

**MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 via Zoom**

- Present** Cllrs Ms L Stephenson (Chair), J Hill, Ms L Llewellyn, A Curtis, N Wickens, I McCord, J Thorne, S McCarthy & R Weston & resident Mr M Tunstall.
- 4750** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** None.
- 4751** 2. COUNCIL MATTERS
- a) **Declaration of Interest:** None.
- 4752** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 Agreement as a true record: The Minutes of Meeting held 2.2.21 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 Matters arising: None.
- 4753** 4. OPEN FORUM: Opened 7.01pm.  
Please see attached notes.  
Closed 7.06pm.  
Mr Tunstall leaves 7.06pm
- 4754** 5. PLANNING MATTERS
- 5.1 Applications received:
- a) S/2021/0184/FUL – 25 Moorend Road. Variation of condition – amend roof details from local thatch to natural slate. Cllrs had no comments.
- b) S/2021/0183/FUL – 33 Hesketh Road. Replace existing conservatory with single storey extension to rear. Cllrs requested that any comments made by neighbours be taken into account when this application was determined.  
Cllr McCord took no part in the above Agenda item discussions.
- 5.2 Other planning:
- a) APP/Z2830/C/21/3268119 – Land at Asana Lodge, Moorend Road. Appeal under Section 174. After discussion Cllr Stephenson proposed the following response ‘The Parish Council supports the enforcement notice issued by South Northants Council regarding the unauthorised change of use of the building from a nursing home to a rehabilitation centre (specifically focussed on addictions) and consider it is unacceptable in this location due to the detrimental impact on the residential amenity of neighbouring properties by reason of noise and disturbance and the potential for anti-social behaviour. It is considered that such a use is not compatible with a rural location and is not sustainable as the use does not integrate with the existing village community. In addition, the use has encroached beyond the approved site boundary by virtue of the use of land in the open countryside for rehabilitation purposes and as a result the use of the additional area of land is an intrusion in the open countryside which also has the potential to cause harm to the amenities of the surrounding occupants by virtue of noise, and disturbance.’ Seconded by Cllr McCarthy. All in favour.  
Cllr McCord took no part in the above Agenda item discussions.
- b) S/2021/0118/FUL – Homestead Farm, Watling Street. Agricultural building. Cllrs had no further comments on this application following information from the Case Officer.
- 4755** 6. **Finance Matters**
- 6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a) Clerk’s salary Feb 21 = £398.00 (001314).
- b) Clerk’s expenses Feb 21 (stamps) = £7.92 (001315)
- c) Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas – Feb 21 = £50.00 (001316).
- d) BT – broadband - £30.50 – (paid by direct debit.)
- e) Enterprise Inns – field rent = £10.00 + £2.00 = £12.00 (001317)
- f) DNH Contracts – dog bins - £64.56 + £12.91 VAT = £77.47 (001318)  
Proposed by Cllr McCarthy and seconded by Cllr Hill. Authorised by all Councillors.
- 6.2 **Payments received**
- a) Allotment Rent = £320.00
- b) NCC Mowing contribution = £484.29
- 6.3 OTHER
- a) Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £37,668.03 (15.2.21) SW - £2,088.27 (1.1.21).
- b) Review of Risk Assessment. This document had been circulated and Cllr Curtis asked that the wording regarding village trees be amended to read ‘a nominated Councillor’. Cllr Stephenson then proposed that it be re-adopted. Seconded by Cllr McCarthy. All in favour.
- c) Review of Code of Conduct. This document had been circulated and Cllr Stephenson proposed that it be re-adopted. Seconded by Cllr McCarthy. All in favour.
- d) Review of Standing Orders. This document had been circulated and Cllr Stephenson proposed that it be re-adopted. Seconded by Cllr McCarthy. All in favour.
- e) Review of Asset Register. This document had been circulated and Cllr Stephenson proposed that it be re-adopted. Seconded by Cllr McCarthy. All in favour.
- f) Emergency Plan. Work in progress.
- g) Acknowledgement of donations from Willen Hospice, Warks & Northants Air Ambulance & The Old Mail.
- h) Horse Field lease. It was noted that this lease had expired and the Clerk was asked to write to the tenant and ask for their intentions.
- 4756** 7. **Councillor Reports:**
- a) HIGHWAYS – A resident has suggested creating a wildflower meadow on Elm Green, and the proposal had been forwarded to NCC for their approval.

Comments had been received about overhanging and encroaching vegetation from properties in the village and the Clerk was asked to contact the residents involved to ask if they could assist by trimming the trees or shrubs back from the pavements. Thanks were due to Cllr Weston & Miss Weston who had cut back the hedge from one property with the owner's approval.

The Clerk was also asked to write to the landowner and tenant of the fields behind Eastfield Crescent/Hesketh Road as follows 'Recent heavy rainfall caused significant run off from your field behind Hesketh Road where it joins Eastfield Crescent. The water ran down the footpath and adjacent garden, then overwhelmed the storm drains. The run-off then flowed down Malborough Way and overwhelmed the storm drains at the other end of Eastfield Crescent causing flooding of the road and property. There does not appear to be a ditch at the edge of the field to control run off by directing it away from roads and property. If there once was one it appears to have become filled in. We would like to add that in recent days this run off has been repeated, although not to the same extent. On at least one subsequent event there was significant icing on the pavement as a result. Could you please consider the position and take steps to avoid the situation recurring?'

The problem of flooding on Moored Road outside The Poplar was also discussed and it was hoped a full survey and a meeting with the County Council could soon take place.

- b) STREET LIGHTING – A quotation had been received from E.on to replace and upgrade the remaining lamps in the village and one lighting column that had been damaged in the sum £3,972.50 + VAT. Cllr McCarthy proposed this be accepted. Seconded by Cllr Hill. All in favour.
- c) VILLAGE TREES – Further reports about the Chestnut tree in School Lane field were awaited.
- d) ALLOTMENTS – Cllr Curtis planned to issue a newsletter in the next few weeks. He advised that some allotments were in very good condition, whilst some required attention. Fortunately neighbouring plots were not affected.
- e) PLAYING FIELDS – No problems reported.
- f) VILLAGE HALL – Closed during the past months. Re-opening would only be considered after receiving advice from ACRE, but the Hall would always be available for emergency use.
- g) RECREATION CENTRE – Closed during the past months apart from the café which had provided take away during the lockdown. An all-purpose court had been suggested for the car park area, and there was an idea to plant wildflowers on the bund nearby.
- h) MOWING – 3 companies been asked to tender for the contract. After reviewing the terms, one was unable to tender, the other two had tendered £4,620.00 & £4,545.00. With such close figures Cllr Curtis proposed that the tender from The Ground Care Co at £4,545.00 be accepted as the contractor was familiar with the village, had provided a good service over the previous 6 years and provided a 24 hour turnaround if problems were reported to them. Seconded by Cllr McCord. All in favour.
- i) PC RESPONSE TO CORONA VIRUS – The village volunteers had been generally quiet, but much appreciated and always available and willing to assist if required. The hotline was still up and running and there appeared to be no specific issues.

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**8. Community Items**

- a) Village Grant scheme – One formal application had been received. Cllr Wickens would post details of the scheme again, noting a closing date of 31st March for fully worked applications.

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**9. Date of next meeting:**

- a) 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 7pm

Meeting closed 8.11 pm.

**OPEN FORUM**

Mr Tunstall spoke about suggestions on Facebook that trees and a wildflower garden be planted on the land off Woodville Crescent and said that as he accessed the rear of his property across that land, wildflowers or trees there would cause a problem. He mentioned he was considering building in his rear garden, and would include one affordable house in his plans. He would like to discuss the matter in future when meetings were not virtual.

