

**MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

- Present** Cllrs Ms L Stephenson (Chair), A Curtis, R Weston & Ms L Llewellyn & resident Mr Wetherall.
- 4610** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs G Phillips, J Hill, I McCord & D Novakovic.
- 4611** 2. COUNCIL MATTERS
- a) **Declaration of Interest:** Cllr Curtis declared a personal interest in Agenda item 6.1 j).
- 4612** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 The Minutes of Meeting held 8.10.19 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 Matters arising: None.
- 4613** 4. OPEN FORUM: Notes attached. Opened 8.04pm. Closed 8.09pm.  
Mr Wetherall leaves 8.10pm.
- 4614** 5. PLANNING MATTERS
- 5.1 Applications received:
- a) S/2019/1938/FUL – Homestead Farm, Watling Street. Single & two storey extension at rear. Cllrs had ‘no objections.’
- b) S/2019/1984/TPO - 99 Hesketh Road. Fell ash tree. Cllrs had ‘no objections.’
- c) S/2019/1985/FUL – 7 Warren Road. Single storey rear extension to provide a garden room. Cllrs had no objections, but requested that any concerns raised by neighbours be taken into account when determining the application.
- 5.2 Amendments: None.
- 5.3 Applications granted: None.
- a) S/2019/1766/TCA – 12 High Street. Fell conifer.
- b) S/2019/1693/LDP – 5/6 Mount Pleasant. Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed development comprising of partial removal of a wall adjacent to an unadopted highway. The section to be removed stands, at the highest point, 990mm above the surrounding ground.
- c) S/2019/1736/HPD – 6 Lime Road. Determination as to whether prior approval is required in respect of the impact on the amenity of any adjoining premises of a proposed single storey rear extension extending 3.4m beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling house maximum height of 3.75m and height of eaves 2.35m. Prior approval not required.
- 5.4 Applications refused: None.
- 5.5 Applications withdrawn: None.
- 5.6 Outstanding applications/Other planning: None.
- 4615** 6. **Finance Matters**
- 6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a) Clerk’s salary Oct 19 = £391.12 (001232).
- b) Clerk’s expenses – postage = £5.75 (001233).
- c) Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – October 19 = £50.00 (001234).
- d) BT – broadband - £30.50 – (paid by direct debit.)
- e) DNH Contracts – dog bins October 19 = £80.70 + £16.14 VAT = £96.84 (001235).
- f) E.on plc – street lighting - £766.82 + £153.36 VAT = £920.18 (001236).
- g) Wave – Anglian Water – allotment water = £60.21 (paid by direct debit.)
- h) Yardley Gobion URC – room hire = £12.00 (001237).
- i) Viking – stationery - £34.76 + £6.95 VAT = £41.71 (001238)
- j) Mr A Curtis – padlocks for Coffee Pot field & allotment gate = £56.60 (001239).
- k) Miss L Ratcliffe – contribution to telephone = £21.99 (001240).
- l) The Ground Care Company – mowing contract - £260.00 + £52.00 VAT = £312.00 (001241).
- m) Information Commissioner – data protection fee = £35.00 (paid by direct debit.)  
Proposed by Cllr Stephenson and seconded by Cllr Llewellyn. Authorised by all Councillors.
- 6.2 **Payments Received:**
- a) Field rent = £120.00
- b) SNC – 2<sup>nd</sup> half of precept = £12,750.00
- c) Scottish Widows interest = 0.05p.
- 6.3 OTHER
- a) Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £38,283.46 (15.10.19) SW - £2,088.02 (1.10.19).
- b) Workplace Pension scheme. The Clerk did not wish to be placed in a Workplace Pension scheme.
- c) New laptop, screen & projector for PC. A new laptop, screen & projector were being supplied by SNC as hard copy planning documents would not be sent out in future. Cllrs agreed to also accept a projector stand and the HP On Site Care package, provided the approximate cost of £142 was for 5 years (not per year).(Confirmed).
- 4616** 7. Committee Reports:
- 7.1 HIGHWAYS/R.O.W./MOWING/STREET LIGHTING/OVERHANGING VEGETATION
- a) The Clerk had reported the Eastfield Crescent street sign to SNC.
- b) Plan for proposed planting of bulbs around village. The idea of spring flowers bringing colour to the village was much appreciated, and Cllrs Curtis & Weston were liaising with Mr Allen as to the most suitable areas for planting. **RW & TC**
- c) Additionally the footpath behind Warren Road was almost impassable and Cllr Curtis advised that major work was required. There had also been some encroachment by residents of Warren Road. Cllr Curtis would obtain a quotation for work to be carried out. **TC**
- 7.2 PLAYING-FIELD/VILLAGE TREES
- a) Monthly play area inspection reports. Nothing of any note on the sites. Litter bins were being well

used.

- b) Coffee Pot field – The lease was now in place. The Clerk was asked to request Will Keeves to cut the hedge when appropriate.
- c) Various complaints about overhanging trees – a) land off Woodville Crescent – some work had been carried out. The Clerk had sent a letter to the residents concerned regarding the branches overhanging a public path. b) Moorend Road – again some work had been carried out, but the street light was still obscured when coming down Moorend Road, however a planning application for work to trees had been submitted. (Cllr Novakovic was to visit & consider options). c) land opposite Pocket Park – Cllrs understood from Cllr Llewellyn that a site visit was planned and work had been carried out to remove ivy from the wall. Cllr Weston would speak again with the Moorend Road residents.

**DN & RW**

### **7.3 ALLOTMENTS**

- a) No problems reported. There was now only 1 empty plot, which unfortunately was ‘landlocked’. Various suggestions of how to utilise it would be put to the allotment holders at their annual meeting.
- b) Application to erect a shed and greenhouse on plots 13 & 14. Only positive comments had been received from neighbouring plot holders and the application was therefore approved.

### **7.4 POCKET PARK**

- a) The Park had looked untidy with cans & litter. Cllr Hill had removed a large bagful of rubbish on 9<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr Llewellyn advised there had been a tidy up on 31<sup>st</sup> October, and also that during half term there had been a great deal of noise and activity in the park.

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### **8. Y G VILLAGE HALL**

- a) Afternoon Teas and Coffee Mornings continued to be well supported. Cllr Curtis asked for suggestions to recognise Carol Smith who had worked tirelessly for village organisations including the Village Hall and sadly had passed away at the beginning of October.

### **8.1 Y G RECREATION CENTRE**

- a) The AGM was planned for 14<sup>th</sup> November. The new treasurer had taken office. It was understood plans were well in hand for Bonfire Night & a Masked Ball.

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### **9. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

- a) To consider the need to promote candidacy at the forthcoming elections 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### **10. Date of next meeting:**

- a) 3rd December 2019 – 8pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 8.53 pm.

### **OPEN FORUM**

Mr Wetherall advised the PC about the application for felling of a tree at 99 Hesketh Road as he was the adjoining land owner. He expressed his concerns about the condition of the hawthorn trees at the southern entrance to the village, and advised 2 trees were dead, whilst some had been damaged by the mowing contractors. It was suggested that an arboriculturalist’s condition report be obtained. Mr Wetherall volunteered to look after any new trees that were planted, an offer which was gratefully accepted. He also mentioned the footpath behind Warren Road and advised that it was almost impassable.

