

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 6th September 2005

- Present** Cllrs R Westlake (Chair), , Ms L Stephenson, C Turl, Mrs M Benge, Mr A Hutchin.
- 2728** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs G Crisp, L Potter, C King, M Morris, Dist Cllr Wilson & County Cllr Walker (by e-mail).
- 2729** 2. **Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest: None.
- 2730** 3. **Previous Meeting :**
- 3.1 Minutes of Meeting held 2 8 05 were agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 **Matters arising:** None
- 2731** 4. **Open Forum:** Comments attached.
- 2732** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 **APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:**
- a) S/2005/1058/PT, 93 Hesketh Road – Fell one tree TPO T14. Cllrs observed as follows ‘Councillors acknowledge that this is a large dominant tree, which adds character to the street scene, but is now causing damage to the driveway. If there is no alternative but to fell this tree Councillors accept this course of action reluctantly, but would hope at the very least that it is replaced by a more suitable tree in a more suitable location away from the driveway and the house’.
- b) S/2005/1063/P, 9 Lime Road – Hallway access enlarged to allow wheelchair access. Hallway extended by construction of a new tiled roof. Cllrs had ‘no observations’.
- 5.2 **AMENDMENTS:**
- a) S/2005/0863/P, 3 Malborough Way – Single storey rear extension. New certificate and revised elevation to 3.3M (in line with footprint). Cllrs had ‘no observations’.
- b) S/2005/1001/P, 27 Moorend Road – Single storey extension to rear, re-siting of garage. Conversion of roof space to habitable room. (Amendment to S/2004/1732/P). Cllrs observed as follows ‘Councillors note that the amendments to application S/2004/1732/P do not alter the street scene, but consider that the replacement of the dormer windows at the rear with velux windows does mean a loss of character at the rear of the property. Councillors would also request that any concerns raised by nearby property owners be satisfactorily addressed and/or resolved’. Cllrs also expressed concerns about site safety and problems encountered by neighbours during delivery of contractors materials. The Clerk was asked to advise the householder and also contact SNC accordingly.
- 5.3 **APPLICATIONS GRANTED:**
- a) S/2005/0737/P, Corner Cottage, 2 Grafton Road – Retention of boundary fencing. 1 condition. Paperwork placed on circulation.
- b) S/2005/0744/P, 13 Mount Pleasant – Change colour of paint on sash windows from black and white to House White Farrow & Ball 2012. Increase width of opening and replace front door – paint Chinese Blue (F & B 90) and frame painted House White (F & B 2012). 1 condition. Paperwork placed on circulation.
- c) S/2005/0750/LB, 4 High Street – Installation of gas fired central heating flue. 1 condition. Paperwork placed on circulation.
- d) S/2005/0765/P, One Stop, 1 & 2 School Lane – Replacement windows and installation of perforated external shutters to front. 3 conditions. Paperwork placed on circulation.
- 5.4 **APPLICATIONS REFUSED:** None.
- 5.5 **APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN:** None.
- 5.6 **OTHER:**
- a) S/2005/0321/AG, Land off Moorend Road, Yardley Gobion (Springfields Farm) – General purpose agricultural building. Decision – further details required.
- 2733** 6. **PROPOSED CLOSURE OF VILLAGE POST OFFICE.**
- a) The Clerk had received an acknowledgement of her letter to Rt Hon Tim Boswell.
- 2734** 7. **Finance:**
- 7.1 **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Anglian Water – charge for Allotments 22/5/05 – 3/8/05 £84.25 (001318).
- b) Clerk’s salary Aug 05 £295.78 (001319).
- c) Clerk’s expenses Aug 05 £17.12p + £2.98p VAT (001320).
- d) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Aug 05 £55.00 + £9.62 VAT (001321).
- e) N J Blackwell Garden Services – mowing Aug 05 £690.90 + £120.91 VAT (001322).
- f) Cllr Mrs Benge – mileage to attend ACRE AGM 3rd August - 24 miles at 42p per mile = £10.08 (001323).
- g) ABB – Public Lamp 15 replacement £184.22 + £32.24 VAT (001324).
- h) Mr D Saxton, caretaking duties for play areas Aug 05 £18.00 (001325).
- i) Playground Services Ltd – replacement cradle seat for swing £105.62 + VAT £18.48 (001326).
- 7.2 **PAYMENTS RECEIVED:**
- a) A & L Henson £40.00 (Aug 05).
- 7.3 **TRANSFERS:**
- a) Scottish Widows to NatWest - £1,600.00
- 7.4 **OTHER:**
- a) Bank Reconciliation 1/04/05 – 30/06/05. A figure of £31,969.80 was recorded which was represented by both bank accounts taking into account cheque no 001300 in the sum of £250.00

which was issued on 7th June and cashed on 1st July. All Cllrs agreed that this be noted and approved. Placed on circulation.

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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. To be inspected. Referred to T Gray. Closed 17th June. John Robinson NCC Atkins' Project Manager, had advised the Clerk he would be visiting the village to look again at the bend and the need for a centre line.
 - 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. Chased 3rd July. John Robinson NCC Atkins' Project Manager, had advised the Clerk he would be visiting the village to look again at the bend and the need for a centre line.
 - 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. To be inspected. Referred to T Gray. Closed 17th June. John Robinson NCC Atkins' Project Manager, had advised the Clerk he would be visiting the village to look again at the bend and the need for a centre line.
- b) In addition, the Clerk was asked to report the damaged pavement and kerb outside 27 Moorend Road, and that the footpath of Vicarage Close alongside no 11 and right through to Woodville Crescent needs looking at with a view to repairs..
- c) Cllrs remembered that a letter had been received in February from Margaret Andrews, NCC/Atkins Assistant Area Maintenance Engineer, confirming that the village roads would receive their annual inspection in July when any work necessary would be programmed. The Clerk was asked to follow up this letter and ask if the village had been inspected and if any work was planned.
- d) Central Networks Unmetered Supplies Certificate – Cllr Westlake agreed to check the details on the report.
- e) Cllrs noted that the TPO tree outside 101 Hesketh Road was obscuring the public light and the Clerk was asked to obtain advice from Ian Lorman at SNC as to what action could be taken.

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8.2 PLAYING FIELDS/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES:

- a) Play Areas – Cllr Westlake read out Mr Saxton's report.
- b) Play Area Improvements – Kidzone were still awaiting their charity number.
- c) All Cllrs were in favour of accepting N J Blackwell's quotes for work on the 2 play areas, (Coffee Pot field £160.00 + VAT and School Lane field £190.00 + VAT) which included replacing the seat on the cradle swing in the School Lane play area, and the Clerk was asked to advise him accordingly.
- d) Horse Field Recommendations – Cllr Westlake had spoken with the tenants and confirmed that they had topped the field and removed some of the docks, and were happy with the condition of the field, provided there was not a problem with weed blowing into the allotments.
- e) Mr Saxton had advised by letter that he would be unavailable to carry out his play area duties from 12th to 30th September. Cllr Mrs Bengé agreed to look after the School Lane play area and Cllr Westlake agreed to look after the Coffee Pot field play area.
- f) Cllr Potter had advised the Clerk he had been asked to purchase a smaller sized litter picker. All Cllrs in favour of this purchase.

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8.3 ALLOTMENTS:

- a) Cllr Mrs Bengé advised she would not be carrying out an inspection of the plots until next month. She mentioned there was still rubbish outside the brew hut, and that the bins by the hedge were overflowing with rubbish. The Clerk had obtained a quote from SNC in the sum of £50.00 + VAT for removing the rubbish – she was asked to advise the ploholders of this and ask for their comments and suggestions about removal of the rubbish. The Clerk had also been asked about cutting the hedge and Cllr Westlake advised that the hedge cutters were available for use by ploholders if required. Clerk to confirm this information to ploholders.

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9. Special projects:

- a) REVIEW OF BUS SERVICE – No report.

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10. Y G Recreation Centre.

- a) Report from PC representative (YGRC). No report.
- b) Matters arising from YGRC Meeting in August – the PC discussed at length a request in writing for a grant to assist in the replacement of the central heating system in the hall, and notes in the Minutes which indicated assistance may be required with the upkeep of the path from School Lane to the club building and with the spraying of the field against weeds. The Clerk was asked to respond.
- c) Cllr Turl advised that as a result of a recent disciplinary hearing at YGRC 2 members had received 12 month suspensions.
- d) The Clerk reported that whilst mowing the School Lane field on 30 8 05 N J Blackwell had had

- his van, which was parked in the RC car park, broken into and various items stolen. **808**
- 2738** **11. Neighbourhood Watch.**
- a) No report. New co-ordinators are required from 2006.
- 2739** **12. Correspondence.**
- a) NCC Minerals & Waste Development Framework: Pre-Submission (draft) Statement of Community Involvement (closing date 15th September). Passed to Cllr Crisp to respond on behalf of the PC. **GC**
- b) NALC - AGM 13th October details & request for resolutions for AGM. No interest.
- c) Northamptonshire Police – Invitation to join Ringmaster messaging system. To be passed to new NW co-ordinators when they are appointed.
- d) ACRE – Overcoming Rural Social Exclusion conference - 26th September at Hunsbury Hill Centre, Northampton. No interest.
- e) NALC Training Programme 2005. Placed on circulation.
- f) Kompan Bletchley Park Play Seminar – 28th September. Passed to Kidzone.
- g) Letter from Mrs Westlake re Mower shed, St. Leonard’s Church. Cllr Westlake read this out to the meeting.
- h) PMP for SNC – Open Space, Sport & Recreation Needs Assessment. Passed to Cllr King to respond on behalf of the PC. **CK**
- i) Milton Keynes Council – ‘Your Waste Your Cash Your Choice’ consultation. Cllr Westlake indicated an interest in this item. **RW**
- 2740** **13. Any other business:**
- a) Cllr Mrs Benge expressed concern about the condition of a public footpath near The Poplar in Moorend Road, and agreed to check the ownership of the field concerned, prior to any action being taken. **MB**
- 2741** **14. Date of next meeting:**
- a) 4th October 2005, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 10.16 pm.

Open Forum

Mr Hutchin introduced himself to the Cllrs and discussed his reasons for attending the meeting.