

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3rd May 2022

- Present** Cllrs L Llewellyn, N Wickens, J Thorne, J Hill, I McCord, A Curtis, L Stephenson, R Weston, Ward Councillors Barter & Pritchard & residents Mrs Brown, Ms Bance, Mr Richards & Mrs Wedderburn.
- 4897** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** None.
- 4898** 2. **COUNCIL MATTERS**
- a) **Declaration of Interest:** Cllr Curtis declared an interest in Agenda item 7.1 f), Cllr Wickens declared an interest in Agenda item 7.1 l) & Cllr Weston declared an interest in Agenda item 6.3.
- 4899** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 Agreement as a true record: The Minutes of Meeting held 5.4.22 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 4900** 4. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION:** Opened 8.10pm. Notes attached. Closed 8.23pm.
- 4901** 5. **Community Items:**
- a) Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – The following events were planned: Thursday - Cream Teas at St Leonard's Church, a Community Concert & History Group Royal Exhibition. Friday – Exhibition of Clubs & Events & Refreshments in the Village Hall, Family Sports Day & Music at the Recreation Centre. Saturday - Exhibition of Clubs & Events & Refreshments in the Village Hall. Sunday – Fete & Classic Vehicles at the Recreation Centre. Nothing has been asked of the PC – Cllrs would contribute & assist if requested.
- b) Land off Woodville Crescent – following the use of the land off Woodville Crescent twice as a compound by contractors without permission, it had been decided that the area be protected by bollards at the Woodville Crescent entrance and signs demonstrating that it is private land. 3 quotations had been received – Dave Hennessy - £1,193.00, KANDAP Ltd - £1,962.55 & Lane's Building Contractors Ltd - £1,720.00. Cllr Wickens proposed that the quotation from Dave Hennessy be approved. Seconded by Cllr Llewellyn. All in favour.
- c) 89 bus service. Cllr Thorne had attended 2 meetings between affected Councils and WNC & the Britannia Bus proprietor. The new bus timetables for the Monday to Friday 89 service to Milton Keynes were now available and distributed for public noticeboards and elsewhere. There were no promises on a weekend service, or a commuter service or an hourly service. Mr Wragg of WNC explained that WNC acted as "a broker"; there were no funds to subsidise bus routes, its only statutory duties were to handle the concessionary fare reimbursement for bus companies, and oversee contract tenders. He said the Council had to come up with a new policy, however at present there was no money to pay for better rural services. He suggested the rural lobby shouted loudly to try to influence draft policy, and promised to look favourably on some marketing money for a leaflet campaign which might balance the timetable with generating greater public interest in getting out into the countryside.
- d) Gigaclear – The Community Engagement Manager had advised the project was getting to build close out in June/July and she would be organising a walk round the village with members of the PC and the Project Delivery Lead. Cllr Wickens suggested the PC do their own walk round first prior to the walk round suggested by Gigaclear. The green cabinet outside 2 High Street had been moved underground. Another catch up meeting was offered before build ends and Councillors would consider this suggestion. It was agreed that a public meeting at the end of the project would be a good idea as then residents could find out about connections etc.
- 4902** 6. **PLANNING MATTERS** – Cllr McCord took no part in discussions or decisions.
- 6.1 Applications received:
- a) WNS/2022/0773/FUL – 25 Moorend Road. Single part/two storey extension. Cllrs requested details of 2 free standing structures that are shown on the 3d views plan on the application and also requested that any concerns raised by neighbours be addressed when the application was determined.
- b) WNS/2022/0756/TC – Mount Pleasant Farmhouse, Grays Lane. T1 Cedar. Tree has failed in recent storms, leaving 1 limb remaining which is now exposed and over BT Lines/road. Remove tree as soon as possible due to high potential for further damage. Cllrs had no objections.
- 6.2 Applications approved:
- a) WNS/2022/0357/FUL – 11 Hortonsfield Road. Install conservatory to the rear of the property. 2 conditions.
- 6.3 **Other Planning:** Potterspurty Road Solar Farm – proposed meeting on 16th May at 5pm between the PC's involved and the developers to be confirmed.
- 4903** 7. **Finance Matters**
- 7.1 **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Clerk's salary Apr 22= £412.80 (001489).
- b) PAYE Tax = £87.80 (paid by direct debit)
- c) BT Broadband = £35.18 (paid by direct debit)
- d) Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas – Apr 22 = £50.00 (001490).
- e) DNH Contracts – dog bins Apr 22 - £64.56 + £12.91 VAT = £77.47 (001491)
- f) Yardley Gobion Village Hall – room hire 2022 - £20.00 (001492)
- g) LC Hedging & Grass Maintenance – mowing contract - £1,000.00 + £200.00 = £1,200.00 (001493)
- h) LC Hedging & Grass Maintenance Ltd – mowing contract – £1,500.00 + £300.00 = £1,800.00 (001494)
- i) Zurich Municipal – PC Insurance - £546.89 (001495)

- j) Capps MK – Mole contract – monthly inspections & treatments - £450.00 (001496)
 - k) E.on – street lighting maintenance - £134.23 + £26.85 VAT = £161.08 (001497)
 - l) Mr N Wickens – Wordpress subscription - £36.00 (001498)
 - m) Viking – stationery - £43.16 + £8.63 VAT = £51.79 (001499)
 - n) Ms L Ratcliffe – cont to telephone = £25.52 (001500)
 - o) Wave – Anglian Water – Allotment water = £72.69 (paid by direct debit)
- Proposed by Cllr McCord and seconded by Cllr Thorne.

7.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED: None.

7.3 OTHER

- a) Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £36,734.65 (13.4.22) SW - £2,088.47 (1.1.22).
- b) Goat Field lease – The proposed tenant had approved the draft lease and Cllr Wickens agreed to make contact to arrange a suitable date to take inventory pictures.
- c) New website update – The new site was ready to go live. Data had been transferred to the new site, and the staging site was available at yardleygobionpc.teectest.co.uk. The domain name registration was in hand and Cllr Wickens & the Clerk have admin control of the site. Organisations within the village have been asked to advise if there is inaccurate information on the current site so it can be amended on the new site.
- d) Consideration of requests for Community Funding -
- i) Request from Yardley Gobion Village Hall for a grant in the sum of £600.00 to pay for a full structural survey of the Hall as cracks had been found in the exterior fabric. Cllr Stephenson suggested that the Hall's insurers be contacted first, but in the event of them not agreeing to a survey then Cllr Wickens proposed that £600.00 be made available for such a survey. Seconded by Cllr Hill. Cllrs Curtis & Llewellyn took not part in the vote – all other Councillors were in favour.
- ii) Request from The Chestnut Club for consideration of a grant in the sum of £200.00 for a photograph of all members. Councillors felt this was a worthwhile idea and Cllr Wickens proposed a grant in the sum of £200.00, with Cllr Llewellyn seconding this. All in favour. 8.55pm – Ms Bance & Mrs Brown leave.
- iii) Request from Yardley Gobion Recreation Centre to consider a grant towards the funding of a new kitchen. After discussion Cllr Wickens proposed that the Council confirms support of the grant application to WNC, and further makes available in principle a grant of £2,500.00 towards the project. Seconded by Cllr Hill. All in favour. 9.10pm – Mrs Wedderburn & Mr Richards leave.

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8. Councillor Reports:

- a) Street Lighting – the Clerk was waiting for a quotation to replace the pole bracket outside 6 Moorend Road with a short pole bracket rotated to be at 90 degrees to the kerb and placed at a height to avoid any large vehicles. Cllr Weston would follow up.
- b) Village Trees – Nothing to report.
- c) Allotments – Cllr Curtis had inspected the allotment plots and would be asking the Clerk to write to various ploholders whose plots were causing concern. Cllr Weston was thanked for arranging fencing to cover the gap next to the gate.
- d) Village Hall – The AGM would be held in May and the Committee was looking for more officers, and a new Chair. Possible damage to the structure had been noted and this required urgent attention. Bookings were looking up, but electricity and gas prices were rising.
- e) Recreation Centre – Cllr Weston reported that the Recreation Centre AGM had now taken place, but no Chair had been elected. However, things were looking up.
- f) Playing fields – The swings in School Lane play area needed oiling and Cllr Hill agreed to carry this out. Some improvement had been made to the bins by Cllr Weston and these would be reviewed. It appeared that a query with regard to the use of the football pitches at School Lane field had been resolved internally between the 2 parties concerned.
- g) Highways – There was a pothole opposite Moorgate Farm to be reported. It was noted that the wall alongside The Coffee Pot pub was severely damaged and was in danger of collapse. Enterprise Inns would be contacted to ask that they take steps to inspect the wall and undertake the necessary repairs in order to avoid any injury to passing pedestrians or damage to vehicles.
- h) Mowing – Cllr Thorne reported the new contractor was doing a good and worthwhile job. He took on board any comments, and there had been no complaints.

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9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- a) **7th June 2022, PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.15pm in the Village Hall**

Meeting closed 9.25pm.

PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

Mrs Brown read out a request from The Chestnut Club for consideration of a Community Grant in the sum of £200.00 for a photograph of members.

Mrs Wedderburn read out a request from the Recreation Centre for support from the PC for their grant application to WNC, and for a Community Grant for refurbishment of the kitchen.

Mr Curtis asked for consideration for a Community Grant in the sum of £600.00 to pay for an urgent structural survey of the Village Hall.

As Ward Councillor, Cllr McCord advised that the Annual Meeting of WNC would be held on 19th May, and the procurement of a new highways contract was expected to be let in June.