

# MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018

- Present** Cllrs Ms L Stephenson (Chair), A Curtis, J Hill, Richard Weston.
- 4446** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs G Phillips, D Novakovic & I McCord & County Cllr Walker.
- 4447** 2. **COUNCIL MATTERS**
- a) **Declaration of Interest:** Cllrs Stephenson & Weston declared an interest in Agenda item 5.1a) & Cllr Stephenson asked that Cllr Curtis take the Chair for any discussions.
- 4448** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 The Minutes of Meetings held 1.5.18 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 **Matters Arising:** None.
- 4449** 4. **Open Forum:** None.
- 4450** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 Applications received:
- a) S/2018/0980/TCA – 37-39 Moorend Road. 2 sycamore – to reduce by 3-5 metres. For information only. Noted.
- b) S/2018/1157/FUL – 10 Warren Road. Replacement garage & windows, exterior insulation/render & pitched roof to porch. Cllrs had ‘no objections.’
- 5.2 Amendments: None.
- 5.3 Applications granted:
- a) S/2018/0780/FUL – 5 School Lane. Single storey side extension. 3 conditions.
- 5.4 Applications refused: None.
- 5.5 Applications withdrawn: None.
- 5.6 Outstanding Applications/Other planning. None.
- 4451** 6. **Finance Matters**
- 6.1 **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Clerk’s salary May 18 = £373.26 (001088).
- b) HMRC PAYE Tax = £117.40 (001089).
- c) Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – May 18 = £50.00 (001090).
- d) BT – broadband - £27.50 – (paid by direct debit.)
- e) AH Contracts – dog bins – April & May 2018 - £145.26 + £29.05 VAT = £174.31 (001091).
- f) The Ground Care Company – mowing contract – April & May - £1,170.00 + £234.00 VAT = £1,404.00 (001092).
- g) Yardley Gobion Recreation Centre – contribution to fireworks = £400.00 (001093).
- h) C J Rooney Electrical Services – fitting defibrillator cabinet - £352.31 + £70.46 VAT = £422.77 (001094).
- i) E.on – replacement of 12 lanterns & brackets – 7,036.64 + £1,407.33 = £8,443.97 (001095).
- j) Viking – stationery - £58.45 + £11.69 VAT = £70.14 (001096).
- k) D Jones – to moving dog bin from Moorend Road to Eastfield Crescent/Hesketh Road = £80.00 (001097).
- l) Michael Hallett – signs for new dog bin = £19.50 (001098).
- Proposed by Cllr Stephenson and seconded by Cllr Curtis. Authorised by all Councillors.
- 6.2 **PAYMENTS RECEIVED:**
- a) Field rent = £120.00
- b) HMRC VAT Refund = £2,060.33
- c) SNC – First half Precept £12,750.00
- 6.3 **OTHER**
- a) Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £28,680.04 (10.5.18) 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) Annual internal audit report from John Marshall, Internal Auditor to the Council:
- ‘I met with Lesley Ratcliffe, Clerk and RFO on 10 May to carry out the year-end audit of the Council. For the previous audit year, no audit issues were identified by BDO as External Auditor; the issue identified by me has been fully and properly resolved by the Council. During the course of this audit, through the examination of material posted on the Council webpages as well as hard evidence and questioning, I considered all aspects of the Council’s internal controls that I am required to consider and I am pleased to say that I identified no audit issues. I am satisfied that in all significant respects, legal and other requirements are being met and the Council, together with its competent and efficient Clerk is to be congratulated in delivering good standards of governance. Accordingly, I have signed off the AGAR as required.’ Cllr Stephenson echoed the comments of the Internal Auditor and proposed the report be noted & accepted. Seconded by Cllr Weston. All in favour.
- 4452** 7. **Committee Reports:**
- 7.1 **HIGHWAYS/R.O.W./MOWING/STREET LIGHTING/OVERHANGING VEGETATION**
- a) Street Doctor – the Clerk had reported problems with drain covers.
- b) A hedge along Budge Road was giving cause for concern and had been reported as encroaching on the pathway by a resident. The Clerk was asked to contact the owner of the property concerned.
- c) R.O.W. – Footpath SH8 had been reported to NCC who would deal with the problem. Footpath SH9 – the farmer concerned would be contacted. Behind Warren Road – Cllr Curtis would contact the mowing contractor.

- d) Request from Warren Road resident for way to prevent parking on grass verge. After discussion the Clerk was asked to respond as follows 'As promised your email was discussed at last night's Parish Council meeting. While Councillors sympathised with your comments they made the following points -
1. Rocks would not be allowed as they would present a health and safety tripping hazard, especially in the dark. Also grassed areas should be kept clear for the mowing contractor.
  2. The Parish Council is not responsible for grass verges and it is suggested that you direct your comments to NCC Highways - who may recommend dropped kerbs for nos 1, 9 & 11 to help alleviate the problem
- e) Response from NCC Highways re potholes in the village. Unfortunately highlighting the dangerous aspect of the Hesketh Road potholes had failed and Cllr Phillips was to be asked to place the response on the website. **GP**
- f) 12 further street light lanterns and brackets had been replaced.
- 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 been contacted with queries concerning the terms of the new lease and a response was awaited.  
Cllr Curtis noted that cut grass left on the Coffee Pot field was affecting the growth of new grass. He would speak with the mowing contractor. **TC**
- c) Resignation of Mr Westlake as village tree warden. Mr Westlake had been thanked for his work in this role over the previous years which had been much appreciated. Cllrs agreed that a formal approach be made to a resident who had indicated an interest in trees in the village.
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS (TC)**
- a) There was now only 1 vacant allotment which Cllr Phillips was asked to advertise. **GP**  
Some of the allotments were giving cause for concern and Cllr Curtis would investigate further. The vacant allotment required strimming & Cllr Stephenson proposed Cllr Curtis be given delegated authority to spend up to £15.00 on this if necessary. Seconded by Cllr Hill. All in favour. Mr Williams had produced an aerial plan of the allotments which was very much appreciated and the Clerk was asked to convey Cllrs' thanks to him.
- 7.4 POCKET PARK (JH)**
- a) There was a very small amount of rubbish left in the Park and it was looking a bit overgrown, but there were no real problems.
- 4453 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 8<sup>th</sup> May and advised that a new Steward was required and from the Autumn there would only be one football team playing in School Lane field.
- 4454 9. COMMUNITY ITEMS**
- a) Update on village defibrillator provision. Now operational if required.
- 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 – Cllrs agreed the suggestions put forward from County Cllr Walker were not a workable option and 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) Weekend closures of Old Stratford Roundabout. Noted & publicised.
- 4455 10. Date of next meeting:**
- a) 4rd July 2018 – 8pm at the Village Hall.
- Meeting closed 9.10 pm.

Unapproved