

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 8th October 2019

- Present** Cllrs Ms L Stephenson (Chair), A Curtis, J Hill, I McCord, R Weston, D Novakovic (entered 8.06pm) & Ms L Llewellyn & residents Mr & Mrs Evans.
- 4600** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr G Phillips & County Cllr Walker.
- 4601** 2. COUNCIL MATTERS
- a) **Declaration of Interest:** Cllr Llewellyn declared a personal interest in Agenda item 7.1 c).
- 4602** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 The Minutes of Meeting held 3.9.19 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 Matters arising: Cllr Hill had attached new cable ties to the swings in the Coffee Pot field and cleaned the seats. He was thanked for this.
- 4603** 4. OPEN FORUM: Notes attached. Opened 8.02pm. Closed 8.18pm. Mr & Mrs Evans leave 8.22pm.
- 4604** 5. PLANNING MATTERS
- 5.1 Applications received:
- a) 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. Cllrs requested that any concerns raised by neighbours be addressed when the application was determined.
- b) 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. Cllrs requested that any concerns raised by neighbours be addressed when the application was determined.
- c) S/2019/1766/TCA – 12 High Street. Fell conifer. For information only. Noted.
- 5.2 Amendments: None.
- 5.3 Applications granted: None.
- a) S/2019/1569/TCA – 13 Mount Pleasant. Fell conifer.
- 5.4 Applications refused: None.
- 5.5 Applications withdrawn: None.
- 5.6 Outstanding applications/Other planning: None.
- 4605** 6. **Finance Matters**
- 6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a) Clerk's salary Sept 19 = £391.12 (001223).
- b) PAYE Tax = £87.20 (001224)
- c) Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – September 19 = £50.00 (001225).
- d) BT – broadband - £30.50 – (paid by direct debit.)
- e) DNH Contracts – dog bins September 19 = £64.56 + £12.91 VAT = £77.47 (001226).
- f) PKF Littlejohn LLP – Review of AGAR 31/3/19 = £200.00 + £40.00 VAT = £240.00 (001227).
- g) Mr G Huffer – strimming vacant allotment = £15.00 (001228).
- h) The Ground Care Company – mowing contract August & September - £1,095.00 + £219.00 VAT = £1,314.00 (001229).
- i) Enterprise Inns plc – Coffee Pot field rent - £10.00 + £2.00 = £12.00 (001230).
- j) E.on plc – street lighting maintenance - £134.23 + £26.85VAT = £161.08 (001231).
Proposed by Cllr Weston and seconded by Cllr McCord. Authorised by all Councillors.
- 6.2 **Payments Received:**
- a) Allotment deposit - £80.00
- 6.3 OTHER
- a) Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £27,196.55 (9.9.19) SW - £2,087.97 (1.7.19).
- b) Workplace Pension scheme. The Clerk did not wish to be placed in a Workplace Pension scheme.
- c) Annual Governance & Accountability Return y/e 31st March 2019. The audited AGAR was presented to the Council and Cllr Stephenson proposed that it be approved and accepted and thanked the Clerk for her diligent financial housekeeping throughout the year. Seconded by Cllr Weston. All in favour. No matters requiring the issue of a separate additional issues arising report had come to the attention of the external auditors and the certified AGAR and Notice of Conclusion of Audit were displayed as required on the noticeboard by the old Post Office and on the website.
- d) Bank reconciliation 1/4/19 – 30/6/19. This had been checked by Cllr Weston. Noted & approved.
- 4606** 7. Committee Reports:
- 7.1 HIGHWAYS/R.O.W./MOWING/STREET LIGHTING/OVERHANGING VEGETATION
- a) Cllr Hill noted that the Eastfield Crescent street sign was damaged & needed attention. The Clerk would report this 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 after discussion it was agreed that Cllrs Curtis & Weston would meet with Mr Allen to discuss the most suitable areas for planting.
- 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 - Cllr Stephenson had signed the statutory declaration and the lease, which would be forwarded to Enterprise Inns' solicitors.

- c) Various complaints about overhanging trees/encroaching vegetation – a) land off Woodville Crescent – some work had been carried out. The Clerk was asked to send 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. (Cllr Novakovic will visit & consider options). c) land opposite Pocket Park – Cllrs were disappointed in the response from the Church, but understood from Cllr Llewellyn that a site visit would be arranged. d) Warren Road - thanks to the resident concerned who had cut the hedge in question. e) Malborough Way/Eastfield Crescent – unfortunately this is private property, the highway & path are not fouled & there is no overhanging vegetation therefore the PC cannot get involved. 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) Request to plant 3 cordon apple trees on plots 26/27. This was approved, but criteria would be drawn up to ensure any future requests could be managed accordingly. (Also for the allotment holders meeting.)
- c) Cllr Curtis requested up to £60.00 + VAT to purchase padlocks for the allotment site & the Coffee Pot field. Approved.

7.4 POCKET PARK

- a) The Park was looking quite untidy with cans & litter. Cllr Llewellyn expected there to be a tidy up at the end of October.

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8. Y G VILLAGE HALL

- a) Afternoon Teas and Coffee Mornings continued to be well supported.

8.1 Y G RECREATION CENTRE

- a) Nothing to report. It was understood plans were well in hand for Bonfire Night & a Masked Ball.

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9. COMMUNITY MATTERS

- a) NCC Consultation – Weight Management Service for Adults – closing 15/11/19. Cllr Phillips was to be asked to upload this to the website.
- b) NCC Consultation – Priorities of new unitary authority going forward – closing 20/10/19. LS & IM were delegated to complete this on behalf of the PC. Cllr Phillips was to be asked to upload this to the website.

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10. Date of next meeting:

- a) 5th November 2019 – 8pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.15 pm.

OPEN FORUM

Mr & Mrs Evans expressed their concern about rumours the old care home would become a rehabilitation centre for addicts. They also clarified some points concerning their planning application.

As District Councillor, Cllr McCord advised that the Minister for Local Government confirmed that subject to Parliamentary approval, the May 2020 local elections will be to the shadow unitary authorities. Parish Council elections will go ahead at the same time for a 5 year term.

He also advised that a change of use was not required for the old care home to become a rehabilitation centre for addicts. He was not aware of NCC sponsoring the proposed centre, and had not received any information from the NHS.

