

# MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

- Present** Cllrs Ms L Stephenson (Chair), D Novakovic , Richard Weston.
- 4456** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs G Phillips, A Curtis, J Hill & I McCord & County Cllr Walker.
- 4457** 2. **COUNCIL MATTERS**
- a) **Declaration of Interest:** Cllrs Stephenson & Weston declared an interest in Agenda item 5.3a).
- 4458** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 The Minutes of Meeting held 5.6.18 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 **Matters Arising:** None.
- 4459** 4. **Open Forum:** Formally opened 9.05pm.  
Cllr Novakovic mentioned he had heard that grit bins would no longer be filled automatically when empty. To be investigated.  
Formally closed 9.08pm.
- 4460** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 Applications received:
- a) S/2018/1288/FUL – 69 Hesketh Road. Single storey front extension. Cllrs had no objections but commented as follows ‘Councillors would wish that any concerns raised by neighbours be addressed.’
- b) S/2018/1437/FUL – Downton Fields Farm. Potterspurty Lodge. Installation of static caravan as temporary accommodation, driveway & services. Cllrs objected and responded as follows ‘Councillors question why mains services are required for a temporary caravan. There appears to be no provision for the disposal of foul waste. The caravan also appears to be a six berth on a site of nearly 2 acres.’
- c) S/2018/1436/LDP – 49 Hesketh Road. Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed development comprising of a single storey side extension. Noted.
- 5.2 Amendments: None.
- 5.3 Applications granted:
- a) S/2018/0980/TCA – 37-39 Moorend Road. 2 sycamore – to reduce by 3-5 metres. Noted.
- 5.5 Applications refused: None.
- 5.5 Applications withdrawn:
- a) S/2018/0818/FUL - Downton Fields Farm, Potterspurty Lodge. Installation of static caravan as temporary accommodation, driveway & services.
- 4461** 5.6 Outstanding Applications/Other planning. None.
6. **Finance Matters**
- 6.1 **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Clerk’s salary June 18 = £366.70 (001099).
- b) Clerk’s expenses June 18 – stamps - £5.80 (001100).
- c) Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – June 18 = £50.00 (001101).
- d) BT – broadband - £27.50 – (paid by direct debit.)
- e) AH Contracts – dog bins – June 2018 - £64.56 + £12.91 VAT = £77.47 (001102).
- f) E.on – replace photocell x 2 – £46.94 + £9.38 = £56.32 (001103).
- g) Playsafety Ltd – ROSPA Inspections - £140.00 + £28.00 = £168.00 (001104).
- h) Enterprise Inns plc – Coffee Pot field rent - £10.00 + £2.00 = £12.00 (001105).
- i) Physio-Control UK Sales Ltd – Defibrillator - £650.00 + £130.00 VAT = £780.00 (001106) (replacement for cheque 001083).
- j) Mr G Huffer – allotment clearance - £15.00 (001107).  
Proposed by Cllr Stephenson and seconded by Cllr Novakovic. Authorised by all Councillors.
- 6.2 **PAYMENTS RECEIVED:**
- a) To note cancellation of chq 001083 - £780.00 – lost.
- 6.3 **OTHER**
- a) Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £16,541.96 (15.6.18) SW - £2,087.72(1.4.18).
- b) Workplace Pension scheme. The Clerk did not wish to be placed in a Workplace Pension scheme.
- c) Acknowledgement of donation of £400.00 for fireworks event to YGRC.
- 4462** 7. **Committee Reports:**
- 7.1 **HIGHWAYS/R.O.W./MOWING/STREET LIGHTING/OVERHANGING VEGETATION**
- a) Street Doctor – the Clerk was asked to report a large pothole in Moorend Road in a gateway near the A5 junction.
- 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.
- b) Coffee Pot field. The owner’s solicitors had replied to the PC’s queries and the Clerk was asked to contact the resident concerned as follows ‘The Council is currently in discussions with Enterprise Inns (the freehold owner of the Coffee Pot Field) in order to regularise the tenancy and occupation of the field, which is used by the community as a recreation site. However, it has now become clear that we are unable to proceed any further until such time as the situation regarding your encroachment of the field is resolved. Whilst the Council appreciates that you may have personal matters to attend to, it is imperative that the boundary to the field is restored to its correct position as a matter of urgency and this long running issue is brought to a conclusion. Until such time as

this is corrected the Council will be unable to finalise the new tenancy agreement. We therefore require an indication from you of a date that you will commence works to reinstate the boundary line to its proper position.'

- c) ROSPA reports. The Clerk was asked to send the link to these to all Cllrs.

**7.3 ALLOTMENTS (TC)**

- a) Interest had been shown in the vacant allotment and the Clerk was in contact with the resident concerned. Some of the other allotments were giving cause for concern and Cllr Curtis had asked that several ploholders be contacted regarding the condition of their plots. He had also asked if he could contact CAPPSPMK to deal with a possible mole problem. Agreed by all Cllrs. **TC**

**7.4 POCKET PARK (JH)**

- a) Mr Westlake had strimmed the Park and it was looking good with very little rubbish.

**4463 8. Y G VILLAGE HALL**

- a) The gas supply would be connected in July, and quotes and grants were being sought for a new heating system. The Book Xchange was open and Cllr Weston had built bookshelves in order to keep the many donated books tidy. Afternoon Teas and Coffee Mornings continued to be well supported.

**8.1 Y G RECREATION CENTRE**

- a) Cllr Weston had attended the last meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> June and advised that a new Steward was still required and on July 14<sup>th</sup> there would be a celebration evening to thank sponsors for their help with the road, the car park and the roof. Everyone was encouraged to attend.

**4464 9. COMMUNITY ITEMS**

- a) Consultation for Unitary Council – closing 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Cllr Phillips was to be asked to publicise this. Cllr Weston had attended a consultation meeting at SNC and reported that after discussion of alternatives such as a Single Unitary Authority for whole of Northants, 3 unitary authorities, 2 unitary authorities (1 for Northampton + another for areas around it), 2 unitary authorities based on groupings of existing west + north districts or boroughs and mergers with some neighbouring councils (outside Northants), local councils had reluctantly accepted the abolition of the current 2-tier system of 8 councils and proposed 2 new single-tier, unitary councils to run all council services in their areas. **GP**

- b) Yardley Gobion Wellington Crash memorial plaque. The replacement of the plaque on the memorial and refurbishment work to the memorial would be carried out towards the end of August.

- c) 90 bus service – No further news. Local MP Andrea Leadsom had contacted Stagecoach to ask if they would be willing to divert the X4 & X7 through the village as it should now be commercially viable for them.

- d) Major roadworks in Towcester. Cllr Phillips was to be asked to publicise this. **GP**

- e) Emergency Plan update. No further news.

**4465 10. Date of next meeting:**

- a) 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018 – 8pm at the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.55 pm.

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