment of the toilets and kitchen. Afternoon Teas and Coffee Mornings continued to be well supported.
- 8.1 Y G RECREATION CENTRE**
- a) Cllr Phillips had attended the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> December and provided the following notes - Yardley Youth Football team had not paid for use of the facilities last season or this season. There was discussion at various points regarding the appointment of a new steward. There was more income in November, mostly due to bonfire night. YGRC and YGSSC are both in credit. A new system to be introduced whereby anyone wishing to open up a bar tab must leave their card behind the bar. Current estimate is that utility bills would rise by £2,000 next year. The short section where the road meets the car park will be tarmacked. Heaters will be replaced and the lighting needs to be investigated. More effort is to be made to encourage hall bookings as there had only been 3 this calendar year. Booking forms were not being used properly and some bookings were not showing up. The PC was asked if the wall facing School Lane could be used for advertising and/or a sign which could be lit when the Club is open. After discussion Cllrs asked the Clerk to respond that they agreed in principle to YGRC raising their profile in the village provided any signs were considerate to neighbours and appropriate for YG, and they looked forward to receiving firm proposals. Cheques for the fireworks and the Over 65's party had been signed at this meeting.
- 4519 9. COMMUNITY ITEMS**
- a) Defibrillators – advice notice. Details of the Guardian were next to the defibrillators in the cabinets and Cllr Novakovic would attempt to label the machines themselves to speed up their return after use. **(DN)** The Clerk would ascertain how to obtain new pads and batteries when required.
- b) South Northants Community Responders had written asking the PC to consider a grant for an external defibrillator. The Clerk was asked to respond that the PC had recently invested in 2 defibrillators for use in the village, but would consider a request for funding at the end of the year.
- c) NCC Consultation – 2019/20 budget – closing 23/1/19. Cllr Phillips would publicise. **GP**
- d) NCC – Consultation – Libraries – closing 6/2/19. Cllr Phillips would publicise. **GP**
- e) Consultation on Local Government Reorganisation in Northamptonshire – closing 25/1/19. Cllr Phillips would publicise. **GP**
- 4520 10. Date of next meeting:**
- a) 5th February 2019 – 8pm at the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.15 pm.

Unapproved