

**MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 7<sup>th</sup> December 2004**

**Present**

Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), Mrs M Benge, M Morris, R Westlake, C King, L Potter, Ms L Stephenson, Mrs S Hill, County Cllr Walker; elector Mrs J Sharp.

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**THE MEETING WAS INTERRUPTED ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS BY PERSON OR PERSONS UNKNOWN, WHICH RESULTED IN THE ATTENDANCE OF THE POLICE.**

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs T Bates, C Turl and Dist Cllr Wilson.
- 2. Council Matters:**
- a)** Declaration of Interest: Cllr King declared an interest in Agenda items 7.4 b) and 9.1.
- 3. Previous Meeting :**
- 3.1** Minutes of Meeting held 2 11 04 were agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 Matters arising:** None.
- 4. Open Forum:** Comments attached.  
County Cllr Walker leaves 8.15pm.

**Planning:**

**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:**

S/2004/1511/P, 2 Grafton Road - Retention of boundary fence. Response from Planning Committee.

S/2004/1541/CLU, 5 Vicarage Road – Continued use of conservatory for business office purposes. Response from Planning Committee.

S/2004/1550/P, 16 High Street, Proposed alterations and first floor extension with sun room to rear. Response from Planning Committee.

S/2004/1557/P, Brookfield Barn, Potterspurty Lodge, Nr Towcester (within Yardley Gobion parish) – Conversion of single storey barn to two holiday lets. Cllrs would like this development to be sympathetic to the surroundings and to see the same materials used as in the adjacent buildings. They hoped that if this set a precedent for development in this area then it should be planned development, rather than haphazard.

S/2004/1662/P, Field Adjoining Mount Pleasant Farm, Yardley Gobion – Timber framed stables. Cllrs noted that the materials to be used, whilst more in keeping with the rural aspect of the building, unfortunately did not match the existing buildings. They hoped that if there is to be further development in this area then it should be planned development, rather than haphazard, and would welcome a sympathetic ‘tidy up’ of the area. They also noted that a large container has been placed near the site of the stables and question if this is a temporary or permanent structure, and whether additional permission is required for this.

S/2004/1683/P, 21 High Street – Replacement windows and front door. Replacement porch. Cllrs had ‘no observations.’

AMENDMENTS: None.

**APPLICATIONS GRANTED:**

S/2004/1387/PT, 82 Hesketh Road – To fell one lime tree. 4 conditions.

S/2004/1388/P, Mount Pleasant Farm, Grays Lane – Detached double garage (retrospective). 1 condition.

APPLICATIONS REFUSED: None.

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APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN: None.

**OTHER:**

S/2004/1521/P, Badgers Farm, Northampton Road, Cosgrove - Boarding Cattery. Cllrs had no objections to the construction of the cattery itself, but fully support the comments made by Cosgrove Parish Council regarding highway access improvements and proposed vehicle movements along this very busy and dangerous stretch of the A508, where we understand there has already been at least one accident when a vehicle has been waiting to turn into this farm.

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Mrs Sharp leaves 8.50pm.

Illegal dumping of waste at former proposed Green waste site, Moorend Road – see Open Forum notes. No news had been received concerning the site on the land adjacent to the A508, the land near Mount Pleasant Farm and the Water Tower or the land near Homestead farm off A5. Clerk to follow up with NCC.

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.

**PROPOSED CLOSURE OF VILLAGE POST OFFICE.**

No further news.

**Finance:**

**ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**

- a) Clerk’s salary Nov 04 (£265.33).
- b) Clerk’s expenses Nov 04 (£12.64 + £0.89 VAT).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Nov 04 (£55.00).
- d) Mr D Saxton, caretaking duties for play areas Nov 04 (£18.00).
- e) Anglian Water – 22/4/04 – 2/11/04 (£88.31).
- f) Nordis Industries – ‘No Dogs’ signs £56.10 + £9.82 VAT.

**PAYMENTS RECEIVED:**

- a) A & L Henson – Horse Field rent - £40.00 (Nov.)

**TRANSFERS:**

Scottish Widows to Nat West £500.00

**OTHER:**

Bank Reconciliation 1/07/04 – 30/09/04. A figure of £30,676.437 was recorded which was represented by both bank accounts. Cllr King proposed and Cllr Westlake seconded that this be noted and approved. All Cllrs in favour.

School's Out – Mr S Norman had advised that he would contact the F & GP Committee for a meeting when he had answers to the queries they had raised. He also acknowledged the donation from the PC and provided details of the current situation.

**Committee Reports:****HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING:**

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 26<sup>th</sup> 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' 18<sup>th</sup> October.

3) 156762 being storm water sewer damage to the pavement along Grafton Road. This had been passed to Anglian Water for action on 16<sup>th</sup> October. Comments added by Clerk 27<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> October.

5) 159737 being the failed illumination in the 30mph sign opposite The Coffee Pot. This had been referred to Street Lighting again on 26<sup>th</sup> October. This had been closed on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

6) 159738 being the missing white lines in Hesketh Road opposite Highcroft Close. Work had been instructed on 20<sup>th</sup> October.

7) 160680 being the damaged path outside 1 Manor Way. Work had been instructed on 20<sup>th</sup> October. This had been closed on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

8) 161437 being the white lines not replaced after the recent surface dressing. Investigations had been instructed on 29<sup>th</sup> September. Comments added 31<sup>st</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> October.

10) 166060 being the damaged path on Budge Road near the junction with Malborough Way reported on 31<sup>st</sup> October. Referred to T Gray on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

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.

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.

Wharf Lane R.O.W. – No further news.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

Sewers – see under Matters Arising 3.2 c).

It had been noted that despite the street cleansing on 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**PLAYING FIELDS/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES:**

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'.

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.

**ALLOTMENTS:**

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Cllr Mrs Bengé mentioned that she would be carrying out another plot inspection in the near future.

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**Special projects:**

**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.

**REVIEW OF BUS SERVICE** – Cllr Morris dealing.

**VILLAGE DIRECTORY** – Cllr Potter requested suggestions at the next PC meeting for the design for the front cover of the Directory.

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**Y G Recreation Centre and Y G Village Hall.**

Report from PC representative (YGRC). Cllr Mrs Hill advised that a new Committee had been formed as a result of the AGM on 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

Report from PC representative (YGVH). Nothing to report.

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**Neighbourhood Watch.**

Nothing to report.

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**Any other business:**

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.

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**Date of next meeting:**

7<sup>th</sup> December 2004, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 10.05pm.

**Open Forum**

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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.

County Cllr Walker had advised the Clerk that Planning Contravention Notices had been served on 1<sup>st</sup> November on Mr Collett and Mr Gorst regarding the proposed Green Waste site in Moored Road. A response was required within 21 days and a meeting to discuss the matter would be held at NCC on 24<sup>th</sup> November.

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