

# MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019

- Present** Cllrs Ms L Stephenson (Chair), A Curtis, G Phillips, R Weston, I McCord & J Hill.
- 4531 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr D Novakovic.
- 4532 2. COUNCIL MATTERS**
- a) Declaration of Interest:** None.
- 4533 3. Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1** The Minutes of Meeting held 5.2.19 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 Matters arising:** May Fayre - Cllrs were very positive and wholeheartedly supported YGRC's plans for a May Fayre. It was suggested NCC Highways be contacted to ensure the planned route was acceptable, and also possibly the police, just to cover all eventualities.
- 4534 4. Open Forum:** Formally opened 8.05pm.  
Formally closed at 8.15pm.  
Comments attached.
- 4535 5. Planning:**
- 5.1** Applications received:
- a)** S/2019/0305/FUL – 23 Hesketh Road. First floor side extension. Cllrs had no objections but requested that any concerns raised by neighbours be taken into account when this application was determined.
- b)** S/2019/0361/TCA – 6 Moorend Road. Tree work. Cllrs had 'no objections'.
- 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- 5.5** Applications withdrawn: None.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. As a result of concerns expressed by neighbours, Cllr McCord had spoken with the Planning Officer dealing with the application for 19 Warren Road.
- 4536 6. Finance Matters**
- 6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a)** Clerk's salary February 19 = £366.70 (001170).
- b)** Clerk's expenses (stamps) = £6.96 (001171).
- c)** Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – February 19 = £50.00 (001172).
- d)** BT – broadband - £30.50 – (paid by direct debit.)
- e)** DNH Contracts – dog bins – February 19 - £64.56 + £12.91 VAT = £77.47 (001173).
- f)** CAPPs MK – Allotment pest control contract to 29.1.2020 = £240.00 (001174).
- g)** CAPPs MK – mole control contract to 1.3.2019 = £450.00 (001175).
- h)** Viking – stationery – £31.05 + £6.21 VAT = £37.26 (001176).
- i)** Enterprise Inns plc – Coffee Pot field rent - £10.00 + £2.00 VAT = £12.00 (001177). (Replaces chq 1150 issued 8.1.19 – lost.)
- j)** G Huffer – cutting of Allotment site hedge = £200.00 (001178).  
Proposed by Cllr McCord and seconded by Cllr Phillips. Authorised by all Councillors.
- 6.2 Payments Received**
- a)** Allotment rent = £145.00.
- b)** SNC – grant towards War Memorial restoration = £2,486.00
- c)** HMRC – VAT refund = £3,541.98
- d)** Field rent = £120.00
- e)** Stopped chq 1150 - £12.00 – replaced as above.
- f)** YGVH – contribution to mowing = £135.00
- g)** YGRC – contribution to mowing = £270.00
- h)** YGRC – field rent = £52.00
- 6.3 OTHER**
- a)** Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £23,042.06 (15.2.19) SW - £2,087.87 (1.1.19).
- b)** Workplace Pension scheme. The Clerk did not wish to be placed in a Workplace Pension scheme.
- c)** Review of Asset Register. One computer had been scrapped & two defibrillators, one Tidybear litter bin & 4 grit bins had been added. Noted & approved.
- d)** Review of Emergency Plan. Still a work in progress.
- 4537 7. Committee Reports:**
- 7.1 HIGHWAYS/R.O.W./MOWING/STREET LIGHTING/OVERHANGING VEGETATION**
- a)** Street Doctor – The Clerk was asked to report potholes in Chestnut Road & Moorend Road.
- b)** Franklin Court lighting column. The damaged lighting column in Franklin Court had been repaired by the developers – the Clerk was asked to request this be removed as per previous discussions.
- c)** 5 further replacement street lamps had been ordered which would be funded with previously approved grant money.
- d)** An email had been received complaining about the light emitted from the street lamp at the end of Brownsfield Road. Replacing this will be considered as part of the village lighting plan.
- e)** Mowing – Cllr Curtis would be advising the mowing contractor where bulbs had been planted round the village prior to the start of regular village mowing. TC
- 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 – boundary dispute. An email had been received from the residents concerned who advised that plans for reinstating the fence were progressing.
- c) Request from the History Group to use the Coffee Pot field for the Festival of Transport on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019. Approved subject to the History Group signing the standard hiring agreement.

### 7.3 ALLOTMENTS

- a) Cllr Curtis reported that the hedge & ditch had been cleared and people were starting work on their allotments. There were now 3 vacant plots.

### 7.4 POCKET PARK

- a) The Park was nice & tidy & looking good with daffodils coming through, and no evidence of moles.

### 4538 8. Y G VILLAGE HALL

- a) The gas meter would be installed in the next couple of weeks and SNC had been approached for a grant towards a new heating system & refurbishment of the toilets and kitchen. Afternoon Teas and Coffee Mornings continued to be well supported.

### 8.1 Y G RECREATION CENTRE

- a) The Recreation Centre was now open from 5pm due to demand. The new steward was publicising events well.

### 4539 9. COMMUNITY ITEMS

- a) New bus service timetable. Cllrs had been advised that a new timetable would be introduced in April, with no service to Towcester & most services going through the village via Hesketh Road. The Clerk was asked to query this plan as follows ‘Councillors discussed the planned re-routing of the 89 bus through Yardley Gobion from April at their meeting last night and would appreciate knowing the reasons for this. There is a great deal of residential traffic along the narrow roads through the housing estate, and Moorend Road is very congested at all times. Additionally they would appreciate knowing how passengers will be made aware of which days are ‘schooldays’ and which are ‘non-schooldays’ as very often school holidays are different in Northants and Milton Keynes.’
- b) Litter Pick – Cllr Weston and Miss Rosemary Weston had arranged in conjunction with the Potterspury Against Litter group that this would be held on 16<sup>th</sup> March. **RW**

### 4540 10. Date of next meeting:

- a) 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 – 8pm at the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.15 pm.

#### Open Forum

As District Cllr, Cllr McCord advised that the SNC budget had been set the previous week and Council tax bills would be arriving shortly. NCC had raised their tax by 5.00% & SNC by 3.00% and the cost of the Fire Service was now included in that set by the Police & Crime Commissioner’s office. The separation from Cherwell was continuing and was expected to be completed by June. Local government re-organisation was progressing & was waiting for Parliamentary approval. He apologised for missing previous PC meetings due to diary conflicts. In response to a question he advised that it was not current policy to make a change for green waste bins.

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