

# MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020 via Zoom

- Present** Cllrs Ms L Stephenson (Chair), R Weston, J Hill, Ms L Llewellyn & A Curtis & District Cllr Bignell.
- 4668** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs G Phillips, I McCord & D Novakovic.
2. COUNCIL MATTERS
- 4669** a) **Declaration of Interest:** None.
- 4670** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 The Minutes of Meeting held 14.4.20 were discussed and amended accordingly as Cllr Curtis noted Minute Number 4666 7 b) should read 'Cllr McCord noted some cuttings left on paths, but it appeared these were due to a late cut and had not caused a problem as it was not raining.' The Minutes were then approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 Matters arising: None.
- 4671** 4. OPEN FORUM: None.
- 4672** 5. PLANNING MATTERS
- 5.1 Applications received:
- a) S/2020/0561/TCA – 12 Moorend Road. Crown reduction of walnut tree. Cllrs had 'no comments.'
- Applications granted:
- b) S/2020/0003/FUL – Land east of 1 Hortonsfield Road. Attached dwelling & associated works. 14 conditions.
- 4673** 6. **Finance Matters**
- 6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a) Clerk's salary April 20 = £388.52 (001344).
- b) Clerk's expenses = £6.50 (stamps) (001345).
- c) Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – April 20 = £50.00 (001346).
- d) BT – broadband - £30.50 – (paid by direct debit.)
- e) DNH Contracts – dog bins April - £80.70 + £16.14 VAT = £96.84 (001347).
- f) European Electronique Ltd – MS Office & 5 years support - £327.61 + £65.52 VAT = £393.13 (001348).
- g) The Ground Care Company – mowing contract - £520.00 + £104.00 VAT = £624.00 (001349)
- h) CAPPS MK – mole control contract - £450.00 (001350)
- i) Zurich Insurance plc – PC insurance – £530.84 (001351)
- j) NCALC – Membership & internal audit = £720.21 (001352)
- k) Wave Anglian Water – allotment water - £60.01 (paid by direct debit.)
- l) Miss L Ratcliffe – contribution to telephone = £23.61(001353)
- Proposed by Cllr Curtis and seconded by Cllr Weston. Authorised by all Councillors.
- 6.2 OTHER
- a) Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £31,158.50 (15.4.20) SW - £2,088.07 (1.1.20).
- b) Workplace Pension scheme. The Clerk did not wish to be placed in a Workplace Pension scheme.
- 4674** 7. **Councillor Reports:**
- a) HIGHWAYS – Cllr Llewellyn noted damaged roads around the village had been indicated by yellow paint. The Clerk reported that the proposed closure of Moorend Road had been postponed.
- b) MOWING – Cllr Curtis reported that the second cut had been carried out, and the weather had been dry at the time, so there were no problems noted.
- c) STREET LIGHTING – Nothing to report.
- d) VILLAGE TREES – Cllr Stephenson reported that a survey of village trees had been carried out recently and the following trees had been identified as requiring action: a) Chestnut tree, School Lane field, b) Chestnut tree, Chestnut Green, c) 2 x Elm trees, Elm Green, d) Oak tree, Pocket Park. The only tree which is the PC's responsibility is the Chestnut in School Lane field, which presents a potential risk to the public but also could infect other trees in the surrounding area, & a quotation to remove this had been received in the sum of £950.00. Cllr Llewellyn proposed that this be accepted in view of the potential danger posed. Seconded by Cllr Weston. All in favour. (The other trees are the responsibility of NCC or the Church, and they would be advised.)
- e) ALLOTMENTS – Cllr Curtis reported these were being generally well used, but he had concerns about 3 plots and would try and make contact with those ploholders to ascertain if there were problems.
- f) VILLAGE HALL – Cllr Curtis reported that this remained closed, but was being checked once a week to ensure it remained safe.
- g) RECREATION CENTRE – Cllr Weston advised this was also closed, together with the play area. The Committee were looking at trying to obtain grants & loans. The extension of the storage area was going ahead whilst the building was unoccupied.
- h) PC RESPONSE TO CORONA VIRUS – Cllr Stephenson reported that an information leaflet from the Local Resilience Forum in Northamptonshire had been delivered around the village. The village volunteers were collecting prescriptions and doing shopping for residents and were generally quiet, but much appreciated.
- i) POCKET PARK – Cllr Stephenson noted that the lease for the PP expired on 6<sup>th</sup> April and as the PC no longer has a legal interest in it she would be informing the PCC accordingly. The Clerk was asked to write to advise the Bishop of Peterborough as a courtesy to note the position.
- 4675** 8. **Date of next meeting:**
- a) TBA
- Meeting closed 4.28 pm.

