

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3rd November 2020 via Zoom

Present

Cllrs Ms L Stephenson (Chair), J Hill, Ms L Llewellyn, A Curtis, N Wickens, I McCord, J Thorne, resident Ms Robinson.

4716 1. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs S McCarthy, R Weston (unable to log in).

4717 2. COUNCIL MATTERS

a) Declaration of Interest: None.

b) Committees:

Committee Membership and Representatives. Following discussion, it was agreed:

Planning - Cllrs: Stephenson, Llewellyn & Hill.

Finance & GP - Cllrs: Wickens, Curtis, Weston, McCord & Stephenson

Highways & Environment, Street lighting & mowing - Cllrs: Curtis & Hill

Playing fields, play areas, - Cllrs Hill & Thorne
village trees & Pocket Park

Allotments - Cllrs Llewellyn & Curtis

YGRC/YGVH - Cllrs Weston & Curtis.

Tree Warden - Mrs Purton was to be asked if she was willing to continue, with Cllr Curtis as PC liaison.

Old Mail Correspondent - Cllr McCord agreed to continue.

Webmaster - Mr Phillips indicated his willingness to continue with this role.

Website Co-Ordinator - Cllr Wickens.

Emergency Planning Officer - Cllrs Wickens & Llewellyn.

Neighbourhood Watch - Mrs Adey had indicated her willingness to continue.

Parish Path Warden - Mrs Curtis had indicated her willingness to continue in this role.

Committee membership proposed by Cllr Curtis & seconded by Cllr Thorne. All in favour.

c) Re-appoint Responsible Financial Officer - Cllr Stephenson proposed the Clerk be re-appointed as the Responsible Financial Officer. Seconded by Cllr McCord. All Cllrs in favour.

d) GDPR compliance:

To appoint the Northants CALC DPO Service as the Council's Data Protection Officer. Proposed by Cllr Wickens & seconded by Cllr Llewellyn.

4718 3. Previous Meeting:

3.1 Agreement as a true record: The Minutes of Meeting held 6.10.20 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.

3.2 Matters arising: None.

4719 4. OPEN FORUM: Opened 4.16pm.

Ms Robinson outlined her plans for an extension to her property at 27 Moorend Road. She was advised that as the PC was only a consultee Councillors could not comment on the plans until an application had been received from SNC.

Ms Robinson leaves.

As District Cllr, Cllr McCord advised that SNC planned to keep as many facilities open as possible. The West Northamptonshire Children's Trust went live on 1st November, and planning for the Unitary Authority continued, together with budget setting.

Closed 4.31pm.

4720 5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 Applications received:

a) S/2020/1673/FUL – Homestead Farm, Watling street. Detached pool building & gym. Cllrs had 'no objections.'

Cllr McCord took no part in the above Agenda item discussion.

5.2 Applications granted:

a) S/2020/1467/FUL – 56 Hesketh Road. Single storey front extension. 3 conditions

b) S/2020/1469/FUL – Drift Farmhouse. Proposed residential car port and storage building. 3 conditions.

4721 6. Finance Matters

6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:

a) Clerk's salary Oct 20 = £398.00 (001280).

b) Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas – Oct 20 = £50.00 (0011281).

- c) BT – broadband - £30.50 – (paid by direct debit.)
- d) DNH Contracts – dog bins Oct - £80.70 + £16.14 VAT = £96.84 (001282)
- e) The Ground Care Co – mowing contract - £630.00 + £126.00 VAT = £756.00 (001283)
- f) E.on – street lighting - £765.62 + £153.12 VAT = £918.74 (001284)
- g) Miss L Ratcliffe – contribution to telephone bill = £21.99 (001285)
- h) Yardley Gobion Recreation Centre – contribution to waste collection = £105.62 (001286)
- i) Viking – stationery - £32.82 + £6.57 VAT = £39.39 (001287)

Proposed by Cllr Curtis and seconded by Cllr Thorne. Authorised by all Councillors.

6.2 Payments received

- a) Scottish Widows interest = 0.05p

6.3 OTHER

- a) Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £44,531.62 (14.10.20) SW - £2,088.22 (1.10.20).
- b) Workplace Pension scheme. The Clerk did not wish to be placed in a Workplace Pension scheme.

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7. Councillor Reports:

- a) HIGHWAYS – including how to mark the planted areas around the village. Cllr Llewellyn will maintain contact with Mr Allen regarding the bulb planting and a plan will be made available to the mowing contractors at the beginning of the mowing season. Any markers identifying where bulbs are planted are to be unobtrusive and removed after the area is mowed.
Cllr Hill noted that potholes were beginning to appear in Hesketh Road.
- b) MOWING – Cllr Curtis noted that the last mow of the season had taken place. He will make contact with the contractor in the early spring of 2021.
- c) STREET LIGHTING – Mr Novakovic had indicated that 15 lights had not been upgraded in the village in the last few years. Councillors were to consider whether to include these in the budget from 2021-2022 or whether to review and replace as required.
- d) VILLAGE TREES – Further reports about the Chestnut tree in School Lane field were awaited.
- e) ALLOTMENTS – Cllr Curtis reported that the season was coming to an end, and an infestation of rats had obliterated any crops that remained. The rats were now being dealt with by a contractor.
- f) VILLAGE HALL – The VH had slowly re-opened with slots being booked, but would now close from 5th November.
- g) RECREATION CENTRE – It was understood the new café was doing well, and would provide take away during the lockdown.
- h) Review of website in view of new regulations. Cllr Wickens had researched the matter and provided a report to Councillors. The first suggestion was to create a new page immediately with a link from the home page. This will contain the “accessibility statement”.
- i) Encroachment of Coffee Pot field. The residents concerned had removed the fence as requested and Cllrs were satisfied that work was in progress to reposition the boundary.
- j) PC RESPONSE TO CORONA VIRUS – The village volunteers had been generally quiet, but much appreciated and always available and willing to assist if required, and in the new lockdown Councillors should be alert to the needs of everyone. Cllr Llewellyn suggested that the ‘help line’ telephone number be placed on noticeboards again.

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8. Date of next meeting:

- a) 1st December 2020 7pm

Meeting closed 5.00 pm.

