

## MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017

- Present** Cllrs Mrs L Wolstenholme (Chair), A Curtis, G Phillips, I McCord & County Cllr Walker & residents Mrs Howe, Mr Richards & Mr Wallis.
- 4373** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs J Hill & D Novakovic.
- 4374** 2. COUNCIL MATTERS
- a. **Declaration of Interest:** Cllr Wolstenholme declared a personal & prejudicial interest in Agenda item 9g).
- 4375** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 The Minutes of Meeting held 3.10.17 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 Matters Arising: Boundary dispute – Enterprise Inns’ Estate Manager had advised that a new lease would cost in the region of £1,350.00 + VAT and asked if the PC were willing to cover these fees. The Clerk was asked to respond that the PC was not in a position to meet those fees.
- 4376** 4. **Open Forum:** Formally opened at 8.05pm.  
County Cllr Walker leaves 8.20pm  
Formally closed at 8.30pm.  
Mrs Howe leaves 8.30pm.
- 4377** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 Applications received:
- a) S/2017/2548/FUL & S/2017/2549/LBC – 1 Chestnut Road. Two storey rear extension, repair & repaint windows on front elevation, partial demolition of outbuilding & internal works. Cllrs had no objections to the applications but requested that any concerns raised by neighbours be taken into account.
- 5.2 Amendments: None.
- 5.3 Applications granted:  
S/2017/2195/CON – Land west of Mount Pleasant Farm - Discharge of condition 5.  
S/2017/2347/CON - Potterspurty Lodge School – Discharge of condition 3.
- 5.4 Applications refused: None.
- 5.5 Applications withdrawn: None.
- 5.6 Outstanding Applications/Other planning. None.
- 4378** 6. **Finance Matters**
- 6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a) Clerk’s salary Oct 17 = £355.34 (001020).
- b) Clerk’s expenses Oct 2017 – stamps = £5.04 (001021).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying Oct 17 = £80.70 + £16.14 VAT = £96.84 (001022).
- d) Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – Oct 17 = £50.00 (001023).
- e) BT – broadband - £25.00 – (paid by direct debit.)
- f) E.on – street lighting replacement - £2,733.94 + £546.79 VAT = £3,280.73 (001024).
- g) Information Commissioner – Data Protection registration renewal = £35.00 (paid by direct debit).
- h) Indexkey Ltd – New printer, set up & ink - £246.00 + £49.20 = £295.20 (001025).
- i) Mr D Jones – Clean, maintain & repair village notice boards = £72.00 (001026).
- j) Anglian Water – allotment water supply = £55.55 (paid by direct debit).
- k) Physio-Control UK Sales Ltd – Defibrillator - £650.00 + £130.00 VAT = £780.00 (001027).
- l) Miss L Ratcliffe – contribution to telephone = £27.18 (001028).
- Proposed by Cllr Curtis and seconded by Cllr Phillips. Authorised by all Councillors.
- 6.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED:
- a) HMRC VAT refund = £4,186.70.
- b) Credit note to cancel E.on invoice 071430 & cheque number 000965 = £268.20.
- c) SNC – second half of precept = £12,750.00
- d) SNC – lighting grant = £206.00
- e) Scottish Widows – interest = 5p.
- 6.3 OTHER
- a) Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £24,585.65 (12.10.17) SW - £2,087.62 (1.10.17).
- b) Workplace Pension scheme. The Clerk did not wish to be placed in a Workplace Pension scheme.
- c) Bank reconciliation 1/4/17 – 30/6/17. All Cllrs had received a copy of the bank reconciliation which Mrs Adey had checked and confirmed that it was correct. Noted.
- d) Bank reconciliation 1/7/17 – 30/9/17. All Cllrs had received a copy of the bank reconciliation which Mrs Adey had checked and confirmed that it was correct. Noted.
- 4379** 7. Committee Reports:
- 7.1 HIGHWAYS/R.O.W./MOWING/STREET LIGHTING
- a) Overhanging vegetation. None noted.
- b) Street Doctor – Potholes outside The Poplar and Aurora were noted but expected to be repaired on 5<sup>th</sup> December.
- c) Wharf Lane DMMO – Councillors had no further comments to make on the matter of obtaining footpath status for Wharf Lane as suggested by the Definitive Map Officer from NCC.  
Mr Wallis leaves 8.45pm.

- d) Village lighting – Cllr Novakovic had advised that the next phase of village lighting, which was replacement of a further 14 lamps, would cost £8,096.60 + VAT. Cllr Phillips proposed that the PC go ahead as the grant for the work was already in place. Seconded by Cllr Curtis. All in favour.
- e) Cllr Curtis asked for authority to arrange a further cut of the allotment track and the Coffee Pot field. Cllr McCord proposed a budget of £300.00 + VAT for this work. Seconded by Cllr Phillips. All in favour. **TC**
- 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.
- b) Cutting of Coffee Pot field hedge. A budget of £160.00 + VAT was proposed by Cllr Wolstenholme and seconded by Cllr Curtis. All in favour.
- c) Request for Yardley Gobion History Group to have use of The Coffee Pot field on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 to hold the Festival of Transport, plus the preceding evening (to allow for setting up). This was approved subject to the usual agreement being signed and the bond of £250.00 being lodged.
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS (TC)**
- a) There were still 2 vacant allotments. Cllr Curtis reported that there had been 2 recent water leaks along by the hedge, both of which had been satisfactorily dealt with and the affected area was drying out. 21 allotment holders (75%) had responded to the query about the mouse problem – 19 in favour of action & 2 against. Cllr Curtis was still researching the matter. He also planned a newsletter with information for ploholders. **TC**
- 7.4 POCKET PARK (JH)**
- a) The Park was looking fine, with no problems reported apart from some rubbish in the ‘den’ area.
- 4380 8. Y G VILLAGE HALL**
- a) The Committee were thrilled to have achieved their target of raising funds for the refurbishment of the car park. Next would be the refurbishment of the kitchen & toilet area and replacing the heating system.
- 8.1 Y G RECREATION CENTRE**
- a) Report from PC Representative. The roof was looking good and the car park was being readied for the new surface. Information had been received concerning the costs of the Senior Citizen’s party and Cllr Wolstenholme proposed a donation of £250.00 towards this event under section 145 of Local Government Act 1972. Seconded by Cllr Phillips. All in favour.
- 4381 9. COMMUNITY ITEMS**
- a) Police & Crime Commissioner meeting 15<sup>th</sup> November 7pm at Wootton Hall. Interested Cllrs to contact the Clerk.
- b) Update on village defibrillator provision. The defibrillator and cabinet would be placed on the wall at the Village Hall on Monday 13<sup>th</sup>. A location for the second was being researched.
- c) SNC – Invitation to Community Safety event 23<sup>rd</sup> November 5.30pm – 9pm at The Forum. Interested Cllrs to contact the Clerk.
- d) SNC Local Plan consultation – closing 10<sup>th</sup> November. After discussion the Clerk was asked to respond as follows ‘Housing - We firmly support the statement that housing development allocated to the rural communities should be allocated to reflect and meet identified local needs and any proposed affordable housing provided for those with proven local connections. Residents should be consulted in the development of LOAN where development is proposed. Concern over who is responsible for the initiation of the LOAN and confirmation that it is a 2 stage process. LOAN (overarching policy) + HNA (Local HNA). Infrastructure - In addition to the planned improvements to the Old Stratford roundabout specifically major roads i.e. the A5 and A508 should be improved to deal with increased vehicle capacity following development in Towcester and Northampton and the impact of the Northampton Gateway Rail Freight Terminal. Should like to see improved public transport links. There are also concerns over the increased road freight traffic on existing roads caused by the proposed Northampton Gateway.’
- e) CPRE – Autumn Roadshow 9<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm at Great Houghton Village Hall. Interested Cllrs to contact the Clerk.
- f) Closure of Potterspurty Road from 3<sup>rd</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> February to replace water main & of Moorend Road on 5<sup>th</sup> December for carriageway repairs. Cllr Phillips would publicise these road closures. **GP**
- g) 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. Cllrs supported this in principle but needed to ensure that any work carried out on the memorial was in accordance with best practise as identified by the War Memorials Trust.
- h) Northamptonshire County Council 2018-19 Budget Consultation: Phase 1. Closing 1<sup>st</sup> December. After discussion the Clerk was asked to respond as follows ‘Yardley Gobion Parish Council has serious safety concerns over the reduction of winter gritting. It also has serious concerns over the proposals to discontinue the subsidies to bus services. The No 90 bus is a vital link for residents to services in Stony Stratford such as Stony Medical Centre. Without

such bus links there will be increased rural isolation.’

- i) Northamptonshire Libraries and Information Service Review 2017 Consultation – closing 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Response deferred until December meeting.  
Cllr Curtis took the Chair for the following item & Cllr Wolstenholme took no part in the ensuing discussion.
- j) Northampton Gateway – strategic rail freight interchange public consultation – closing 24<sup>th</sup> November. After discussion the Clerk was asked to respond as follows ‘Yardley Gobion Parish Council would request that a comprehensive review of the road network around the proposed site is carried out. They have serious concerns about the expected increase of traffic along the A508 and request that the proposed road system improvements be looked at in totality rather than just small sections – for example the Roade bypass comes out just before a dangerous crossroads and two ‘S’ bends. It should connect with the Old Stratford roundabout which would alleviate traffic along the A508 which has been designated an active Red Route from the M1 to the Old Stratford roundabout (Routes Nos 15, 16 & 74).’

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**10. Date of next meeting:**

- a) 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – 8pm at the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 10.30 pm.

Open Forum

County Cllr Walker advised that he was working hard to retain the 90 bus service, however savings were planned and it was likely that the subsidised bus service would go along with some libraries and a cut in the amount allocated to Trading Standards. The annual cost of running the 90 bus service was £143,000. The loss of this service would have a serious effect on any residents wanting to travel to Stony Health centre. It seemed the only library to remain open would be at Towcester, but residents were looking at ways to keep Deanshanger open.

Mrs Howe was extremely concerned about the effect the service buses were having on her property in Grafton Road. She also thought they were travelling too fast. She was advised that the buses were timetabled and she was given contact details if she wished to make any comments on the service.