

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 1st February 2022

- Present** Cllrs L Stephenson (Chair), A Curtis, L Llewellyn, N Wickens, J Thorne & R Weston & guest Ms R McGettigan (Gigaclear).
- 4867** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs J Hill & I McCord.
- 4868** 2. **COUNCIL MATTERS**
- a) **Declaration of Interest:** Cllr Weston declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda item 6.3c) and took no part in discussions. Cllr Curtis declared an interest in Agenda item 7.1h).
- 4869** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 Agreement as a true record: The Minutes of Meeting held 11.1.22 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 4870** 4. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION:** Opened 7.15pm. Notes attached. Closed 7.55pm.
- 4871** 5. **Community Items:**
- a) Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – The Coffee Pot had advised that several bands had been secured and they were now looking for food vendors and were hopeful to be working with the VH.
- b) Northants CALC Asset Mapping Project (AMP) update – the Clerk had drawn up a list of assets owned by the PC and WNC together with details of services provided by WNC. The Terms of Reference provided by NCalc were signed by Cllr Stephenson as Chair.
- 4872** 6. **PLANNING MATTERS**
- 6.1 **Applications received:**
- a) WNS/2021/2199/FUL – 27 Moorend Road. Excavation and removal of part of the amenity space to the front of the property to provide an additional off-road parking space. No further comments.
- 6.2 **Applications approved:**
- a) WNS/2021/2039/TCA – 60a Moorend Road. Tree work. 3 conditions.
- 6.3 **Other Planning:**
- a) Land at Asana Lodge – Enforcement Notice withdrawn and Public Enquiry cancelled.
- b) Land East of Northampton Road – Appeal hearing to open on 27th July.
- c) Potterspury Road Solar Farm proposal - Response from Solar 2 Ltd. They will be submitting a pre-application request to WNC to discuss the proposal further, and would intend to undertake survey work during the spring, with a public exhibition in the summer. They were trying to arrange a solar site visit for Councillors from YG and Potterspury.
- d) 32 Moorend Road – Application for Premises Licence. The PC is not a statutory consultee, but after discussion had no comments to make.
- 4873** 7. **Finance Matters**
- 7.1 **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Clerk's salary Jan 22= £345.60 (001467).
- b) PAYE Tax = £86.40 (paid by direct debit)
- c) BT Broadband = £31.73 (paid by direct debit)
- d) Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas – Jan 22 = £50.00 (001468).
- e) DNH Contracts – dog bins Jan 22 - £64.56 + £12.91 VAT = £77.47 (001469)
- f) Potterspury & YG URC – room hire 11th January - £18.00 (001470)
- g) WAVE/Anglian Water – allotment water supply - £54.47 (paid by Direct Debit).
- h) Yardley Gobion Village Hall – room hire 2021 - £140.00 (001471)
- i) Miss L Ratcliffe – contribution to telephone = £24.40 (001472)
- j) The Clerk had been advised that chq 001456 in the sum of £1,108.72 payable to Playfix Ltd had not been received, and approval was sought to stop the cheque and re-issue chq number 001473 after checking with the Bank.
- Proposed by Cllr Wickens and seconded by Cllr Thorne.
- 7.2 **PAYMENTS RECEIVED:**
- a) Allotment rent = £740.00
- b) Scottish Widows interest = 0.05p
- 7.3 **OTHER**
- a) Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £41,249.03 (14.1.22) SW - £2,088.47 (1.1.22).
- b) Goat Field lease – The draft lease had been sent to the proposed tenant for him to consider.
- c) New website update – Work in progress. Data was in the process of being transferred to the new site.
- d) Acknowledgement of donations from Warks & N'hants Air Ambulance & The Old Mail.
- 4874** 8. **Councillor Reports:**
- a) Street Lighting - no issues reported.
- b) Village Trees – Cllr Stephenson & the Clerk would liaise with the village tree warden for advice about replacing the lost pink Hawthorne trees at the entrance to the village. Mr Schumacher had generously offered to plant the replacement trees, and this offer was much appreciated.
- c) Allotments – Cllr Curtis advised that whilst some plots were in a really good condition, others would soon need attention. He would review the situation in a month. He reported that the fence along the roadside of the allotments required attention. He proposed a maximum spend of £150.00 + VAT for repairs. Seconded by Cllr Thorne. All in favour.
- d) Village Hall – The provision of Wi-Fi had been discussed at a recent meeting. The Committee was looking for more officers, but was financially secure due to grants received. The Hall would be advertised more, and the website would be updated.
- e) Recreation Centre – Cllr Weston reported that the Recreation Centre AGM had still not taken place, but a lot of volunteers were doing a great deal of hard work for the Club. Consideration was

being given to placing a sign on the building.

- f) Playing fields – Mr Mark Mumford had asked if the PC could consider allowing his group to use part of the Coffee Pot field for parking for trader's vehicles for a jumble sale in the Village Hall on 23rd April 2022. It will be a charity event to commemorate one of the members of the Royal Enfield Owners Club who sadly took his own life and the profits would go to the mental health charity Mind. Cllrs were very supportive of this request and it was approved subject to the relevant licence being signed.
- g) Highways – no issues reported.
- h) Mowing – The current mowing contractor, The Ground Care Company, had been absorbed into Complete Ground Management and was now trading under that name. The director advised they would have to re tender for our ground maintenance contract. As the contract was last awarded in 2021, the Clerk was asked to respond as follows 'Thank you for your email of 13th January, which was discussed at our recent Parish Council meeting. We note the change in circumstances you mention, but as you are aware we have a contract signed by you, and in light of the length of time we have been your clients we would expect that you would see fit to continue on the existing terms until the end of the current contract.'

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- 9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
- a) 1st March 2022, 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 8.56pm.

PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

Ms Roisin McGettigan gave a presentation about the work to be carried out by Gigaclear in the village, together with details of the fibre broadband they would be providing.

By email, Ms Whitmarsh had highlighted the lack of bus service for the village, and Councillors expressed their concerns, but were not able to bring any pressure to bear on the proprietor of Britannia Bus who was doing his best to keep the service running. However, Cllr Barter had advised that WNC had submitted a bus service plan with funding from the government in order to restore some of the services from before the NCC cuts.

