

## MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018

- Present** Cllrs Ms L Stephenson (Chair), G Phillips, Richard Weston, A Curtis & I McCord, County Cllr Walker, resident Mr R Stuart & visitors Mr & Mrs Smith (Cosgrove PC).
- 4491** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs J Hill & D Novakovic.
- 4492** 2. COUNCIL MATTERS
- a) **Declaration of Interest:** None.
- 4493** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 The Minutes of Meeting held 2.10.18 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 **Matters arising:** None.
- 4494** 4. **Open Forum:** Formally opened 8.03pm.  
Comments attached.  
Formally closed at 8.38pm.  
County Cllr Walker leaves.
- 4495** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 Applications received:
- a) S/2018/2340/FUL – 4 Malborough Way. Garage extension & first floor rear extension, Velux windows in existing rear extension. Cllrs had no objections subject to neighbours' concerns. (IM took no part in the decision).
- b) S/2018/2417/TPO – 2 Woodville Crescent. Tree work. Cllrs had no comments to make.
- 5.2 Amendments: None.
- 5.3 Applications granted:
- a) S/2018/1958/FUL – 69 Hesketh Road. Single storey front extension. 3 conditions.
- 5.4 Applications refused: None.
- 5.5 Applications withdrawn: None.
- 5.6 Outstanding Applications/Other planning.
- a) Natural Burial Site, Badger's Farm. A sign had been placed at the entrance to Badger's Farm concerning a Natural Burial Site and SNC planning dept had visited the site and indicated that permission was required. A planning application was expected.
- b) Appeal APP/Z23830/W/18/3200446 – 21 High Street. Appeal dismissed.
- 4496** 6. **Finance Matters**
- 6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a) Clerk's salary October 18 = £366.70 (001131).
- b) Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – October 18 = £50.00 (001132).
- c) BT – broadband - £32.41 – (paid by direct debit.)
- d) DNH Contracts – dog bins – October 2018 - £64.56 + £12.91 VAT = £77.47 (001133).
- e) ICO – Data protection fee - £35.00 (paid by direct debit.)
- f) Wave – Anglian Water – allotment supply - £41.88 (paid by direct debit.)
- g) Enterprise Inns plc – Coffee Pot field rent - £10.00 + £2.00 VAT = £12.00 (001134).
- h) E.on plc – electricity supply - £740.63 + £148.13 VAT = £888.76 (001135).
- i) E.on plc – street lighting maintenance - £83.25 + £16.65 VAT = £99.90 (001136).
- j) Miss L Ratcliffe – contribution to telephone = £23.88 (001137).  
Proposed by Cllr McCord and seconded by Cllr Curtis. Authorised by all Councillors.
- 6.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED:
- a) Scottish Widows interest .05p.
- 6.3 OTHER
- a) Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £26,932.66 (11.10.18) SW - £2,087.82 (1.10.18).
- b) Workplace Pension scheme. The Clerk did not wish to be placed in a Workplace Pension scheme.
- c) Bank reconciliation 1/7/18-30/9/18. This had been checked by Cllr Weston. Noted & approved.
- 4497** 7. Committee Reports:
- 7.1 HIGHWAYS/R.O.W./MOWING/STREET LIGHTING/OVERHANGING VEGETATION
- a) Street Doctor – nothing to report. Some village pot holes had been filled in.
- b) Proposed removal of 4 village grit bins. Cllr Stephenson had arranged a meeting with the Highways Senior Maintenance and Innovation Manager to inspect the positions of the 4 bins scheduled for replacement prior to signing the licences for taking ownership of them. Cllr Phillips proposed she was given delegated authority to sign the licences and spend up to £350.00 + VAT to top up the bins prior to winter if required. Seconded by Cllr Curtis. All in favour.
- c) Potterspurty Against Litter group – asking if the PC would promote a major litter pick along Moorend Road. Cllrs gave their support to this suggestion and the Clerk was asked to ascertain when the litter pick would take place so that it could be publicised.
- 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 lower cradle swing had been raised to the appropriate height.
- b) Coffee Pot field. By email the residents concerned has agreed to restore the fence line to the original boundary.
- c) Requirement for a village Tree Warden. Information from the PC's insurers indicated that landowners have to have a risk based, planned and managed approach to the risks that trees on their land bring, and that inspections should take place regularly and also take into account trees in

higher risk locations, which should identify any problems that may subsequently lead to the tree falling. Cllr Curtis would check with a resident as to whether they felt able to take on the role, otherwise the PC would consider a maintenance contract for the trees on PC land. **TC**

- d) Email from resident concerning the litter bins in the School Lane play area. Cllrs agreed to research new bins with a greater capacity and with lids so that the litter did not blow out.
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS**
- a) There were currently 2 empty plots and no issues. Cllr Curtis would ascertain how much it would cost to bring plot 9 up to a lettable standard. **TC**
- 7.4 POCKET PARK**
- a) The Park and it was looking good with very little rubbish after the tidy up on 27<sup>th</sup> October. Mr Westlake, Mr Tapp and all those who helped were thanked.
- 4498 8. Y G VILLAGE HALL**
- a) The gas supply had been connected in October, and quotes and grants were being sought for a new heating system & refurbishment of the toilets and kitchen.. 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 AGM and reported that 3 new members had joined the Committee. Bonfire Night had gone well.
- 4494 9. COMMUNITY ITEMS**
- a) Police & Crime Commissioner meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> November at Wootton Hall. Interested Cllrs to contact the Clerk.
- b) Emergency Plan update. Research was being carried out & Cllrs were appreciative of this work.
- c) SNC – consultation – Local Plan Part 2 – closing 16<sup>th</sup> November. After discussion Cllr Phillips proposed that this be objected to on the grounds of soundness. Seconded by Cllr Curtis. All in favour.
- d) Email from resident suggesting new signs for the entrances to the village. Councillors considered this and would be supportive of such an initiative.
- e) NCC – Consultation on Decommissioning of prevention service for Adult Social Care Service – hearing & visually impaired services – closing 8<sup>th</sup> November. Cllr Phillips would upload this to the website. **GP**
- f) Email from M.P. regarding community transport. Cllrs had previously discussed the possibility of funding community transport and concluded it was prohibitive. They understood neighbouring PC's also came to the same conclusions.
- g) Email from M.P. concerning a resident's suggestion for a shared pavement/cycle path between YG & Potterspury. The Clerk was asked to respond as follows 'Councillors fully appreciate your concerns about the accessibility of the village for residents and have carefully considered your suggestions. They are willing to give their support, however, the Council is not in a position to carry out any such suggestions. I have contacted the Highways Department at Northamptonshire County Council (whose responsibility it is) for their thoughts and once the Council has received a response I will advise you accordingly.'
- h) New Neighbourhood Watch signs. Cllrs appreciated the 2 new signs that had been placed in Grafton Road & Franklin Court and it was decided no other new signs were required.
- i) NCC – Consultation on draft local offer for Care Leavers – closing 28<sup>th</sup> November. Cllr Phillips would upload this to the website. **GP**
- 4495 10. Date of next meeting:**
- a) 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – 8pm at the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.38 pm.

### Open Forum

County Cllr Walker advised that it was still business as usual at NCC until March/April 2020, and he was still available to deal with any issues raised by residents.

As District Cllr, Cllr McCord advised that work to divide SNC & Cherwell had begun – a new Chief Executive had been appointed and new directors and assistant directors were also required. A decision from the Secretary of State regarding the new county structure was due and then there would be a consultation period. The elections due in 2019 could be postponed.

Unapproved