

# MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018

- Present** Cllrs Ms L Stephenson (Chair), A Curtis, J Hill, G Phillips, I McCord & Richard Weston.
- 4471 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr D Novakovic.
- 4472 2. COUNCIL MATTERS**
- a) Declaration of Interest:** None.
- 4473 3. Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1** The Minutes of Meeting held 7.8.18 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 Matters arising:** None.
- 4474 4. Open Forum:** Formally opened 8.03pm.  
Comments attached.  
Formally closed at 8.17pm.
- 4475 5. Planning:**
- 5.1** Applications received:  
S/2018/1958/FUL – 69 Hesketh Road. Single storey front extension. Cllrs had no objections but commented as follows ‘Councillors would wish that any concerns raised by neighbours be addressed.’
- 5.2** Amendments: None.
- 5.3** Applications granted:
- a)** S/2018/1436/LDP – 49 Hesketh Road. Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed development comprising of a single storey side extension. Noted.
- b)** S/2018/1437/FUL – Downton Fields Farm. Potterspurty Lodge. Installation of static caravan as temporary accommodation, driveway & services.
- c)** S/2018/1592/FUL – 34 Warren Road. Single storey front extension.
- d)** S/2018/1650/CON (various) – 1 Chestnut Road. Discharge of conditions 3, 4 & 5. Noted.
- 5.4** Applications refused: None.
- 5.5** Applications withdrawn: None.
- 5.6** Outstanding Applications/Other planning. None.
- a)** A/2017/2660/FUL – 21 High Street. New dwelling. Appeal against the failure to determine the application within 8 weeks.
- 4476 6. Finance Matters**
- 6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a)** Clerk’s salary August 18 = £366.70 (001117).
- b)** Clerk’s expenses August 18 – stamps - £5.80 (001118).
- c)** HMRC PAYE Tax - £117.60 (001119).
- d)** Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – August 18 = £50.00 (001120).
- e)** BT – broadband - £27.50 – (paid by direct debit.)
- f)** DNH Contracts – dog bins – August 2018 - £64.56 + £12.91 VAT = £77.47 (001121).
- g)** MS-Group Ltd – war memorial restoration work - £2,986.00 + £597.20 = £3,583.20 (001122).
- h)** PKF Littlejohn LLP – audit of AGAR 2107-2018 - £300.00 + £60.00 VAT = £360.00 (001123).
- i)** Viking – stationery - £37.45 + £7.49 VAT = £44.94 (001124).
- j)** Ladywell Accountancy Service – PAYE & RTI filing = £45.00 (001125).  
Proposed by Cllr McCord and seconded by Cllr Curtis. Authorised by all Councillors.
- 6.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED:**
- a)** Field rent - £120.00.
- b)** Allotment deposit = £40.00.
- 6.3 OTHER**
- a)** Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £19,502.63 (14.8.18) SW - £2,087.77 (1.7.18).
- b)** Workplace Pension scheme. The Clerk did not wish to be placed in a Workplace Pension scheme.
- c)** Bank reconciliation 1.4.18 – 30.6.18. This had been checked by Cllr Weston. Noted & approved.
- d)** Audited Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2017-2018. 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 Phillips. 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 to be displayed as required on the noticeboard by the old Post Office and on the website.
- 4477 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. Cllr McCord had written to NCC regarding this proposal and was awaiting a response.
- c)** The light outside 48 Hesketh Road was partially obscured by the leylandii hedge and the Clerk was asked to contact the residents concerned.
- 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. Cllr Stephenson agreed to contact the solicitors acting for the owners of the

Coffee Pot field to discuss ways of progressing the issue of the boundary dispute. She would also prepare a letter to be sent to the owners of the property in question, in response to an email received, to be authorised by all Cllrs. **LS**

- c) ROSPA reports. The report highlighted vegetation by the seat in the Coffee Pot field, which had since been cleared, and bird mess on the swing seats – which had also been cleared by Cllr Hill. In School Lane field one of the cradle seats was noted as being too low – Cllr McCord proposed that the Clerk be given delegated authority of up to £300.00 + VAT to arrange for the seat in question to be raised. Seconded by Cllr Stephenson. All in favour.

**7.3 ALLOTMENTS (TC)**

- a) Cllr Curtis had spoken with the resident who wished to keep cockerels on Plot 13 and would draft a letter to be sent incorporating any concerns expressed by ploholders & Cllrs. He had concerns about plots 22 & 25 and the Clerk was asked to make contact with the ploholders concerned. The rest of the allotments were looking good. 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.

**7.4 POCKET PARK (JH)**

- a) Mr Westlake had strimmed the Park and it was looking good with very little rubbish. A tidy up was discussed and Cllr Stephenson would make contact with Mr Westlake and ask his advice about the best time for this. **LS**

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**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 25<sup>th</sup> October and Bonfire Night would be celebrated on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

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**9. COMMUNITY ITEMS**

- a) Police & Crime Commissioner meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> September at Wootton Hall. Interested Cllrs to contact the Clerk.  
b) Emergency Plan update. No further news.  
c) Invitation to Northants CALC Annual General Meeting, Saturday 6 October 2018 at Moulton Community Centre in Moulton 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Cllrs Stephenson & McCord indicated an interest in attending.

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**Date of next meeting:**

- a) 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 – 8pm at the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.37 pm.

**Open Forum**

As District Cllr, Cllr McCord apologised for missing meetings due to diary conflict. He advised that 7 out of 8 local authorities had voted for 2 Unitary authorities to be set up and this decision had been passed to the Secretary of State. The elections due next year would now be delayed until after the new authorities had been set up, which would be on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

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