

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 7th June 2005

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), Mrs M Benge (arrived 9.05pm), L Potter, C Turl, M Morris, C King, R Westlake, Mrs S Hill.
- 2686** **1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs T Bates, Ms L Stephenson (at school governor's training) & Dist Cllr Wilson.
- 2687** **2. Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest: Cllr King declared an interest in Agenda item 9.1, & all Cllrs declared an interest in Agenda item 8.1 (f).
- b) Cllr Crisp read out the current Committee Membership and Representatives and asked urgently for a further representative for YGRC. Cllr Turl volunteered.
- c) Annual Parish Assembly – Cllr Crisp advised that although this was sparsely attended there were more people present than last year. Minutes placed on circulation.
- 2688** **3. Previous Meeting :**
- 3.1** Minutes of Meeting held 3 5 05 were agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2** **Matters arising:** None.
- 2689** **4. Open Forum:** None.
- 2690** **5. Planning:**
- 5.1** **APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:**
- a) S/2005/0579/P and S/2005/0580/LB, Rose Cottage, 37 – 39 Moorend Road – Removal of boundary wall to allow vehicular access. Cllrs had 'no objections' and commented as follows: 'Cllrs welcome this application in principle, but do not consider the current proposal is a viable solution to removing two vehicles from Moorend Road. They have doubts about whether the proposed layout would work in practice, and have concerns about the existing pavement, which is very narrow at this point. Cllrs consider this proposal will undoubtedly affect the setting of a listed building, but they acknowledge the requirement for off road parking'.
- b) S/2005/0623/P, Springfields Farm, Moorend Road – Polytunnels for the protection of growing organic P.Y.O. vegetables with access and car parking. Cllrs objected strongly and commented as follows: 'Until the issues covered by the Article 4 and 5(4) Directions dated 11th March 2005 have been resolved, all legal action concluded (including the Planning Contravention Notices served by NCC in November of last year) and all the waste removed it is still considered inappropriate for any further Planning matters to be considered. Additionally it was understood that the removal of hedgerow in order to increase the entrance to the land had constituted an offence, and an order would be served on the parties involved to replace the five bar gate and hedge. It appears this has not been adhered to and there are now obtrusive large wooden gates and a fence, which are not shown on the application. Consequently the entrance shown on the application appears somewhat larger than it should be. Cllrs would be interested to see the plans drawn out to scale by a surveyor. Cllrs have noted that there appear to be no planned facilities for staff. The 3.71 metre high tunnels will block out the view to the north from the public footpath, and will also have an unfavourable impact on the small established wood to the south. They would spoil the visual amenity of the area and Cllrs would therefore like to know if there is a way of protecting this wood. There is also the problem of vehicles exiting onto an narrow country lane. Cllrs feel that any additional traffic on this lane should be discouraged'. Copies to be sent to NCC & County and District Cllrs.
- 5.2** **AMENDMENTS:** None.
- 5.3** **APPLICATIONS GRANTED:**
- a) S/2005/0332/LB, Rose Cottage, 37 - 39 Moorend Road – Reduction in the size of a chimney breast in a bathroom to the rear of the property. 2 conditions.
- b) S/2005/0346/P, Brookfield, Potterspurty Lodge, Potterspurty – Conversion of a single storey barn to 2 holiday lets. 6 conditions. Placed on circulation.
- c) S/2005/0351/LB, Potterspurty Lodge School, Potterspurty – Replace window with door. 2 conditions.
- 5.4** **APPLICATIONS REFUSED:** None.
- 5.5** **APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN:** None.
- 5.6** **OTHER:**
- a) The Clerk had written to Neil Richmond from NCC, to ask him to confirm what action he had taken regarding the sites around the village where unauthorised dumping of waste had taken place. The Clerk had still not received a reply to her letter or copies of correspondence sent by Mr Richmond to the owners of the sites in question. Clerk to send a copy of letter to County Cllr Walker.
- 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 again on 31st May.
- c) S/2005/0321/AG, Land off Moorend Road, Yardley Gobion (Springfields Farm) – General purpose agricultural building. The Clerk had received responses from NCC & SNC following her formal complaint about the lack of liaison between them about this site. Placed on circulation.
- 2691** **6. PROPOSED CLOSURE OF VILLAGE POST OFFICE.**
- a) No further news.
- 2692** **7. Finance:**

7.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:

- a) Clerk's salary May 05 £273.14 (001295).
- b) Clerk's expenses May 05 £17.74 + £2.07 VAT (001296).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service May 05 £55.00 (001297).
- d) N J Blackwell Garden Services – mowing May 05 £655.90 + £114.78VAT (001298).
- e) Annual subscription to Local Councils Review – magazine of NALC - £13.50 (001299).
- f) K Chapman Pest Control – mole catching on playing field - £250.00 (001300).
- g) Mrs H Westlake for Staples – photocopying 1240 sewer letters - £42.21 + £7.39 VAT (001301).

7.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED:

- a) A & L Henson £40.00 (May 05).
- b) YGRC Annual Rent - £52.00.
- c) VAT Refund - £585.26.
- d) Scottish Widows Interest - £258.07.

7.3 TRANSFERS:

- a) Scottish Widows to NatWest - £500.00.

7.4 OTHER:

- a) Accounts year ending 31/3/05 – Clerk reported that the NALC internal auditor has inspected the accounts and had no comments. Papers to be circulated to F & GP committee members prior to next meeting.
- b) Clerk's Pay Review – Cllr King proposed and Cllr Morris seconded that the Clerk's pay be increased in line with the National Pay Scales to Scale LC1 point 19 equivalent to £8.451p per hour. All Cllrs in favour.

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8. Committee Reports:**8.1 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING:**

- a) Reports to The Street Doctor: Clerk reported that problems were still outstanding and they had been chased as follows -
 - 1) 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. Chased 3rd April. Referred to 'Schemes' 4th April. Chased 5th June.
 - 2) 159738 being the missing white lines in Hesketh Road opposite Highcroft Close. Referred to N Patel 20th December. Referred to Schemes 14th March. Chased 2nd May. Referred to Dave Howland 6th May.
 - 3) 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. Chased 3rd April. Referred to 'Schemes' 4th April. Chased 5th June.
 - 4) 191505 being the damaged pavement outside nos 3 & 5 Lime Road. Referred to T Gray 2nd June. Placed on circulation.
- b) The Clerk had reported the damaged Eastfield Crescent sign to SNC. Cllrs noted that although 160680 (pavement outside 1 Manor Way) had been closed, no actual work had been carried out. Clerk to report again, together with the missing kerbstone outside 101 Hesketh Road. A copy of a letter to NCC/Atkins had been received concerning proposed work on the pavement outside nos 1 – 5 Lime Road. Clerk was asked to support the writer's suggestion that the whole affected stretch of footpath be resurfaced, not patched, and also involve County Cllr Walker.
- c) Maintenance and provision of street lighting – Cllr Westlake advised that he had not yet received a formal quotation from Aylesbury Mains, although he had been advised by telephone that the current lamps were out of date and needed replacing, but were expensive to dispose of. He also referred to a quotation received from ABB to replace the malfunctioning PL15 (located in footpath from High Street to Warren Road). Cllrs agreed to try a new CDMTT lamp at a cost of £184.22 + VAT on the understanding that if this proved unsuitable then it would be replaced free of charge with a Siemens SRL 880N 80 watt MBF/U gear.
- d) 13 Hortonsfield Road - Cllrs noted that the hedge had been removed.
- e) Wharf Lane R.O.W. – the Clerk had collated all the paperwork and would shortly be passing it to NCC R.O.W. Dept to deal.
- f) Sewers - Cllr Westlake produced copies of the letter and map for Cllrs to deliver to affected households. It was noted that the Manor Way/part of Hesketh Road sewer was in the process of being replaced.
- g) 7 Warren Road – despite receiving a letter from NCC Chief Executive, Peter Gould, which was read out, confirming that work would be carried out on 25th, 26th or 27th May, no action had been taken. Clerk to convey Cllrs disappointment to Mr Gould, & copy County Cllr Walker.
- h) A letter was read out concerning the dumping of rubbish and building materials in the village. Clerk was asked to respond that unfortunately the PC could not take any action as this was on private property.

8.2 PLAYING FIELDS/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES:

- a) Play Areas – No report. Cllrs expressed concern that they had not received a report for 2 months and confirmed that a monthly report was required for insurance purposes. Clerk to check with Cllr Bates that inspections had been carried out. Cllr Westlake commented that after the May Fayre there was considerable rubbish around the School Lane field play area, and that the bins had not been emptied recently there or in the Coffee Pot field play area. Cllr Westlake volunteered to clear the Coffee Pot field play area and Cllr Mrs Bengel volunteered to

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- clear the School Lane field play area. Cllr Crisp agreed to meet the ROSPA inspector to discuss the play areas on 10th June after the inspection had been carried out.
- b) Play Area Improvements – The Clerk had been informed that Kidzone were still waiting to obtain confirmation of their charitable status. The internal auditor had advised that NALC should be able to suggest the most cost effective way of utilising the funds set aside in the PC's reserves for the improvement of the play areas. Clerk to contact NALC accordingly.
- c) Litterpicking equipment – it was agreed that litterpicking equipment for use in and around the village be purchased costing up to £20.00 + VAT. Proposed by Cllr Potter and seconded by Cllr Morris. All in favour. **LP/ MM**
- d) Use of Coffee Pot field – A further letter from a Chestnut Road resident expressing concern about the proposed use of the Coffee Pot field for one day by a village organisation had been received. This was read to the meeting and the Clerk was asked to respond advising that the contents of the letter, recording a strong protest against the use of the Coffee Pot Field by St Leonard's Church for a one off Car Boot sale, have been noted by the Parish Council.
- 8.3 ALLOTMENTS:**
- a) On 5th June Cllr Mrs Benge had made a condition check of all plots and requested that letters be sent to the holders of the following plots – 9, 13, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23 and 27. She had also noted a new hut had been erected on one plot without the PC's authorisation.
- b) Allotment plot no 32 – in view of there being a waiting list for plots the Clerk asked if the Allotment Association was cultivating this plot, for which no charge was made. Cllr Mrs Benge agreed to discuss the matter with Mr Goulding of the Allotment Association. **MB**
- c) Horse Field – Cllr Westlake noted that this field was currently very overgrown and suggested that the tenants be requested to adhere to the terms of their lease agreement for the field. It was agreed that advice be sought from Cllr Bates as to what remedial action should be taken, prior to contacting the tenants. **TB**
- 2694**
- 9. Special projects:**
- 9.1 WOODVILLE CRESCENT** – In view of the clear position of the Treasury Solicitor regarding the proceeds of the sale of this land it was suggested that the PC do nothing in the short term apart from maintain the site. Proposed by Cllr Westlake and seconded by Cllr Morris. All in favour.
Cllr Potter leaves 10.07pm.
- 9.2 REVIEW OF BUS SERVICE** – Cllr Morris has enquired about a new bus shelter for the village and was told these were only being provided to villages on the X4 route. As Stagecoach and NCC did not seem interested in discussing altering the X4 service it was agreed that County Cllr Walker be asked to get involved to try and obtain at least one fast service for the village.
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- 10. Y G Recreation Centre and Y G Village Hall.**
- a) Report from PC representative (YGRC). No report as no Agenda had been forthcoming for the June meeting, and no Minutes had been received from the May meeting.
- b) Report from PC representative (YGVH). Cllr King advised that he had now received three quotes for refurbishing the kitchen and asked the PC for a grant of £1,500 towards the cost, which should not total more than £4,900.00. This was proposed by Cllr Turl and seconded by Cllr Morris. All in favour.
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- 11. Neighbourhood Watch.** No report.
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- 12. Correspondence.**
- a) Office of Deputy Prime Minister – West Northamptonshire U.D.C. Cllr Crisp agreed to complete this. **GC**
- b) Northamptonshire ACRE Village Survey 2005. Cllr Ms Stephenson was completing this on behalf of the PC. **LS**
- c) TADD – Invitation to Grand Opening of new Office in Towcester followed by AGM – 20th June 2005. Cllr Mrs Benge indicated an interest in attending on behalf of the PC. **MB**
- d) NCC/Atkins – Invitation to Highways Open Day at Brixworth on 11th June 2005. No interest.
- e) Invitation to Northants Skate 'n' Play Conference at Yelvertoft on 11th June 2005. (Cost £25.00). Cllr Westlake understood this event had been cancelled.
- f) Trafalgar Weekend 21st – 23rd October 2005 – your guide to taking part. Passed to Cllr Turl. **CT**
- 2698**
- 13. Any other business:**
- a) Cllr King asked if any Cllrs would be able to help with a Pocket Park working party on 11th June.
- b) A letter had been received from Castlethorpe PC regarding the A508/Yardley Road junction. They had been informed that NCC had to direct improvements towards locations with a history of killed or seriously injured accidents and asked for any assistance available from the PC to progress the improvement of this dangerous junction. As County Cllr Walker has stressed the importance of road improvements to the new administration it was decided to involve him.
- c) Cllrs had noted overhanging vegetation in Hesketh Road. The Clerk was asked to deliver a green slip.
- d) The Clerk was also asked to obtain a quote from N J Blackwell for rubbing down and refinishing the village seats.
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- 14. Date of next meeting:**
- a) 5th July 2005, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 10.45 pm.