

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 5th October 2004
Present

Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), Mrs M Benge, R Westlake, C King, L Potter, Ms L Stephenson, T Bates, M Morris, County Cllr Walker, Dist Cllr Wilson.

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1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Turl, Cllr Mrs Hill.
2. **Council Matters:**
 - a) Declaration of Interest: Cllr Crisp declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 5.1 a and asked that Cllr Westlake chair the Meeting for that item. Cllr Westlake declared an interest in Agenda item 7.1i. Cllr King declared an interest in Agenda item 9.1.
 - b) In an effort to reduce the length of meetings Cllr Crisp requested that any Cllrs who had an interest in Planning matters should register this with the Clerk in order that they could peruse plans prior to the meeting. The Clerk advised that the Agenda was open until the Wednesday prior to the Meeting and that non Agenda items would not be discussed at the subsequent Meeting. Cllr Potter stated that the Open Forum should be limited to 15 minutes as per the PC's Standing Orders.
 - c) Cllr Potter advised the Chair that he would be leaving the Meeting at 11pm. Cllr Westlake advised the Chair that he would be leaving the Meeting at 10pm.

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3. **Previous Meeting :**
 - 3.1 Minutes of Meeting held 7 9 04 were agreed/signed as a correct record, with the addition of Cllr Potter's departure time of 11.05pm after Agenda item 9 had been discussed.
 - 3.2 **Matters arising:**
 - a) Cllr Bates asked if the proposed football wall in the School Lane field had been formally agreed and Cllr Crisp confirmed that YGRC had agreed to record their approval in their Minutes.

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4. **Open Forum:** Comments attached.
5. **Planning:**
 - 5.1 **APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:**
 - a) Cllr Westlake in the Chair - S/2004/1185/P, 49 Moorend Road - Reconstruction of outbuilding to provide ancillary accommodation and S/2004/1186/LB, 49 Moorend Road - Reconstruction of outbuilding to provide ancillary accommodation. After an on-site meeting with the applicant the Planning Committee had observed as follows 'we would like to see proposals included for additional on-site car parking and a vehicle turning area. We would also like to see conditions added by the Planning Authority to ensure that this development is used only as ancillary residential accommodation by the owner of No 49 Moorend Road, and that it is not for commercial sub-letting nor could ever be sold as a separate property. In addition, we would request that the views and concerns of the neighbouring residents are fully taken into consideration by the Planning Authority.'
 - b) Cllr Crisp in the Chair. S/2004/1319/PT, 47a Moorend Road – Crown reduce two sycamore trees by 25%. Cllrs had 'no observations.'
 - 5.2 **AMENDMENTS:** None.
 - 5.3 **APPLICATIONS GRANTED:**
 - a) S/2004/0648/P, 3 Moorend Road – 1.9 mtr high close boarded fence, 1.7 mtr high picket fencing and gates and 1.8 mtr high chain link fence. 4 conditions.
 - b) S/2004/0979/P, 14 Eastfield Crescent – Single and two storey rear extension. 2 conditions.
 - c) S/2004/0995/P, 13 Brownsfield Road – Two storey side and rear extension. Single storey front extension. 6 conditions. Cllrs noted that none of these conditions referred to the sewers and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to SNC to suggest that when the site inspection was carried out perhaps the inspector could confirm that the builders were aware of the position of the sewers and that they were being dealt with correctly according to building regulations.
 - d) S/2004/1015/P, The Meadows Care Home, Moorend Road - Variation of condition 6 of S/2000/0963/P to allow the retention of a laundry vent pipe (retrospective). 1 condition.
 - e) S/2004/1068/P, 5 Vicarage Close – Replacement conservatory. 1 condition.
All planning consents placed on circulation.
 - 5.4 **APPLICATIONS REFUSED:** None.
 - 5.5 **APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN:** None.
 - 5.6 **OTHER:**
 - a) Cllr Crisp had spoken to NCC concerning the dumping of waste at 4 sites around the village and been advised that notice would be served on Homestead Farm on the A5 and that notice had already been served on the former proposed Green Waste site in Moorend Road. Mr Richmond of NCC had visited Mount Pleasant Farm but was unable to locate any waste, so Cllr Crisp had agreed to show him the site. No mention had been made of the site on the land adjacent to the A508. County Cllr Walker asked for copies of correspondence to take up the issue on the PC's behalf.
 - b) 2 Grafton Road, where a 6 foot high wooden fence had recently been erected around the front of the property which falls within the village Conservation Area. The occupant was in discussions with SNC Enforcement Officer. Still ongoing.
 - c) 5 Vicarage Close, where Cllrs were confused by Additional Note 2 - Reason for approval: 'The use of the proposed conservatory is considered to be incidental to the enjoyment of the existing dwellinghouse due to its attached status to the main house and is therefore not considered to form a change of use from the existing domestic use.' Clerk was asked to write to SNC to clarify the meaning of this note.

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- d) 4 High Street, where a gas flue with metal covering had been erected on the north west wall of this listed property, which was not mentioned in planning application S/2002/1062/P. This had been passed to the Listed Buildings Officer to investigate. Still ongoing.
- e) Land off Moored Road by Mount Pleasant Farm and the Water Tower, where concrete hard standing had been constructed and a permanent enclosed horse shelter built – no response had been received from SNC.
- 2580** 6. PROPOSED CLOSURE OF VILLAGE POST OFFICE.
- a) The Clerk advised that she had been informed by Ms J Cooper of Post Office Ltd that she did not have the authority to agree to the cash machine remaining at the Costcutter premises if the village Post Office moved there, even though it did not constitute competition, and that the Clerk should contact Mr S Gibbs, Head of Area, for his decision. Cllr Crisp had met with Mr & Mrs Schumacher and discussed possible options which might assist in the retention of a Post Office in the village.
County Cllr Walker and District Cllr Wilson leave 8.55pm.
- 2581** 7 **Finance:**
- 7.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a) Clerk's salary Sept 04 £265.33 (001222).
- b) Clerk's expenses Sept 04 £20.00 + £0.48 VAT (001223).
- c) N J Blackwell – Mowing Aug/Sept 2004 £965.18 + £168.91 VAT (001224).
- d) ABB September quarter maintenance £200.66 + £35.12 VAT (001225).
- e) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Sept 04 £44.00 (001230).
- f) NALC 5 copies Good Councillors Guide £10.00 (001226).
- g) Valuation Office Agency – re Woodville Crescent £216.00 + £37.80 VAT (001227).
- h) S Perry – clearing allotment no 8 £50.00 (001228).
- i) Westlake Surveys, photocopying for PC (150 copies @ 5p + VAT per copy) £7.50 + £1.31 VAT (001231).
- j) Enterprise Inns – Coffee Pot field rent 1/1/0/04 – 31/12/04 (£10.00 + £1.75 VAT). STANDING ORDER.
- 7.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED:
- a) SNC second half of precept £10,250.00.
- 7.3 TRANSFERS:
- a) Nat West to Scottish Widows - £7,500.00 (001229).
- 7.4 OTHER:
- a) Bank Reconciliation 1/04/04 – 30/06/04. A figure of £24,366.38 was recorded which was represented by both bank accounts, taking into account cheques no 001165 for £197.00, 001167 for £152.00 and 001168 for £12.99 which had all been issued 2/3/04 but not cashed until 14/4/04. Cllr King proposed and Cllr Westlake seconded that this be noted and approved. All Cllrs in favour. Placed on circulation.
- b) Donations under Section 137:
- i) 'Old Mail' £400.00 (chq 001232);
- ii) Citizen's Advice Bureau £100.00 (chq 001233);
- iii) British Legion £100.00 (chq 001234);
- iv) Towcester Area Door to Door £250.00 (chq 001235);
- v) Victim Support £100.00 (chq 001236);
- vi) Macmillan Cancer Relief £100.00 (chq 001237);
- vii) Diana Princess of Wales Air Ambulance £250.00 (chq 001238);
- viii) Northampton Women's Rape Crisis Centre £100.00 (chq 001239).
- 2582** 8. **Committee Reports:**
- 8.1 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING:
- a) Reports to CLARENCE: Clerk reported that problems were still outstanding and they had been chased as follows -
- 1) 109351 being the sign on the island at the turning from the A508 into the Potterspurty Road. This had now been removed from the list despite being outstanding since June 2003. Clerk to re-log.
 - 2) 112732 being the white lines by the Village Hall which had not been repainted after the re-surfacing had been carried out. This had now been removed from the list despite being outstanding since November 2003. Clerk to re-log.
 - 3) 156762 being storm water sewer damage to the pavement along Grafton Road. This had been passed to Anglian Water for action.
 - 4) 158795 being the damaged path on the corner of Malborough Way and Eastfield Crescent. Work had been instructed on 1 October.
 - 5) 159737 being the failed illumination in the 30mph sign opposite The Coffee Pot. This had been referred to Street Lighting.
 - 6) 159738 being the missing white lines in Hesketh Road opposite Highcroft Close. This had been referred on 1 October to Marcus Rackyleft.
 - 7) 160680 being the damaged path outside 1 Manor Way. This had been referred to Carl Evans on 29th September.
 - 8) 161437 being the white lines not replaced after the recent surface dressing. John Robinson had rung the Clerk to say he would investigate the matter.

	b)	Footpaths - Cllr Crisp reported no positive action from Colin Wicks, NCC R.O.W. officer since November of last year to the areas for concern on footpaths SH23, SH24 and SH27. Clerk to contact Steven Hollowell at the R.O.W. dept to see if any action could be taken.	761
	c)	Overhanging Vegetation - Clerk was asked to deliver green slips to properties in Moorend Road and Brownsfield Road. SNC had agreed to deal with the property in Hesketh Road and had passed details of the property in Hortonsfield Road to their legal department.	
	d)	Wharf Lane R.O.W. – Cllr Westlake reported that Steven Hollowell had provided a map showing the proposed route of this R.O.W. and it was placed on circulation. Cllrs and residents had walked part of the route in September.	
	e)	Street Lighting – Cllr Westlake had drawn up a shortlist of 10 street lights where the visors were opaque and required replacing. He proposed replacing these and gauging the effect. Seconded by Cllr Potter. Cllr Morris offered to speak to ABB to negotiate a special rate for 10 visors if possible.	MM
	f)	13 Hortonsfield Road – Complaints had been received by the PC about the amount of household waste in and around the garden of this property. Clerk to contact SNC to see if any action could be taken.	
	g)	Parking – Complaints had also been received by the PC about the number of vehicles parked on corners and bends in the village, along Grafton Road and the High Street. Clerk to approach PC Goddard for advice.	
	h)	Speeding Tractors – during September tractors belonging to ‘Burbage’ had been reported as speeding up and down Moorend Road every 15 minutes during parts of the day. This had been reported to the Police and whilst it had now ceased the Clerk was asked to write to the company and advise them of the problem their drivers were causing.	
	i)	Sewers – Cllr Westlake advised that he had prepared a letter to affected residents; Cllr Crisp needed to complete the plan and then both could be distributed. Cllr Bates wondered whether the numerous extensions and hard standings had caused more water to be collected than the sewers had been originally expected to cope with.	GC
	8.2	PLAYING FIELDS/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES:	
	a)	The Clerk had been advised of broken rails in the Coffee Pot field play area. Cllr Bates agreed to investigate.	TB
	b)	Play Area Improvements – Cllr Bates advised that the ‘Friends of the Play Areas’ had met informally for a discussion. Nordis Industries had informed the Clerk that the ‘No Dogs’ signs were ready and Cllr Morris agreed to collect them.	MM
	8.3	ALLOTMENTS:	
	a)	Cllr Mrs Benge mentioned that some allotment holders had won prizes at the recent Produce Show and said that she would be carrying out another plot inspection in the near future.	MB
2583	9.	Special projects:	
	9.1	WOODVILLE CRESCENT - the Clerk had written to Linda Mason, the PC’s solicitor, to ask her to obtain from the Treasury Solicitor his requirements in the event the land is sold, but had had no response. Cllr Westlake had faxed a copy of the letter and had spoken to her on the day of the meeting. She had promised to deal with the matter as requested and it was agreed that she be chased in 7 days and if nothing had been received in 14 days then the PC should look for another solicitor.	RW
	9.2	TIMEKEEPING – this had been covered earlier in Council Matters.	
	9.3	REVIEW OF BUS SERVICE – Cllr Morris agreed to respond to NCC on this matter and the relevant paperwork was passed to him.	MM
	9.4	VILLAGE DIRECTORY – Cllr Potter advised that he would be starting work on the new Directory this month. He required new information only – he would be carrying out checks himself.	LP
2584	10.	Y G Recreation Centre and Y G Village Hall.	
	a)	Report from PC representative (YGRC). No report. The Clerk had received a call asking whose responsibility it was to deal with the deteriorating path from School Lane to the entrance to the Recreation Centre. The lease confirmed it was the lessee’s responsibility – Clerk to advise YGRC accordingly.	
	b)	Report from PC representative (YGVH). Nothing to report. Cllr Westlake leaves 10.05pm.	
2585	11.	Neighbourhood Watch.	
	a)	Cllr Mrs Benge mentioned that there had been an article by the NW co-ordinator in The Old Mail highlighting attempts by criminals to gain access to property.	
2586	12.	Correspondence. Literature for Circulation – action required.	
	a)	Parish Facility and Open Space Audit. Cllr King had completed this on behalf of the PC.	
	b)	South Northants Rural Transport Partnership – Public Meeting 12 th October. Cllr Crisp and Mrs Benge indicated an interest in attending.	GC MB
	c)	The Boundary Committee – Electoral Review of South Northants District Council – any representations? Cllr Crisp agreed to respond on behalf of the PC.	GC
2587	13.	Any other business:	
	a)	Cllr King reported that the Girl Guides has asked permission to place daffodil bulbs around the pump on Elm Green to celebrate 90 years, and he had agreed on behalf of the PC.	
	b)	Cllr Bates had been asked by the Friends of the School if the PC could help with the provision of a new notice board. Cllrs agreed he should investigate the cost involved.	TB

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- c) Cllr Crisp said that 'School's Out' had asked if the PC could consider making an 'emergency maintenance award' as they were having problems recruiting and keeping staff. It was agreed that the F & GP Committee would consider this proposal once they had been provided with more financial details. Placed on circulation.
 - d) Cllr Potter mentioned that the PC's representative on the YG C of E School's Board of Governors had resigned and a new one would be required. Cllrs to consider who to appoint once they had been formally advised of this.
- 14. Date of next meeting:**
- a) 2nd November 2004, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.
Meeting closed 10.30pm.

Open Forum

County Cllr Walker advised that he had been consulted on the proposed change of speed limit in Moorend Road. He also mentioned that SNC had appointed an Environmental Crimes Officer to help in the prevention of littering, dog fouling and flytipping, who had had a number of successful prosecutions. Any specific areas could be patrolled – PC to advise Cllr Walker of any problems locally.

District Cllr Walker discussed the implications to the local economy of the prospective loss of the British Grand Prix.