

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 6th March 2018

- Present** Cllrs A Curtis (Chair), Mrs L Wolstenholme, J Hill, G Phillips, Richard Weston, I McCord, D Novakovic & County Cllr Walker
- 4412 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Wolstenholme had advised she may be late.
- 4413 2. COUNCIL MATTERS
- a) **Declaration of Interest:** None.
- 4414 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 The Minutes of Meeting held 6.2.18 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 Matters Arising: Boundary dispute – An email had been received from Enterprise Inns asking what level of rent the Council can agree. The Clerk was asked to respond that the PC were prepared to maintain the current level of rent.
- 4415 4. **Open Forum:** Formally opened at 8.05pm.
Formally closed at 8.25pm. Comments attached.
County Cllr Walker leaves 8.25pm.
- 4416 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 Applications received:
- a) S/2018/0300/FUL – 61 Hesketh Road. Single storey front, 2 storey side and single storey rear extensions. Cllrs responded as follows "Councillors have no objections to this proposal but would request that neighbours concerns be taken into account when determining this application."
- b) S/2018/0433/FUL – Downton Fields Farm, Potterspurty Lodge. Installation of static caravan for use as temporary residential accommodation in connection with the running of Downton Fields Farm. Cllrs responded as follows "Councillors would wish to see a full agricultural viability study justifying this application as they question the need for permanent services being installed for a temporary dwelling."
Cllr Wolstenholme enters 8.40pm.
- c) S/2018/0448/FUL – Poppy Cottage, 17 High Street. Garage/stone building in rear garden. Cllrs objected as follows "Councillors object to this application as there is insufficient information concerning the intended use of the structure."
- 5.2 Amendments: None.
- 5.3 Applications granted: None.
- 5.4 Applications refused: None.
- 5.5 Applications withdrawn: None.
- 5.6 Outstanding Applications/Other planning. None.
Cllr Wolstenholme takes the Chair 8.45pm and thanks Cllr Curtis.
- 4417 6. **Finance Matters**
- 6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a) Clerk's salary Feb 18 = £355.14 (001062).
- b) Clerk's expenses Feb 18 (stamps) = £6.72 (001063).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying Feb 18 = £64.56 + £12.91 VAT = £77.47 (001064).
- d) Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – Feb 18 = £50.00 (001065).
- e) BT – broadband - £27.63 – (paid by direct debit.)
- f) Yardley Gobion United Reformed Church – room hire - £18.00 (001066).
- g) Viking Direct – stationery - £49.73 + £9.94 VAT = £59.67 (001067).
- h) E.on – lantern replacement PL4 – Moorend Road - £529.68 + £106.00 VAT = £635.98 (001068).
- i) E.on – lantern replacement PL66 & 67 – Lime Road - £1,058.96 + £211.79 VAT = £1270.75 (001069).
- j) Mr D Jones – cutting down & removing fallen tree obstructing footpath - £50.00 (001070).
Proposed by Cllr Wolstenholme and seconded by Cllr Novakovic. Authorised by all Councillors.
- 6.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED:
- a) Allotment rent = £210.00.
- 6.3 OTHER
- a) Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £20,375.22 (15.2.18) SW - £2,087.67 (1.1.18).
- b) Workplace Pension scheme. The Clerk did not wish to be placed in a Workplace Pension scheme.
- c) Review of Emergency Plan. Cllr Phillips had reviewed this and reported back that whilst not able to identify specific risks it would be very useful to know information such as who had a 4x4 vehicle, who was a first aider, nurse, doctor, who had a chain saw etc. It was agreed that residents be asked via Your Yardley, The Old Mail & village posters whether they would be interested in forming a group to collate information and compile an Emergency Plan for the village. **GP**
- d) Review of Risk Assessment. This had been circulated to all Cllrs. Cllr Curtis suggested that the words 'passwords for the PC's computer, together with duplicate backup memory sticks be held by the Chair' be added to the Risk Assessment in case the Clerk was unable to carry out her duties. Cllr Phillips proposed that the Risk Assessment plus above additions be adopted. Seconded by Cllr Curtis. All in favour.
- e) Review of Financial Regulations. These had been circulated to all Cllrs and Cllr Phillips proposed that they be adopted with no changes. Seconded by Cllr Curtis. All in favour.
- f) Review of Code of Conduct. This had been circulated to all Cllrs and Cllr Phillips proposed that it be adopted with no changes. Seconded by Cllr Curtis. All in favour.

- g) Acknowledgement of PC donations from British Legion, Warks & Northants Air Ambulance, Macmillan Cancer Support & Willen Hospice.
- h) Bank reconciliation 1/10/17 – 31/12/17. All Cllrs had received a copy of the bank reconciliation which Cllr Weston had checked and confirmed that it was correct. Noted.
- 4418 7. Committee Reports:
- 7.1 HIGHWAYS/R.O.W./MOWING/STREET LIGHTING
- a) Street Doctor – Cllr Phillips had reported potholes in Moorend Road.
- b) Cllr Novakovic was expecting the next wave of replacement lights to be fitted in the near future.
- 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.
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS (TC)
- a) There were still 4 vacant allotments. Cllr Curtis advised that the Pest Controller had reported as follows ‘I have visited the allotments today and have found that at least half of the sheds have had activity, so you should start to see a decline in activity. I shall follow up again next week to make sure. The rats have also been very active in that one area and have eaten almost all of the poison so that should be under total control very quick.’
- 7.4 POCKET PARK (JH)
- a) There was a small amount of rubbish left in the Park but apart from that it was looking fine, the snowdrops were out and there were no problems reported.
- 4419 8. Y G VILLAGE HALL
- a) The Committee had progressed with their proposal to have gas installed in the VH and this would be carried out within 6/8 weeks.
- 8.1 Y G RECREATION CENTRE
- a) Cllr Weston advised that at the last RC meeting the setting up of a youth cricket team was discussed. He would be attending the next meeting on 13th March. RW
Cllr Novakovic leaves 9.15pm.
- 4420 9. COMMUNITY ITEMS
- a) Update on village defibrillator provision. Both the cabinet and the second defibrillator had arrived and a date for fitting them was awaited.
- b) 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. A condition report and quotation had arrived and it was agreed that this be passed to Mrs Westlake for onward transmission to the Canadian family for their consideration. It was also suggested she became the single point of contact for the proposed works.
- c) Request via Facebook for PC to consider providing further dog bins in the village. Ongoing.
- d) Request via email for PC to consider setting up a ‘no cold-calling’ zone in the village. After discussion the Clerk was asked to respond as follows ‘There has to be a reason for such a designation. Deanshanger has one where there are senior citizen bungalows and the residents were being targeted. There cannot be a blanket application for an entire village. However, there is nothing to stop you and fellow residents of Vicarage Road all putting up ‘Doorstep sellers beware’ stickers which are available from Neighbourhood Watch, or ‘No Cold Calling’ stickers which are available from Amazon.’
- e) Meeting with Police & Crime Commissioner 29th March 6pm at Wootton Hall. Noted.
- 4421 10. **Date of next meeting:**
- a) 3rd April 2018 – 8pm at the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.20 pm.

Open Forum

County Cllr Walker reported that at present once the 90 bus contract ended in June it would not be renewed, but he had a meeting the next day to try to find out if Stagecoach would provide a service. The Government Inspector’s report was due on 16th March.

As District Cllr, Cllr McCord advised that SNC budget had been set and bills would be going out shortly. 1,200 comments had been received about the Local Plan Part 2, which would be re-published and then go out for examination in the summer. New Homes Bonus letters would be going out shortly. Cllr Hill asked if the loss of a bus service would lower the score of YG with regard to taking development – Cllr McCord considered that all villages who lost a bus service would set their scores decreased as well, but he would check with Adrian Colwell, Executive Director: Place and Growth at SNC.

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