

**MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 5<sup>th</sup> July 2005**

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), L Potter, Ms L Stephenson, C Turl, C King, Mrs S Hill.
- 2700** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs T Bates, Mrs M Benge, R Westlake, County Cllr Walker (chairing School Governor's meeting) & Dist Cllr Wilson.
- 2701** 2. **Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest: Cllr Potter declared an interest in Agenda item 5.1d.
- 2702** 3. **Previous Meeting :**
- 3.1 Minutes of Meeting held 7 6 05 were agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 **Matters arising:**
- a) Cllr King recorded thanks from the PCC for the help given by Cllrs, especially Cllr Turl, in clearing out the shed by the Church.
- b) Minute No 2697 12 a) - Cllr Crisp advised that he had completed the consultation document from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister concerning West Northamptonshire U.D.C. Papers placed on circulation.
- 2703** 4. **Open Forum:** Comments attached.
- 2704** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 **APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:**
- a) S/2005/0737/P, Corner Cottage, 2 Grafton Road – Retention of boundary fencing. Cllrs had no objections to this application and commented as follows 'they would not wish to see the trellis replaced on top of the fence'.
- b) S/2005/0744/P, 13 Mount Pleasant – Change colour of paint on sash windows from black and white to House White Ball & Farrow 2012. Increase width of opening and replace front door – paint Chinese Blue (B & F 90) and frame painted House White (B & F 2012). Cllrs recorded 'No observations'.
- c) S/2005/0750/LB, 4 High Street – Installation of gas fired central heating flue. Cllrs recorded 'No observations'.
- d) S/2005/0765/P, One Stop, 1 & 2 School Lane – Replacement windows and installation of perforated external shutters to front. Cllrs had no objections to this application and commented as follows 'provided the shutters are as previously advised Cllrs would request they are fully retracted during opening hours.'
- 5.2 **AMENDMENTS:** None.
- 5.3 **APPLICATIONS GRANTED:** None.
- 5.4 **APPLICATIONS REFUSED:** None.
- 5.5 **APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN:** None.
- 5.6 **OTHER:**
- a) The Clerk had still had no response from Neil Richmond of NCC to her letters asking him to confirm what action he had taken regarding the sites around the village where unauthorised dumping of waste had taken place. Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should invite Mr Richmond to the next PC Meeting to discuss the matter in person.
- b) S/2005/0321/AG, Land off Moorend Road, Yardley Gobion (Springfields Farm) – General purpose agricultural building. The Clerk had received a further response from SNC following her formal complaint about the lack of liaison between them about this site, advising that NCC had been appraised of the issues relating to waste disposal and formation of hard standing and as these were County Council matters they should be dealt with by them. Cllrs had noted car parking on the YG parish side of Moorend Road, despite the Enforcement Notice served in March which does not permit any development on the site without prior approval. Cllrs were asked to contact Ken Vaughan, SNC Enforcement Officer, if they saw this happening.
- c) Cllrs had queried a chimney stack appearing on the roof of the development at 49 Moorend Road, which was not shown on the original plans. Cllr Crisp advised that it had been shown on the modified plans. The Clerk was asked to request that all amendments and modifications to plans be sent to the PC.
- 2705** 6. **PROPOSED CLOSURE OF VILLAGE POST OFFICE.**
- a) No further news. Cllr Crisp would speak to Mr Khinda.
- 2706** 7. **Finance:**
- 7.1 **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Clerk's salary June 05 £295.78 (001302).
- b) Clerk's expenses June 05 £18.65 + £0.89VAT (001303).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service June 05 £44.00 (001304).
- d) N J Blackwell Garden Services – mowing June 05 £604.65 + £105.81VAT (001305).
- e) Enterprise Inns – Coffee Pot Field rent 1/7/05 – 30/9/05 £10.00 + £1.75 VAT. Paid by STANDING ORDER.
- f) Playground Management Ltd – ROSPA Inspection 10/6/05 - £157.00 + £27.48 VAT (001306).
- g) Mr L Potter for Felford Supplies – 2 x 35" Litterpickers @ £9.00 + VAT each £18.00 + £3.15 VAT (001307).
- h) ABB Ltd – Public Lighting Maintenance q/ended 30/6/05 £200.66 + £35.12 VAT (001308).
- i) Powergen Retail Ltd – Street Lighting to 21/3/05 £519.96 + £90.99 VAT (001309).
- 7.2 **PAYMENTS RECEIVED:**
- a) A & L Henson £40.00 (June 05).
- 7.3 **TRANSFERS:**

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- a) Scottish Widows to NatWest - £2,200.00

**7.4 OTHER:**

- a) Accounts year ending 31/3/05 – Both sections of the Annual Return (the Statement of Accounts and the Statement of Assurance) were fully discussed and approved by all Cllrs.
- b) Cllr Crisp as Chairman and the Clerk then signed the Statement of Accounts on behalf of the PC.
- c) Cllr Crisp as Chairman and the Clerk then signed the Statement of Assurance on behalf of the PC.

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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 resurfacing had been carried out last year. Referred to 'Schemes' 14<sup>th</sup> December. Chased 30<sup>th</sup> January. Chased 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Referred to 'Schemes' 4<sup>th</sup> April. Chased 5<sup>th</sup> June. To be inspected. Referred to T Gray. Closed 17<sup>th</sup> June. The Clerk was asked to query why this had been closed as no action appeared to have been taken.
  - 2) 159738 being the missing white lines in Hesketh Road opposite Highcroft Close. Referred to N Patel 20<sup>th</sup> December. Referred to Schemes 14<sup>th</sup> March. Chased 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Referred to Dave Howland 6<sup>th</sup> May. Chased 3<sup>rd</sup> July.
  - 3) 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. Referred to 'Schemes' 14<sup>th</sup> December. Chased 30<sup>th</sup> January. Chased 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Referred to 'Schemes' 4<sup>th</sup> April. Chased 5<sup>th</sup> June. To be inspected. Referred to T Gray. Closed 17<sup>th</sup> June. The Clerk was asked to query why this had been closed as no action appeared to have been taken.
  - 4) 191505 being the damaged pavement outside nos 3 & 5 Lime Road. Referred to T Gray 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Work instructed 7<sup>th</sup> June.
  - 5) 198875 being the damaged pavement outside 1 Manor Way.
  - 6) 198876 being the road signs left against the hedge of 3 Hesketh Road – 'give way', 'road narrows' etc.

The Clerk was asked to report a squashed bollard at the Grafton Road junction with the A508. The Clerk had reported the damaged Eastfield Crescent sign to SNC and it had been re-sited. The missing kerbstone outside 101 Hesketh Road had been replaced.

- b) A further copy of a letter to NCC/Atkins had been received concerning proposed work on the pavement outside nos 1 – 5 Lime Road. The Clerk had written to support the writer's suggestion that the whole affected stretch of footpath be resurfaced, not patched, but had received conflicting information from Atkins & The Street Doctor. Clerk to chase again.
- c) Wharf Lane R.O.W. – the Clerk had collated all the paperwork and passed it to NCC R.O.W. Dept to deal.

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

- a) Play Areas – No report. The Clerk had been unable to make contact with Mr Saxton, and no report had been forthcoming from Cllr Bates. Cllrs decided that training was appropriate for whoever was inspecting the play areas, and guidance should be sought from NALC on insurance/training and litter picking issues.
- b) It was noted that Cosgrove PC had recently appointed a Scrutiny Committee to oversee Risk Assessment and Procedures and the Clerk was asked to liaise with their Clerk to obtain further information regarding this Committee.
- c) Play Area Improvements – The Clerk had been informed that Kidzone were still waiting to obtain confirmation of their charitable status.
- d) ROSPA Inspection report – All Cllrs had had a chance to read this report and agreed to act upon its recommendations. Therefore it was proposed by Cllr Potter and seconded by Cllr Ms Stephenson that the cradle seat of the swing be replaced – deemed high risk. When replaced last year the cost had been approx £125.00. All Cllrs approved this expenditure. It was also agreed that N J Blackwell be asked to quote for the following recommended remedial actions – Coffee Pot playing field – Grind cup hooks off the goal posts, and descale and coat these and the swings, slide and see saw in the play area with lead free paint. School Lane playing field – Remove cradle seat from swing and replace with new seat (which is currently on order), take up stepping logs, remove gates, attach 'no dogs' signs (currently with Mr Tony Bates), and dig, rake and fork over area, remove weeds and top up/replace with approved bark as necessary to maintain a minimum depth of 300mm. In order to speed up the process if possible Cllr Turl proposed and Cllr Ms Stephenson seconded that an expenditure amount of £300.00 be approved. All Cllrs in favour.
- e) Cllr Crisp mentioned that the National Playing Fields Association had brought out a Deed of Dedication which protected playing fields from future development. The Clerk was asked to invite a representative to a PC Meeting to discuss the idea.
- f) Quotations – Cllr Potter proposed and Cllr Ms Stephenson seconded that the quotation received from N J Blackwell to trim the Pocket Park (£35.00 + VAT) and refinish the 5 village seats (£165.00 + VAT) be approved. All Cllrs in favour. Clerk to confirm acceptance with N J Blackwell, and also request that he tidies up the alley way behind the Pocket Park, including

- dealing with the bush by the dirt track, together with any other overhanging vegetation.
- g) Horse Field Recommendations – Cllr Bates had informed the Clerk that the field should be topped to keep it under control and weed growth down, and perhaps re-seeded in September. Clerk to contact tenant regarding this and also to ensure that water and food is provided at all times. To this end Cllr Crisp agreed to investigate any problems with the water trough.
- 8.3 ALLOTMENTS:**
- a) Cllr Mrs Bengé had told the Clerk of Mr Goulding’s confirmation that plot no 32 could be let.
- b) The Clerk reported that two of the three vacant plots had been let, including plot no 32 and had an application from an Old Stratford resident for the remaining plot. Cllrs confirmed that there was no restriction on allotment holders residing outside the village and it would be in order to let this plot. All plots now occupied.
- 2708 9. Special projects:**
- 9.1 REVIEW OF BUS SERVICE –** No report.
- 9.2 YGPC SMOKING POLICY –** The PC has a ‘No Smoking’ policy. The Clerk may be asked to obtain information from other bodies regarding their smoking policy as and when deemed necessary.
- 2709 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 previous meeting. Cllr Potter had tried to find out when the next meeting was but no firm information was available.
- i) During the recent ROSPA inspection the inspector had checked the goal posts on the School Lane field. Due to his findings it was agreed that the Clerk write to YGRC accordingly – ‘I have enclosed the relevant pages from the Report for your information, which you will see recommend removal or replacement of the goal unit as it has been assessed as ‘high risk’, failing to meet the requirements of PAS 30 (Sports Areas). Please advise the Parish Council of your plans regarding the goal posts when the Committee have had a chance to review the relevant paperwork and discuss the matter fully’.
- ii) In view of the re-iteration that YGPC has a ‘No Smoking’ policy it was also agreed that the Clerk should ask for the Recreation Centre’s policy on smoking during Committee meetings, as Councillors are unwilling to attend meetings in a smoking environment.
- b) Report from PC representative (YGVH). Cllr King advised that he had now received three quotes for refurbishing the kitchen and confirmed that one had been accepted. Work would commence in August and he hoped that the PC would release its grant of £1,500 towards the cost at their August meeting.  
Cllr Potter leaves 10.20pm.
- 2710 11. Neighbourhood Watch.** No report.
- 2711 12. Correspondence.**
- a) SNC – Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 – Core Strategy workshop – 19<sup>th</sup> July at Council Offices. Cllr Crisp would attend.
- b) SNC – Local Development Framework – Pre-submission consultation. Cllrs Crisp and Ms Stephenson agreed to complete this on behalf of the PC.
- c) NALC AGM details & request for resolutions for AGM. Any suggestions for resolutions to be passed to the Clerk.
- 2712 13. Any other business:**
- a) The Clerk recorded thanks to Miss Rosemary Weston for cleaning the PC Noticeboard outside The Meadows care home in Moorend Road.
- b) Cllr Mrs Bengé had attended the TADD Grand Opening of new Office in Towcester followed by AGM on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2005, and found them both enjoyable and informative. She was aware they required extra funding and hoped the PC would bear this in mind when allocating donations in future.
- c) Cllr Crisp advised he had attended the SNC Planning Forum meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> June where Parish Plans, village envelopes, village open spaces and high hedge legislation had been among items discussed.
- 2713 14. Date of next meeting:**
- a) 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2005, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 10.45 pm.

#### Open Forum

County Cllr Walker had e-mailed the following information to the Clerk –  
‘Re the Moorend Rd dumping, Potterspurty are also ‘persuing’ this but no movement can be made other than actions already taken. The Castlethorpe petition that we supported still doesn’t look very encouraging due to funding priorities and this Administration setting new ones’. He had also forwarded an e-mail from Cllr Bob Seery, Cabinet member for Highways and Transport which asked for details of roads where the maintenance situation was particularly bad or dangerous. Cllrs were unanimous in nominating Moorend Road.