

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 1st February 2005

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), Mrs M Benge, T Bates, C Turl, R Westlake, L Potter, Ms L Stephenson, Mrs S Hill, PC Goddard, County Cllr Walker & Dist Cllr Wilson.
- 2630** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs King & Morris.
- 2631** 2. **Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest: None.
- 2632** 3. **Previous Meeting :**
- 3.1 Minutes of Meeting held 4 1 05 were agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 **Matters arising:**
- a) Min No 2627 12 c) - Cllr Crisp had spoken to Steven Hollowell at NCC ROW and asked him to pass on the PC's comments regarding the NCC Rights of Way Improvement Plan – Parish Council Survey. Both the survey and the Parish Path Warden were a waste of time unless stronger legislation was in force to make up for the lack of progress and action over the past years.
- 2633** 4. **Open Forum:** Comments attached. P C Goddard arrives 8.20 pm. P C Goddard leaves 8.55 pm.
- 2634** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 **APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:**
- a) S/2005/0018/P, 10 Grafton Road - single storey rear extension. Cllrs had 'no observations.'
- b) S/2005/0033/P, 38 Hesketh Road – two storey extension to rear. Cllrs had 'no observations.'
- 5.2 **AMENDMENTS:** None.
- 5.3 **APPLICATIONS GRANTED:**
- a) S/2004/1541/CLU, 5 Vicarage Road - Certificate of Lawful Use issued. Cllr Crisp read out the details from the Certificate.
- b) S/2004/1550/P, 16 High Street, proposed alterations and first floor extension with sun room to rear. 7 conditions. Placed on circulation.
- c) S/2004/1662/P, Field Adjoining Mount Pleasant Farm, Yardley Gobion – timber framed stables. 3 conditions. Placed on circulation.
- d) S/2004/1683/P, 21 High Street – Replacement windows and front door. Replacement porch. 4 conditions. Placed on circulation.
- e) S/2004/1732/P, 27 Moorend Road – Single storey extension to rear, re-siting of garage. Conversion of roof space to habitable rooms. 6 conditions. Placed on circulation.
- 5.4 **APPLICATIONS REFUSED:**
- a) S/2004/1511/P, 2 Grafton Road - Retention of boundary fence. Cllr Crisp read out the reasons for refusal to the meeting. Placed on circulation.
- 5.5 **APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN:** None.
- 5.6 **OTHER:**
- a) Illegal dumping of waste at former proposed Green Waste site, Moorend Road – Dist Cllr Wilson advised that this matter was being dealt with by NCC. No news had been received concerning the land near Mount Pleasant Farm and the Water Tower or the land near Homestead farm off A5. Clerk had followed up with NCC with no result. County Cllr Walker agreed to investigate progress once he had received copies of the paperwork from the Clerk. County Cllr Walker & Dist Cllr Wilson leave 9.15pm.
- b) 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. Chased by Clerk and still ongoing.
- 2635** 6. **PROPOSED CLOSURE OF VILLAGE POST OFFICE.** Clerk had written to Mr Allan Leighton, Chairman of Royal Mail and received a response from Mrs M Poppett, Customer Liaison Officer at P O L Customer Care in Sunderland. Clerk to write to Rt Hon T Boswell to request his involvement.
- 2636** 7. **Finance:**
- 7.1 **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Clerk's salary Jan 05 £265.33 (001262).
- b) Clerk's expenses Jan 05 £13.54 + £1.49 VAT (001263).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Jan 05 £55.00 (001264).
- d) Mr D Saxton, caretaking duties for play areas Jan 05 £18.00 (001265).
- e) SLCC Membership 2005 £82.00 (001266).
- f) Mrs A M Ratcliffe – contribution for use of telephone 18/10/04 – 17/01/05 £20.39 (001267).
- 7.2 **PAYMENTS RECEIVED:**
- a) A & L Henson £40.00 (Jan 05).
- b) NCC – Mowing Contribution 2004 - £453.00.
- c) YGRC – Mowing Contribution 2004 - £290.50
- 7.3 **TRANSFERS:** None.
- 7.4 **OTHER:**
- a) Concessionary Travel Tokens 2005/2006. The Clerk was asked to record a nil return to SNC.
- 2637** 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. Closed 23rd November. Re-opened 30th January as no action appears to have been taken.
- 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' 14th December. Chased 30th January.
- 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. Chased 3rd January. Referred to Anglian water 4th January.
- 4) 159738 being the missing white lines in Hesketh Road opposite Highcroft Close. Referred to N Patel 20th December.
- 5) 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. Referred to 'Schemes' 14th December. Chased 30th January.
- 6) 164376 being the Hortonsfield Road sign that had been uprooted near the junction with Hesketh Road. Referred to S Matthews on 18th October. Chased 3rd January. Closed 4th January.
- 7) 166060 being the damaged path on Budge Road near the junction with Malborough Way reported on 31st October. Referred to T Gray on 5th November. Chased 3rd January. Closed 12th January.
- 8) 173540 being the Yardley Gobion sign at the entrance to the village in Grafton Road, which had been spray painted. Referred to R Woodhouse 17th January.
- 9) 177032 being a pothole in Moorend Road on opposite side of road to The Meadows Care Home sign.
- 10) 177110 being the leaning 'Give Way' sign along Stratford Road at the junction with Potterspurpy Road.

- b) Footpaths - Nothing to report.
 - c) Overhanging Vegetation - Clerk had been advised by SNC that they considered the property in Hesketh Road was in a satisfactory condition.
 - d) Street Lighting – Cllr Westlake asked whether the 10 new visors had been ordered – unfortunately Cllr Morris had not discussed this with the Clerk, so she was asked to find out the up to date position from him and ensure the visors were ordered asap.
The SLCC had passed to the Clerk a letter from Aylesbury Mains offering to maintain the street lighting on a call out basis rather than the present quarterly warranty basis offered by ABB. Papers passed to Cllr Westlake for his recommendations.
 - e) 13 Hortonsfield Road – It was noted that Atkins had yet to deal with the overhanging vegetation at this property. Clerk had chased again.
 - f) Sewers – Cllr Crisp read out the response from SNC's Monitoring Officer which clearly stated that all Cllrs with prejudicial interests require a dispensation from the SNC Standards Committee to enable them to take part in discussions regarding the village's unadopted sewers. The Clerk was asked to request this dispensation on behalf of Cllrs G Crisp, Mrs M Benge, T Bates, C Turl, R Westlake, L Potter, Mrs S Hill, C King & M Morris. It was clearly stated that Yardley Gobion PC was not responsible for informing residents of their responsibilities – neither could they assist with the funding of a meeting room for a public meeting as 9 Cllrs could not discuss the matter. The Clerk had received a copy letter from Mr D Evans of 51 Eastfield Crescent regarding the current problem in that area, which Cllr Crisp read out to the meeting.
 - g) Mowing Season 2005 – The Clerk thanked Cllr Westlake for compiling the specifications schedule of works, village plans 1 & 2 and a form of Tender and confirmed that letters had been sent out to interested parties advising them that the bids for this work would be considered and analysed by the Finance and General Purposes Committee of the PC at its next meeting in mid-February and asking that their quotation was submitted no later than Friday 11th February 2005. The winner will be informed of the decision prior to the 25th February 2005, to enable commencement of the contract on 1st March 2005, and the first work undertaken possibly during the week beginning 14th March 2005. One reply had been received as at the date of the Meeting. It was agreed that the F & GP's recommendation be ratified at the next PC meeting on 1st March 2005.
 - h) Moorend Road (between Water Tower and Aurora) – surface water on road. Cllr Mrs Benge wished to bring this matter to the attention of the Meeting – it was agreed that the annual cleaning of the grips/gullies had taken place and the highway water was not now draining properly into the ditches, leaving surface water on the road. It was mentioned that Moorend Road in its entirety requires re-surfacing, but that in the meantime it may be possible to raise the matter with NCC/Atkins under the Water Pond issue. Clerk to take advice from NCC/Atkins.
- 8.2 PLAYING FIELDS/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES:**
- a) Cllr Crisp read out Mr Saxton's report which indicated no action was required. Cllr Bates mentioned that the netting around one play area had been stretched apart and he would be rectifying the matter in the near future.
 - b) Play Area Improvements – Cllr Bates advised that the 'Friends of the Play Areas' were waiting

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for acceptance of their proposed name and motions were in place for charitable status. They had had a meeting with Wicksteed Leisure who had measured the site and were providing a quotation for improvements to be carried out. A further meeting had been arranged for the week beginning 7th February.

- c) Request from PCC for Car Boot Sale to be held on Coffee Pot field – the lease between Enterprise Inns and the PC stated that no drinks of any kind could be sold on the field, but there were no other relevant restrictions. Cllr Ms Stephenson proposed and Cllr Mrs Bengé seconded the motion that the PCC be given permission to use the Coffee Pot field on April 23rd for a car boot sale. Clerk to confirm to Mrs Westlake.
Cllr Mrs Hill leaves 10.00 pm.
- 8.3 ALLOTMENTS:**
- a) Cllr Mrs Bengé asked when the Allotment Meeting would be held – April – and asked Cllr Westlake to show her where the stopcock for the water supply was located. **MB
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- 2638 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. Clerk asked to chase again, prior to any other action being taken.
- 9.2 REVIEW OF BUS SERVICE** – Cllr Morris had prepared a letter to NCC. **MM**
- 9.3 VILLAGE DIRECTORY** – Cllr Potter confirmed that the Directory had gone to print.
- 2639 10. Y G Recreation Centre and Y G Village Hall.**
- a) Report from PC representative (YGRC). No report.
- b) Report from PC representative (YGVH). No report.
- 2640 11. Neighbourhood Watch.**
- a) A letter had been received by Cllr Mrs Bengé which was placed on circulation.
- 2641 12. Correspondence.**
- a) Northamptonshire ACRE – Conference 24th February – Overcoming Rural Social Exclusion. No Cllrs expressed interest in attending.
- b) Invitation to CVS Northamptonshire Annual Fundraising Conference 2nd March. No Cllrs expressed interest in attending.
- c) NCC – Northamptonshire Waste Local Plan Proposed Modifications & Customer Satisfaction Survey. Passed to Cllr Crisp to respond. **GC**
- d) NCC Parish Highway Representative Meeting Venue request. Again no interest was expressed by Cllrs.
- 2642 13. Any other business:**
- a) Cllr Crisp mentioned that Steven Hollowell of the NCC R.O.W. Dept was still trying to make contact with the landowners concerned about Old Wharf Lane.
- 2643 14. Date of next meeting:**
- a) 1st March 2005, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.
Meeting closed 10.38 pm.

Open Forum

County Cllr Walker & Dist Cllr Wilson apologised for missing the meeting on 4th January. Dist Cllr Wilson advised that SNC had approved a budget with a 3.9% rise and NCC with a 3.1% rise in Council Tax. The Police were still unsure about their budget. County Cllr Walker advised that the County Council planned changes to staff and structure to try to save money, and that there was a new Leader – Roy Mayhew.

Cllr Crisp complained about the recent SNC Area Committee meeting where the A5/A43 roundabout was on the agenda for discussion and the speaker, from the Highways Agency, which, he advised the meeting, only implemented Government plans. He therefore could not answer any of the audience's or committee's questions on the reasons for past decisions, and could not influence future decision. Dist Cllr Walker agreed to take this point forward.

PC Goddard provided the meeting with the crime figures to the end of December 2004, which were placed on circulation. There had been 6 more crimes than in the same period in 2003. Commenting on the parking in the village he said that he had measured the widths of the High Street and Grafton Road and that the parked cars did not create a danger, even though some care was required when driving around the bends.

He had ticketed 2 cars where it appeared the road tax had expired.

Dist Cllr Wilson agreed to look into the matter of the Certificate of Lawful Use issued at 5 Vicarage Road, as Cllrs did not understand how the business could be considered to have been ongoing for more than 10 years in a conservatory that had only recently been built.