

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 1st May 2018

- Present** Cllrs Ms L Stephenson (Chair), A Curtis, G Phillips, J Hill, Richard Weston, D Novakovic & I McCord.
- 4436 1. **Apologies for Absence:** None.
- 4437 2. **COUNCIL MATTERS**
- a) **Declaration of Interest:** None.
- 4438 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 The Minutes of Meeting held 3.4.18 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 **Matters Arising:** None.
- 4439 4. **Open Forum:** No comments.
- 4440 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 Applications received:
- a) S/2018/0818/FUL - Downton Fields Farm, Potterspurty Lodge. Installation of static caravan as temporary accommodation, driveway & services. Councillors responded that they "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."
- b) S/2018/0780/FUL – 5 School Lane. Single storey side extension. "Councillors responded that they "are concerned about the loss of an off road parking space in this road which is the access to and from the shop, Recreation Centre and village school."
- 5.2 Amendments: None.
- 5.3 Applications granted:
- a) S/2018/0637/TCA – 6 Moorend Road. Crown reduce one copper beech by 1-2m & remove crossing branches & deadwood.
- b) S/2018/0448/FUL – Poppy Cottage, 17 High Street. Garage/storage building in rear garden. 3 conditions.
- 5.4 Applications refused: None.
- 5.5 Applications withdrawn: None.
- 5.6 Outstanding Applications/Other planning. None.
- 4441 6. **Finance Matters**
- 6.1 **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Clerk's salary Apr 18 = £360.34 (001078).
- b) Clerk's expenses (stamps) = £5.80 (001079).
- c) Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – Apr 18 = £50.00 (001080).
- d) BT – broadband - £27.50 – (paid by direct debit.)
- e) E.on – street lighting maintenance - £23.47 + £4.69 VAT = £28.16 (001081).
- f) Zurich Municipal – PC insurance - £845.37 (001082).
- g) Physio-Control UK Sales Ltd – Defibrillator - £650.00 + £130.00 VAT = £780.00 (001083)
- h) E.on – electricity supply - £738.01 + £147.60 VAT = £885.81 (001084).
- i) Viking – stationery - £33.04 + £6.61 VAT = £39.65 (001085)
- j) Wave – allotment water supply - £42.85 (paid by direct debit).
- k) Northants CALC – membership subscription - £672.63 (001086).
- l) Miss L Ratcliffe – contribution to telephone = £24.33 (001087).
- Proposed by Cllr McCord and seconded by Cllr Novakovic. Authorised by all Councillors.
- 6.2 **PAYMENTS RECEIVED:**
- a) Allotment rent & deposit = £165.00
- b) Scottish Widows interest = .05p.
- 6.3 **OTHER**
- a) Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £16,235.72 (13.4.18) 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) Request from YGRC for PC to contribute to the village Fireworks display now that the site has been cleared. This was discussed and following a proposals from Cllrs Phillips and McCord the Council, in accordance with its powers under Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972, agreed £400.00 towards the fireworks. Cllr Weston was thanked for his assistance in clearing the site.
- d) Annual Return 31st March 2018.
- i) All Cllrs had received a copy of the Annual Return and all supporting paperwork. Cllr Weston had carried out an independent audit previously. Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement was read out to the meeting. Cllr Phillips then proposed that Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement - be received, noted and approved. Seconded by Cllr Curtis. Approved by all Cllrs. Cllr Stephenson as Chairman and the Clerk then signed the Annual Governance Statement on behalf of the PC.
- ii) The Clerk as RFO had previously signed & dated the Accounting Statements prior to presenting them to the PC. Cllr Phillips proposed that Section 2 – Accounting Statements - be received, noted and formally approved. Seconded by Cllr Curtis. Approved by all Cllrs. Cllr Stephenson as Chairman then signed the Statement of Accounts on behalf of the PC.
- 4442 7. **Committee Reports:**
- 7.1 **HIGHWAYS/R.O.W./MOWING/STREET LIGHTING**
- a) Street Doctor – it was agreed to highlight the dangerous aspect of the potholes in Hesketh Road to

find out if work could be carried out on this basis.

- b) Request from the History Group for the Coffee Pot field to be mowed and cleared of all excess loose grass in advance of the Festival of Transport on 2nd June. Cllr Curtis had agreed with the mowing contractor that the field would be cut twice prior to 2nd June and the contractor would do their best to remove the cuttings, but this was all weather dependent.
- c) Cllr Novakovic advised that new lights had been erected as part of the next phase of village lighting.

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. The gate was not closing properly and Cllr Hill volunteered to try and resolve the issue. JH
- b) Request from resident to consider provision of seating on School Lane field. The Clerk was asked to respond as follows ‘I can confirm that the area outside the Recreation Centre contains permanent seating arrangements – however, if you have any suggestions for whereabouts additional seating could be placed on the field then please let me know.’
- c) Coffee Pot field. After discussion the Clerk was asked to contact the resident concerned to request an up to date position on the matter. The owner’s solicitors were to be contacted with queries concerning the terms of the new lease.

7.3 ALLOTMENTS (TC)

- a) There was now only 1 vacant allotment and the rest of the plots looked reasonable.

7.4 POCKET PARK (JH)

- a) There was a small amount of rubbish left in the Park and the Den area had been used, but apart from that it was looking fine, having been cut today by Mr Westlake, who was thanked for carrying out this work; and there were no problems reported.

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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 10th April and advised that work on the car park was now finished.

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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. The replacement of the plaque on the memorial and refurbishment work to the memorial would be carried out towards the end of August.
- c) Request via Facebook for PC to consider providing further dog bins in the village. The most popular place for a dog bin was at the junction of Hesketh Road with Eastfield Crescent, and the bin most likely to be moved was outside Highcroft Manor. The owners of the field in question had given permission for a dog bin and Mr Jones had quoted approximately £100.00 + materials for moving the bin. Cllr Curtis proposed the move of the bin with a maximum cost of £150.00. Seconded by Cllr Hill. 2 abstentions – 5 Cllrs in favour.
- d) Meeting with Police & Crime Commissioner 8th May 6pm at Wootton Hall. Noted.
- e) 90 bus service – Cllrs agreed the suggestions put forward from County Cllr Walker were not a workable option and the Clerk was asked to ascertain if Stagecoach would now be willing to divert the X4 & X7 through the village as it should now be commercially viable for them. Cllr Phillips leaves 9.30pm.
- f) Weekend closures of Old Stratford Roundabout. Noted.

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10. Date of next meeting:

- a) 5th June 2018 – 8pm at the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.35 pm.

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