

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3rd March 2020

- Present** Cllrs Ms L Stephenson (Chair), R Weston, J Hill & A Curtis & residents Mr Wickens & Mr Tunstall.
- 4650** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs G Phillips, Ms L Llewellyn, D Novakovic & I McCord & County Cllr Walker.
- 4651** 2. COUNCIL MATTERS
- 4652** a) **Declaration of Interest:** None.
- 4653** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 4654** 3.1 The Minutes of Meeting held 4.2.20 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 Matters arising: None.
4. OPEN FORUM: Notes attached. Opened 8.01pm. Closed 8.13pm.
5. PLANNING MATTERS
- 5.1 Applications received: None.
- 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- 5.5 Applications withdrawn.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.
- a) Land off Woodville Crescent. Cllrs discussed at length Mr Tunstall's request to purchase part of the land off Woodville Crescent to provide access for development of his rear garden. Cllr Stephenson proposed that the request be refused. Seconded by Cllr Curtis. Cllrs Stephenson, Curtis & Weston voted in favour of the proposal. Cllr Hill abstained. Request to purchase part of the land off Woodville Crescent was therefore refused.
Mr Tunstall leaves 8.13pm.
- 4655** 6. **Finance Matters**
- 6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a) Clerk's salary Feb 20 = £391.12 (001326).
- b) Clerk's expenses = £6.10 (stamps) (001327).
- c) Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – Feb 20 = £50.00 (001328).
- d) BT – broadband - £30.50 – (paid by direct debit.)
- e) Viking – stationery - £33.75 + £6.75 VAT = £40.50 (001329).
- f) Whiteleaf Garden & Tree – allotment gate work = £260.00 (001330)
- g) Whiteleaf Garden & Tree – Making safe fallen trees in public area = £350.00 (001331)
Proposed by Cllr Stephenson and seconded by Cllr Hill. Authorised by all Councillors.
- 6.2 Payments received:
- a) Allotment rent = £105.00
- b) Field Rent = £120.00
- c) YGRC – Mowing contribution = £420.00
- d) YGRC – Field rent = £52.00
- e) YGVH – Mowing contribution = £135.00
- f) NCC Mowing contribution = £484.29
- 6.3 OTHER
- a) Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £31,979.77 (10.2.20) SW - £2,088.07 (1.1.20).
- b) Workplace Pension scheme. The Clerk did not wish to be placed in a Workplace Pension scheme.
- c) Review of Risk Assessment. This document had been circulated and Cllr Stephenson proposed that it be adopted. Seconded by Cllr Curtis. All in favour.
- d) Review of Standing Orders. This document had been circulated and Cllr Stephenson proposed that it be adopted. Seconded by Cllr Weston. All in favour.
- e) Review of Asset Register. This document had been circulated and Cllr Stephenson proposed that it be adopted. Seconded by Cllr Weston. All in favour.
- f) Emergency Plan. Work in progress.
- 4656** 7. Committee Reports:
- 7.1 HIGHWAYS/R.O.W./MOWING/STREET LIGHTING/OVERHANGING VEGETATION
- a) Cllr Curtis planned to ensure that the mowing contractor had details of where bulbs had been planted in the village prior to the commencement of the mowing season, and also confirm that the footpath behind Warren Road was cut three times in the season (once early on and twice more as required). Cllr Weston & Ms Weston had cleared half of the encroaching vegetation from this footpath, and also planned to deal similarly with the land past Botany Bay.
- b) A deep pothole near 30 Hesketh Road required urgent attention & would be reported to Fix my Street.
- 7.2 PLAYING-FIELD/VILLAGE TREES
- b) Monthly play area inspection reports. Nothing of any note on the sites. Litter bins were being well used.
- c) Coffee Pot field – The lease was now in place. The Clerk had asked Will Keeves to cut the hedge when appropriate. Nothing further had been heard from the residents of Chestnut Road, despite the Clerk requesting an update. The residents in question would be contacted again.
- d) Mrs Purton had provided a report on trees in the village giving concern; which was read out to the meeting. Cllr Stephenson would speak with a contractor regarding moving tree debris from the bank opposite the old care home.

- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS
- a) No problems reported, although the site was very muddy. There were no empty plots, and everyone had paid their rent for 2020.
 - b) The post supporting the gate had been replaced and it was now easy to shut the gate. An owl box had been completed and this would be affixed to a suitable tree.
- 7.4 POCKET PARK
- a) The Park was looking nice and clean and in good order.
- 4657 8. Y G VILLAGE HALL
- a) Afternoon Teas and Coffee Mornings continued to be well supported. A further donation had been gratefully received from the organisers of the recent clothes sale. A new Chairperson would be needed after the AGM.
- 8.1 Y G RECREATION CENTRE
- a) Cllr Weston reported that refurbishment work was progressing slowly. Plans for a sign were in hand and there were also plans for holding a Beer Festival.
- 4658 9. COMMUNITY MATTERS
- a) To consider the need to promote candidacy at the forthcoming elections 7th May 2020. Cllr Phillips would be asked to publicise the current 3 vacancies and invite residents to attend meetings, prior to thinking about next year's election. **GP**
 - b) Noticeboard by old Post Office. Rain had damaged the backing material in the noticeboard. Cllr Curtis had put on a trial surface to replace the backing, which was proving successful. He would complete the work when the current backing had dried out. **TC**
 - c) Milton Keynes strategy for 2050 – meeting 18th March at The Forum.
 - d) Dates for Annual meeting of the Council (within 14 days from 11th May) & Annual Parish meeting (any date between 1st March & 1st June). It was agreed that the Annual meeting of the Council take place on 12th May after the Annual Parish Assembly, and the last meeting of the present PC take place on 5th May.
 - e) Update on damaged grit bin outside NISA store. DHL had accepted responsibility for the damage to the bin and would be replacing it.
- 4659 10. **Date of next meeting:**
- a) 7th April 2020 – 8pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9 pm.

OPEN FORUM

Mr Tunstall outlined his proposals for developing his garden and purchasing part of the land off Woodville Crescent for access.