

# MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

- Present** Cllrs L Stephenson (Chair), A Curtis, L Llewellyn, I McCord, N Wickens & R Weston & resident Mrs Sharp.
- 4830** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs J Thorne & J Hill.
- 4831** 2. COUNCIL MATTERS
- a) **Declaration of Interest:** Cllr Llewellyn declared an interest in Agenda item 5.1b) and Cllr Weston declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda item 8 d) and took no part in discussions.
- 4832** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 Agreement as a true record: The Minutes of Meeting held 5.10.21 were approved by all Cllrs, and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 4833** 4. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION: Opened 7.17pm. Notes attached. Closed 7.30pm.
- 4844** 5. PLANNING MATTERS – Cllr McCord took no part in discussions or voting.
- 5.1 Applications received:
- a) WNS/2021/1553/FUL – 10 Grafton Road. Proposed two storey extension. Cllrs had no objections, but requested that any concerns raised by neighbours be taken into account when the application is determined.
- b) WNS/2021/1694/FUL – 17 Mount Pleasant. Proposed two storey side/rear extension. Cllrs had no objections, but requested that any concerns raised by neighbours be taken into account when the application is determined.
- 5.2 Applications approved:
- a) WNS/2021/1113/FUL – The Granary, Moorend Road. Installation of a pair of French doors to the garden area. 3 conditions.
- 5.3 Other Planning:
- 4845** 6. **Finance Matters**
- 6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a) Clerk's salary Oct 21 = £345.60 (001438).
- 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 – Oct 21 = £50.00 (001439).
- e) DNH Contracts – dog bins Oct 21 - £64.56 + £12.91 VAT = £77.47 (001440)
- f) E.on – street lighting - £93.16 (001441)
- g) Viking – stationery - £43.46 + £7.11 VAT = £50.57 (001442)
- h) WAVE (Anglian Water) allotment supply = £41.01 (paid by direct debit)
- i) Miss L Ratcliffe – contribution to telephone = £21.99 (001443)
- j) Robert C Yates & Partners – tree survey - £420.00 + £84.00 = £524.00 (001444)
- k) Stony Service Centre Ltd – bronze plaque - £95.00 + £19.00 VAT = £114.00 (001445)
- l) Stony Service Centre Ltd – coasters for Chestnut Club 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary - £275.00 + £55.00 VAT = £330.00 (001446)
- Proposed by Cllr McCord and seconded by Cllr Weston.
- 6.2 Payments received
- a) Goat field = £120.00
- b) Scottish Widows interest = 0.05p
- c) WNC – 2<sup>nd</sup> half of precept = £12,750.00
- 6.3 OTHER
- a) Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £47,152.54 (13.10.21) SW - £2,088.42 (1.10.21).
- b) Goat Field lease – The draft lease had been sent to the proposed tenant for him to consider.
- 4846** 7. **Councillor Reports:**
- a) Street Lighting - the order had been placed for the remainder of the village lights to be upgraded. The light in Grays Lane was still not working after the hedge had been cleared, and the Clerk was asked to request a further visit from the maintenance engineers.
- b) Village Trees – the tree safety survey had been received and noted no urgent work was necessary. It was agreed that quotes be requested to reduce the impact of the Norway Maple in School Lane field on the residents of 4 Lime Road, and for any other work noted on the report to be carried out. A tree from the allotment site had fallen into the road, and this had been speedily cleared by Mr Schumacher – thanks were due to him for quick response. It was noted that there were gaps in the line of pink Hawthorne trees at the southern entrance to the village, and Cllr Wickens proposed that a budget of £1,000.00 + VAT be set in order to replace lost trees with more substantial specimens. Seconded by Cllr Llewellyn. Cllr Stephenson & the Clerk would liaise with the village tree warden for advice.
- c) Allotments – 2 allotments had recently been vacated and Cllr Curtis was in touch with the proposed new tenants.
- d) Village Hall – The AGM had taken place on 16<sup>th</sup> September and new Committee members had come forward. New blinds had been fitted to the windows and groups were gradually returning. There had been a recent problem with people placing unsuitable rubbish in the blue recycling bin – this had been cleared by Cllr Weston & Ms Weston, and Cllr Curtis was looking at ways of preventing this happening again.
- e) Recreation Centre – Cllr Weston reported that the Recreation Centre AGM had been cancelled, but the fireworks would go ahead on 6<sup>th</sup> November.
- f) Playing fields – Towcester Tigers' work on the Coffee Pot field was much appreciated and matches were now scheduled until the end of the season.

- g) Highways. Argon Utility had set up a compound on the land off Woodville Crescent for the gas work being carried on around that area. The Clerk and Cllr Curtis were attempting to find out if permission had been obtained for this, and to ensure that any damage to the land was made good. Gigaclear had been surveying the village for fibre optic broadband and it was agreed that the Clerk make contact to ask for a village wide plan, showing junction boxes etc.  
Cllr Curtis leaves 8.20pm.
- h) Mowing – no issues reported, although comments had been made at the previous PC meeting about the undergrowth along footpath SH9. Although this is not on the mowing contract, the contractor had been asked to remove the undergrowth mentioned.
- 4847 **8. Community Items**
- a) Position of memorial bench. The Insurance Certificate provided by the proposed contractor did not cover public work, only private, and permission was conditional on receiving the correct insurance certificate covering public works installations. The Clerk had confirmed this to Mr Roche.
- b) WNSP Spatial Options Consultation – Cllr McCord encouraged everyone to respond to this. Joint working with neighbouring Councils would also take place.
- c) Solar2 proposals. Solar2 had been asked if representatives from Potterspurty and YG could visit an installation, and a response was awaited. Councillors were also awaiting details of the proposed village presentations.
- 4848 **9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
- a) 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021, 7.15pm in the Village Hall

Meeting closed 8.31 pm.

#### PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

As Ward Councillor, Ian McCord noted details of the Spatial Options consultation, especially with regard to the land around the Old Stratford roundabout, and mentioned the public meeting at Deanshanger on 17<sup>th</sup> November. He emphasised the issues around the infrastructure, and also spoke about the 9 proposed warehousing and industrial units comprising 761,000 sq feet of new space in Cosgrove. The Asana Lodge appeal would take place on 8<sup>th</sup> February at The Forum. He noted comments on the proposed solar farm were 50/50. WNC Cabinet planned to discuss the proposal to charge for green bins.





