

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3rd August 2021

- Present** Cllrs L Stephenson (Chair), A Curtis, J Thorne, L Llewellyn, I McCord & R Weston, Ward Cllr Ken Pritchard & residents Ms J Aldridge, Mr M Roche, Mrs S Evans, Ms T Stapley, Mr & Mrs Evetts & 3 additional residents.
- 4804** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs J Hill & N Wickens.
- 4805** 2. **COUNCIL MATTERS**
- a) **Declaration of Interest:** Cllr Curtis declared an interest in Agenda item 6.1i) and took no part in discussions.
- 4806** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- Agreement as a true record: The Minutes of Meetings held 6.7.21 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 4807** 3.1 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION:** Opened 7.19pm. Notes attached. Closed 7.47pm.
- 4807** 5. **PLANNING MATTERS – Cllr McCord took no part in discussions or voting.**
- 4808** 5.1 **Applications received:**
- a) WNS/2021/1010/FUL – 15 High Street. Two detached dwellings with garages. After much discussion Cllr Stephenson proposed the following response objecting to the application ‘The site is within the village conservation area and the property 15 High Street is a Grade II listed building. The listed building is significant and prominently positioned and we are concerned that the development will have a detrimental impact to the setting. The proposed houses would conflict with the Listed Building and setting and would be contrary to settled heritage asset aims and conservation policy. The proposal is for a Back Land/Tandem development both of which are contrary to WNC Development Policy. The proposals would represent a significant over development of the site. Vehicle access: The development would require the owners of the new properties to gain access over land that would remain in the ownership of 15 High Street- contrary to Council policy. It is likely that the 2 new households would have a minimum of 4 cars between them causing additional vehicular access and egress movements via a narrow driveway directly onto the High Street with its numerous parked cars at most times. This will be in addition to the vehicles belonging to the residents of the newly converted annexe. We strongly urge that the neighbouring residents’ concerns are taken into consideration, including those listed below specifically relating to 4 Prospect Court: Their conservatory/children’s’ playroom has not been shown on the Application and the development will reduce light into their house, conservatory and garden. It will overlook the property and the windows will provide a line of sight into the rear bedrooms, conservatory and garden.’ Seconded by Cllr Weston. All Cllrs in favour (Cllr McCord abstained.)
- b) WNS/2021/1006/FUL – 15 High Street. Detached garage with hobby room to the rear. Cllrs had ‘no objections.’
- 4809** 6. **Finance Matters**
- 6.1 **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Clerk’s salary July 21 = £345.60 (001417).
- 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 – July21 = £50.00 (001418).
- e) DNH Contracts – dog bins July 21 - £80.70 + £16.14 VAT = £96.84 (001419)
- f) The Ground Care Company – mowing contract - £27.00** (001420)
- g) E.on plc - lighting - £756.11 + £151.22 VAT = £907.33 (001421)
- h) Yardley Gobion Village Hall – Hire of Hall 2020 = £36.00 (001422)
- i) SLC New Building Works – Big Birthday Bash - £1,000.00 (001423)
- j) Miss L Ratcliffe – cont to telephone= £22.63 (001424)
- k) WAVE Anglian Water – allotment water - £96.12 (paid by direct debit)
- l) West Northants Council – election expenses - £75.00 + £15.00 VAT = £90.00 (001425)
- Proposed by Cllr Weston and seconded by Cllr Thorne.
- 6.2 **Payments received:**
- a) Scottish Widows interest = 0.05p
- 6.3 **OTHER**
- a) Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £39,780.57 (15.7.21) SW - £2,088.37 (1.7.21).
- 4810** 7. **Urgent Business Item**
- a) Position of Memorial bench. After much discussion two alternatives were suggested which would need further investigation before approval – replace the bench outside the church with a bench of a similar size and move the current bench to another position; or install the new bench near the play area in School Lane field. Mr Roche was asked to obtain opinions from residents as to their preferred option, but Cllrs would discuss all alternatives and make their decision at a future PC meeting.
- 4811** 8. **Date of next meeting:**
- a) Parish Council – 7th September 2021 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 8.12 pm.

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PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

Mr Evetts outlined his concerns about the planning application for 15 High Street, including loss of privacy and loss of light.

Mr Roche had carried out research and advised that the popular position for the Memorial bench was outside the Church. He volunteered to refurbish the current bench and move it to another location as agreed by Councillors. He confirmed that £1,450.00 had been received in donations. Cllr Stephenson, on behalf of the Council, wished to acknowledge the fundraising from the village. She said that it was a credit to everyone in the village who had contributed to such a worthy cause.

As Ward Councillor, Ian McCord advised that West Northants Council was firming up processes, and there was an ongoing consultation regarding the Constitution. He confirmed that he and Councillors Ken Pritchard and William Barter were the elected representatives responsible for Deanshanger Ward. He noted that the hearing for the appeal by the owners of Asana Lodge was scheduled to take place on 7th December.

Ward Councillor Ken Pritchard introduced himself and advised that he was aware of local issues and the potential for development, and confirmed he would be closely monitoring any development in the area. He mentioned that Planning Officers could approve applications up to 10 dwellings, West Northants Planning Committee up to 200 dwellings and the Strategic Planning Committee would consider applications for over 200 dwellings.

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