

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2nd October 2018

- Present** Cllrs Ms L Stephenson (Chair), J Hill, D Novakovic, G Phillips & Richard Weston & resident Mr D Allen.
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- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs A Curtis & I McCord & County Cllr Walker.
 - 2. COUNCIL MATTERS**
 - a) Declaration of Interest:** None.
 - 3. Previous Meeting:**
 - 3.1** The Minutes of Meeting held 4.9.18 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
 - 3.2** **Matters arising:** None.
 - 4. Open Forum:** Formally opened 8.05pm.
Comments attached.
Formally closed at 8.08pm.
 - 5. Planning:**
 - 5.1** Applications received:
 - a)** S/2018/1973/FUL – Wharf Lane Stables. Permanent siting of the chalet building. After a vote where Cllr Weston abstained, Cllrs objected as follows "Councillors would note Condition 6 of planning permission S/2015/1734/FUL, states that 'The static chalet hereby permitted shall be used in connection with the livery business at the site known as Wharf Lane Stables and for no other purpose'. Whilst a livery business is operated at the site the accommodation is also used as a family home and always has been, to Cllrs knowledge. This development is outside the village confines in open countryside and part of the Special Landscape Area. Councillors are also mindful of a precedent being set as they are aware of an earlier application (S/2017/1397/FUL) to develop land immediately adjacent to this site (Sycamore Paddock) and the decision made here will create a precedent should the neighbour resubmit his application."
 - b)** S/2018/2168/FUL – 79 Hesketh Road. Two storey side & rear extensions. Single storey front extension & demolition of existing garage. After discussion Cllrs objected as follows "The application is to extend from a 3 bed house to a 4 bed house, with the demolition of the garage. This significantly reduces the parking area which will increase on road parking in a busy area near the village school. In any event the new garage is not considered large enough to accommodate a car. Councillors would also require any objections raised by neighbours be taken into account when determining this application."
 - c)** S/2018/2151/FUL – Unit 3 Springfield Farm (Potterspury Parish) – Removal of condition 7 (storage of materials) & change of use of agricultural buildings to form 4 units. Cllrs had no comments to make.
 - 5.2** Amendments: None.
 - 5.3** Applications granted:
 - a)** S/2018/1705/FUL – 4 Eastfield Crescent. Demolition of existing garage & replacement with a single storey side 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 the Clerk was asked to make enquiries with SNC planning dept to find out if permission was required.
 - 6. Finance Matters**
 - 6.1** ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
 - a)** Clerk's salary September 18 = £366.70 (001126).
 - b)** Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – September 18 = £50.00 (001127).
 - c)** BT – broadband - £27.50 – (paid by direct debit.)
 - d)** DNH Contracts – dog bins – September 2018 - £64.56 + £12.91 VAT = £77.47 (001128).
 - e)** Viking – stationery - £32.26 + £6.46 VAT = £38.72 (001129).
 - f)** The Ground Care Company – mowing contract August & September 2018 - £585.00 + £117.00 = £702.00 (001130).
Proposed by Cllr Novakovic and seconded by Cllr Weston. Authorised by all Councillors.
 - 6.2** PAYMENTS RECEIVED:
 - a)** SNC – second half precept = £12,750.00.
 - b)** Mr & Mrs LeBlanc - £500.00 – contribution to war memorial restoration costs.
 - 6.3** OTHER
 - a)** Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £27,637.58 (14.9.18) SW - £2,087.77 (1.7.18).
 - b)** Workplace Pension scheme. The Clerk did not wish to be placed in a Workplace Pension scheme.
 - 7. Committee Reports:**
 - 7.1** HIGHWAYS/R.O.W./MOWING/STREET LIGHTING/OVERHANGING VEGETATION
 - a)** Street Doctor – nothing to report.
 - b)** Proposed removal of 4 village grit bins. In view of the positions of the 4 bins scheduled for replacement Cllrs considered they should take them over. The Clerk was asked to advise NCC accordingly & add the bins to the asset register & obtain insurance cover for them.
 - c)** The light on the land adjacent to Woodville Crescent was obscured when coming from

Brownsfield Road by a tree in a garden in Moorend Road and the Clerk was asked to contact the residents concerned.

- d) Cllr Novakovic was asked to obtain quotations for further street light replacements.

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.
- b) Coffee Pot field. An email had been received concerning the boundary dispute from the residents concerned, which would be referred for legal advice.
- c) ROSPA reports. The report advised that in School Lane field one of the cradle seats was noted as being too low – the Clerk had spoken with Playground Facilities Ltd and they had agreed to carry out the necessary adjustments F.O.C.

7.3 ALLOTMENTS

- a) The tenant of plot 9 had relinquished the plot from the end of July but Cllrs felt that it had not been left in a condition where it was appropriate to refund the deposit as it would require strimming in order to make it lettable. Referred to Cllr Curtis. TC

7.4 POCKET PARK (JH)

- a) The Park and it was looking good with very little rubbish – no sign of fires and only one molehill. The tidy up was agreed for 27th October. Mr Westlake was to be contacted and his advice asked about the start time and what else helpers could bring to the tidy up so that Cllr Phillips could publicise the information. GP

8. Y G VILLAGE HALL

- a) The gas supply would be 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 last meeting and advised that a new Steward had been appointed. The AGM would be on 25th October and Bonfire Night would be celebrated on 3rd November.

9. COMMUNITY ITEMS

- a) Police & Crime Commissioner meeting – 23rd October at Wootton Hall. Interested Cllrs to contact the Clerk.
- b) Emergency Plan update. No further news.
- c) NCC – consultation – Northampton town centre parking proposals – closing 18th October.
- d) Closure of Chestnut Road for 5days from 29th October to carry out gas service works. Noted.
- e) Rail Central - Rail Freight Interchange - DCO Consultation Comments.

10. Date of next meeting:

- a) 6th November 2018 – 8pm at the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.25 pm.

Open Forum

Mr Allen advised that he had around 1,000 bulbs, donated and purchased, and he would like to plant them around the village. The areas he suggested were outside the shop, around the Village Hall, Chestnut Green and the Potterspury Road entrance to the village. Cllrs were very appreciative of the idea to enhance the village. The Clerk was asked to advise the mowing contractor the areas that bulbs would be planted in the next couple of months, and Mr Allen was thanked for his community spirit in organising obtaining the bulbs and then planting them.

Unapproved