

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2nd November 2004
Present

Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), Mrs M Benge, R Westlake, C King, L Potter, Ms L Stephenson, T Bates, C Turl, Mrs S Hill; electors Mrs J Sharp, Mr S Norman.

- 2589** **1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Morris, County Cllr Walker, Dist Cllr Wilson.
- 2590** **2. Council Matters:**
- a)** Declaration of Interest: Cllr Crisp declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 5.3 a) and asked that Cllr Westlake chair the Meeting for that item. Cllr King declared an interest in Agenda items 7.4 b) and 9.1.
- 2591** **3. Previous Meeting :**
- 3.1** Minutes of Meeting held 5 10 04 were agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 Matters arising:**
- a)** Cllr Bates confirmed that he had repaired the damaged rails and broken down netting in the Coffee Pot field play area reported at the previous meeting.
- b)** Cllr Crisp advised that he had not heard from NCC regarding the waste at the land near Mount Pleasant Farm and the Water Tower so assumed the site had been, or would be, inspected.
- c)** He also advised that the unadopted sewer map was nearing completion.
- d)** Cllr Crisp reported that he and Cllr Mrs Benge had attended the South Northants Rural Transport Partnership Public Meeting on 12th October. Cllr Crisp had completed the questionnaire on behalf of the PC – Cllr Westlake asked that this be placed on circulation.
- e)** In addition Cllr Crisp had also responded to The Boundary Committee – Electoral Review of South Northants District Council, and advised that this would also be placed on circulation. Mr S Norman arrives 8.04pm.
- f)** For the benefit of the meeting Cllr Crisp outlined his responses to The Boundary Committee and South Northants Rural Transport Partnership.
- 2592** **4. Open Forum:** Comments attached.
Mr Norman leaves 8.17pm.
- 2593** **5. Planning:**
- 5.1 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:**
- a)** S/2004/1387/PT, 82 Hesketh Road – To fell one lime tree. Cllrs observed ‘If it is considered necessary to remove this tree it is hoped that a suitable tree would be planted as a replacement.’
- b)** S/2004/1388/P, Mount Pleasant Farm, Grays Lane – Detached double garage (retrospective). Cllrs observed ‘The application mentions that ‘earlier planning permission’ had been granted, but Councillors have been unable to trace this paperwork. Therefore in order to make a decision they would like to know details of this previous application, when the original permission was granted and what, if any, conditions were placed upon it.’
- 5.2 AMENDMENTS:** None.
- 5.3 APPLICATIONS GRANTED:**
- 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. 9 conditions each. Placed on circulation.
- b)** Cllr Crisp in the Chair. S/2004/1319/PT, 47a Moorend Road – Crown reduce two sycamore trees by 25%. 2 conditions. Placed on circulation.
- 5.4 APPLICATIONS REFUSED:** None.
- 5.5 APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN:** None.
- 5.6 OTHER:**
- a)** Land near Mount Pleasant Farm and the Water Tower – see Matters Arising 3.2 b).
- b)** County Cllr Walker had advised the Clerk that Planning Contravention Notices had been served on 1st November on Mr Collett and Mr Gorst regarding the proposed Green Waste site in Moorend Road. A response was required within 21 days and a meeting to discuss the matter would be held at NCC on 24th November. No mention had been made of the site on the land adjacent to the A508.
- c)** 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.
- d)** 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 had not received a response from SNC clarifying the meaning of this note.
- e)** 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.
- f)** Land off Moorend 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.
- 2594** **6. PROPOSED CLOSURE OF VILLAGE POST OFFICE.**
- a)** The Clerk advised that she had been informed by Mr S Gibbs, Head of Area, that as Mr Schumacher was under contract to Post Office Ltd he could not respond to ‘hypothetical questions’ regarding the possible transfer of the Post Office to the Costcutter Supermarket.

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- Mrs J Sharp leaves 8.40pm.
- 2595** **7. Finance:**
- 7.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Clerk's salary Oct 04 £265.33 (001240).
- b) Clerk's expenses Oct 04 £13.52 + £1.48 VAT (001241).
- c) N J Blackwell – Mowing Sept/Oct 2004 £639.76 + £111.96 VAT (001242). Clerk to check how many cuts etc. have been carried out during the year and advise Cllr Westlake accordingly. **RW**
- d) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Oct 04 £44.00 (001243). Contractor had advised that bins were on average 70% full every week.
- e) Mr D Saxton, caretaking duties for play areas Oct 04 £18.00 (001244)..
- f) Mrs A M Ratcliffe – contribution for use of telephone 15/07/04 – 17/10/04 £21.13 (001245).
- 7.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED:**
- a) A & L Henson – Horse Field rent - £120.00 (Sept & Oct + deposit).
- b) Scottish Widows interest Oct 04 - £214.68.
- c) VAT Refund - £1,402.69.
- 7.3 TRANSFERS: None.**
- 7.4 OTHER:**
- a) Acknowledgements had been received for donations from Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance, Towcester Area Door to Door, Citizen's Advice Bureau and Northamptonshire Rape & Incest Crisis Centre. Placed on circulation.
- b) Recommendation from F & GP Committee that 'School's Out' be awarded an interim lump sum of £350.00 to assist them as requested this calendar year – review to be carried out in Jan 2005 after receipt of further information. Cllr Westlake mentioned that the financial statement raised some questions, but that there was an immediate obvious need for assistance. It was agreed that the F & GP Committee would arrange a meeting with Mr Norman and Mrs Haigh during December. The question of whether one of the Children's Centre users should be supported was discussed – or whether the Children's Centre itself should be supported if assistance was required for this major village asset. Cllr Potter agreed to attend the 'School's Out' AGM on 24th November if possible. Cllr Mrs Bengé proposed that £350.00 be awarded under Section 137 to assist School's Out this calendar year and this was seconded by Cllr Potter. All in favour. Cheque 001246 issued in the sum of £350.00 **F& GP LP**
- 2596** **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) 164377 being the sign on the island at the turning from the A508 into the Potterspurpy Road. Work instructed 26th October.
 - 2) 164378 being the white lines by the Village Hall which had not been repainted after the re-surfacing had been carried out last year. Referred to 'Schemes' 18th October.
 - 3) 156762 being storm water sewer damage to the pavement along Grafton Road. This had been passed to Anglian Water for action on 16th October. Comments added by Clerk 27th October as a temporary repair had been carried out that was unsatisfactory.
 - 4) 158795 being the damaged path on the corner of Malborough Way and Eastfield Crescent. Work had been instructed on 1 October. This had been closed on 16th October.
 - 5) 159737 being the failed illumination in the 30mph sign opposite The Coffee Pot. This had been referred to Street Lighting again on 26th October.
 - 6) 159738 being the missing white lines in Hesketh Road opposite Highcroft Close. Work had been instructed on 20th October.
 - 7) 160680 being the damaged path outside 1 Manor Way. Work had been instructed on 20th October.
 - 8) 161437 being the white lines not replaced after the recent surface dressing. Investigations had been instructed on 29th September. Comments added 31st October by Clerk as no action appeared to have been taken.
 - 9) 164376 being the Hortonsfield Road sign that had been uprooted near the junction with Hesketh Road. Referred to S Matthews on 18th October.
 - 10) 166060 being the damaged path on Budge Road near the junction with Malborough Way reported on 31st October.
- b) Footpaths - The Clerk had written to Steven Hollowell at the R.O.W. dept to see if any action could be taken concerning footpaths SH23, SH24 and SH27 but had not received a response. Clerk to chase.
- c) Overhanging Vegetation - The Clerk reported that the properties in Moorend Road and Brownsfield Road who had received green slips had cleared the overhanging vegetation. She was asked to deliver a slip to a property in Chestnut Road where the trees obscured the streetlight. It was noted that SNC had yet to deal with the property in Hesketh Road. Clerk to chase.
- d) Wharf Lane R.O.W. – No further news.

- e) Street Lighting – Cllr Westlake had drawn up a shortlist of 10 street lights where the visors were opaque and required replacing. He had suggested replacing these and gauging the effect and Cllr Morris had offered to speak to ABB to negotiate a special rate for 10 visors if possible, but had not advised the Clerk of his progress. Clerk to obtain update from Cllr Morris. Expenditure of up to £300.00 proposed by Cllr Westlake and seconded by Cllr Potter. **765**
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- f) 13 Hortonsfield Road – It was noted that most of the household waste in and around the garden of this property had been removed, but unfortunately the hedge had not been dealt with and was still encroaching upon the footpath.
- g) Parking – Complaints had 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 had written to PC Goddard for advice but had not received a response.
- h) Speeding Tractors – during September tractors belonging to P & R Burbage had been reported as speeding up and down Moorend Road every 15 minutes during parts of the day. Cllr Bates advised that the season had now finished and the contractor was aware of the PC’s complaints.
- i) Sewers – see under Matters Arising 3.2 c).
- j) It had been noted that despite the street cleansing on 21st October, there were areas in the village where the surface water did not flow into the drains and stayed for several hours on the road. Clerk to write to NCC to ascertain if there was any action that could be taken, citing examples in Lime Road, Orchard Close, Hortonsfield Road and outside The Coffee Pot.
- 8.2 PLAYING FIELDS/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES:**
- a) Cllr Crisp read out Mr Saxton’s report and Cllr Bates read out his detailed report to PC. He agreed to investigate the ‘mole problem’. **TB**
- b) Play Area Improvements – Cllr Bates advised that the ‘Friends of the Play Areas’ would be meeting to appoint a Chairman and Committee members. Cllr Morris had been reminded to collect the ‘No Dogs’ signs from Nordis Industries.
- 8.3 ALLOTMENTS:**
- a) Cllr Mrs Bengé mentioned that she would be carrying out another plot inspection in the near future. **MB**
- 2597 9. Special projects:**
- 9.1 WOODVILLE CRESCENT** - Linda Mason, the PC’s solicitor, had written to the Treasury Solicitor to obtain his requirements in the event the land is sold, but no response had been received to date.
- 9.2 REVIEW OF BUS SERVICE** – Cllr Morris dealing. **MM**
- 9.3 VILLAGE DIRECTORY** – Cllr Potter requested suggestions at the next PC meeting for the design for the front cover of the Directory. **LP**
- 2598 10. Y G Recreation Centre and Y G Village Hall.**
- a) Report from PC representative (YGRC). Cllr Mrs Hill advised that a new Committee had been formed as a result of the AGM on 29th October. She had been asked to find out the cost of the brown ‘Pocket Park’ sign in order that the quotation for the ‘Recreation Centre’ sign could be considered. This had been supplied by NCC so Cllrs did not know the cost. Clerk was asked to write to the Chairman to obtain details of the sign and the quotation, and remind him of the need for the PC to have sight of the Minutes and Agendas for meetings, together with contact details for the new YGRC Committee.
- b) Report from PC representative (YGVH). Nothing to report.
- 2599 11. Neighbourhood Watch.**
- a) Nothing to report.
- 2600 12. Any other business:**
- a) A letter had been received which advised the PC that 2 further Governors were required for the YG C of E School’s Board of Governors and asking if they or anyone they knew was interested in applying. Cllr Ms Stephenson indicated an interest in obtaining further information. **LS**
- 2601 13. Date of next meeting:**
- a) 7th December 2004, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.
Meeting closed 10.05pm.

Open Forum

Mrs Sharp commented that she had no objections to the planning application for the proposed removal of the lime tree at 82 Hesketh Road provided it was replaced with a suitable tree.

Mr S Norman thanked the PC for their recommendations for assisting ‘School’s Out’ in the short term and advised that interviews were being held in the next few days for a new Leader.