

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 4th October 2005

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), , Ms L Stephenson, C Turl, Mrs M Benge, G Crisp, L Potter, C King, Dist Cllr Wilson, Mr A Hutchin.
- 2742** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr M Morris.
- 2743** 2. **Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest: None.
- 2744** 3. **Previous Meeting :**
- 3.1** Minutes of Meeting held 6 9 05 were agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2** **Matters arising:** None
- 2745** 4. **Open Forum:** Comments attached.
- 2746** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1** APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:
- a) S/2005/1107/P, Churchfield House, 2 High Street – Replacement conservatory. Cllrs had ‘No observations’.
- b) S/2005/1118/PT, 9 Woodville Crescent – Removal of one lime tree – T19. Cllrs noted the comments from S/2003/1449/PT when the previous proposal was refused in December 2003, which were ‘The proposal is contrary to policy EV19 of the South Northamptonshire Local Plan in that it is not justified in the interests of good arboricultural practice. Furthermore the loss of the tree would significantly detract from the visual amenity of this part of the village’. In response to the consultation in 2003 the PC’s comments were ‘If the SNC Arboriculturalist felt it was necessary to remove this tree then it was recommended that it be replaced with a semi-mature tree in a more suitable location’, and the same response applied to this new consultation S/2005/1118/PT.
- c) S/2005/1125/PT, 95 Hesketh Road – To cut down tree T13. 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’.
- 5.2** AMENDMENTS:
- a) S/2005/0893/P, 46 Hesketh Road – First floor extension – revised eaves to extension to reflect that of existing dwelling. See Minute No 2746 5.3 b) below.
- 5.3** APPLICATIONS GRANTED:
- a) S/2005/0863/P, 3 Malborough Way – Single storey rear extension. 3 conditions.
- b) S/2005/0893/P, 46 Hesketh Road – First floor extension. 3 conditions.
- c) 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). 7 conditions. Paperwork placed on circulation.
- 5.4** APPLICATIONS REFUSED: None.
- 5.5** APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN: None.
- 5.6** OTHER:
- a) S/2005/0811/PO, Springfields Farm (Potterspury parish)– Stockpersons dwelling (Outline) – Appeal against refusal of Planning permission. Paperwork placed on circulation.
- b) Land at corner of A5 and Moorend Road - Response from Government Office for the East Midlands re Article 4 order. Paperwork placed on circulation. District Cllr Wilson leaves 8.30 pm.
- 2747** 6. **PROPOSED CLOSURE OF VILLAGE POST OFFICE.**
The Clerk had received a letter from Rt Hon Tim Boswell enclosing a response from Post Office Ltd. Paperwork placed on circulation.
- 2748** 7. **Finance:**
- 7.1** ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a) Clerk’s salary Sep 05 £295.78 (001327).
- b) Clerk’s expenses Sep 05 £6.12p (001328).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Sep 05 £44.00 + £7.70 VAT (001329).
- d) N J Blackwell Garden Services – mowing Sep 05 £294.00 + £51.45 VAT (001330).
- e) BDO Stoy Hayward LLP – auditing Annual Return for year ended 31/3/05 £120.00 + £21.00 VAT (001331).
- f) ABB – Public Lighting Maintenance £200.66 + £35.12 VAT (001332).
- g) Enterprise Inns – Coffee Pot Field rent 1/10/05 – 31/12/05 £10.00 + £1.75 VAT – paid by Standing Order.
- 7.2** PAYMENTS RECEIVED:
- a) A & L Henson £40.00 (Sep 05).
- 7.3** TRANSFERS:
- a) Scottish Widows to NatWest - £1,100.00
- 7.4** OTHER:
- a) Annual Return 31/3/05 – This was presented to the PC together with the audit opinion. No matters came to the auditors attention which required the issuing of an ‘additional issues arising’ letter. Cllr Turl proposed and Cllr Westlake seconded that the Annual Return be approved and accepted by the PC. All Cllrs agreed. Relevant paperwork to be placed on the

- Notice Board by the Post Office.
- b) BDO Stoy Hayward LLP – request for financial information. Cllr Ms Stephenson agreed to assist the Clerk in completing this paperwork. **LS**
- c) Review of Donations - After much discussion donations were reviewed and agreed as follows under Section 137: ‘Old Mail’ £400.00 (proposed Cllr Mrs Benge, seconded Cllr Ms Stephenson); Citizen’s Advice Bureau – Towcester branch £100.00 (proposed Cllr Crisp, seconded Cllr Turl); British Legion £100.00 (proposed Cllr King, seconded Cllr Westlake); Towcester Area Door to Door £250.00 (proposed Cllr Mrs Benge, seconded Cllr King); Victim Support – Northampton branch £100.00 (proposed Cllr Mrs Benge, seconded Cllr King – Cllr Turl against; Macmillan Cancer Relief £100.00 (proposed Cllr King, seconded Cllr Ms Stephenson); Diana Princess of Wales Air Ambulance £250.00 (proposed Cllr Westlake, seconded Cllr Ms Stephenson); provisionally YGRC Fireworks £100.00. All Cllrs in favour unless otherwise noted.
- d) It was further agreed that requests from village organisations could be considered at other times during the year, and not limited to this particular Meeting.

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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’ 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. White lines not deemed necessary.
 - 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. White lines not deemed necessary.
 - 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. White lines replaced.
 - 4) 208306 being the damaged pavement and kerb outside 27 Moorend Road. This had been inspected and the contractors were unable to locate the problem. Closed 13th September. Re-opened 1st October.
 - 5) 208307 being the footpath of Vicarage Close alongside no 11 and right through to Woodville Crescent which needed looking at with a view to repairs. This had been inspected and the contractors were unable to locate the problem. Closed 13th September. Cllrs requested this be re-opened also.
- b) Cllr Crisp mentioned that he had reported a stopcock sunk in the pavement outside 36 Hesketh Road direct to Anglian Water and obtained reference 2325632.
- c) It was also noted that the Brownfield Rd/Hesketh Rd path was breaking up, and required reporting.
- d) The Clerk had received a response from Margaret Andrews, NCC/Atkins Assistant Area Maintenance Engineer, confirming that the village roads had received their annual inspection in July and giving details of work required. Placed on circulation.
- e) NCC – draft R.O.W. improvement plan. Cllrs Crisp and Westlake agreed to comment on this on behalf of the PC. **GC RW**
- f) NCC – Public Rights of Way: 2005 Definitive Map & Statement. Placed on circulation.
- g) Cllr Mrs Benge had approached Miss P Weston about footpath SH23 which was overgrown, and Miss Weston had advised that she would look into the matter.
- h) Cllr Crisp asked Cllrs to let him know if they saw any footpaths which had been ploughed. He then discussed his experiences when trying to walk part of footpath SH19.
- i) Street Lighting recommendations. Details of their charges had now been received from Aylesbury Mains and it was agreed that the quotation be placed on circulation in order that Cllrs could consider it. Cllr King advised Cllr Westlake that the street light behind 10 Brownsfield Road (Woodville Crescent land) had been damaged, and required reporting. **RW**
- j) Cllrs had noted that the TPO tree outside 101 Hesketh Road was obscuring the public light. Ian Lorman at SNC had advised the Clerk that work could be carried out to remedy the situation. Cllr Crisp agreed to deal on behalf of the PC. **GC RW**
- k) Cllr Westlake agreed to speak to Mr R Weston about the street light on the corner of Grafton Road which was also obscured by vegetation. **GC RW**
- 8.2 PLAYING FIELDS/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES:**
- a) Cllrs expressed concern about their responsibilities with regard to play area inspections, and the Clerk was asked to make enquiries with other PC’s, local councils and the RPII, and take advice

from them.

- b) Play Area Improvements – Kidzone were still awaiting their charity number. The Chairperson had advised she planned to attend the next PC meeting.
- c) The Clerk was asked to confirm with N J Blackwell when the work on the 2 play areas and the village seats would be carried out.
- 8.3 ALLOTMENTS:**
- a) Cllr Mrs Bengé advised she had yet not carried out an inspection of the plots. With regard to the rubbish, Cllrs agreed that the PC would pay to clear it on this occasion, but that the cost would be recouped next year when the rent was reviewed, and that the rules would be amended to state that rubbish should not be left on site. Expenditure of up to £50.00 + VAT proposed by Cllr Turl and seconded by Cllr Ms Stephenson. Cllrs would also like to see a representative of the allotment holders on the PC, or at least attend meetings. The Clerk was asked to advise the plotters of the above decision. She had been told that plotters would be cutting the hedge themselves
- 2750 **9. Special projects:**
- 9.1 REVIEW OF BUS SERVICE – No report. Cllr Kilvert from Potterspurty had sent a copy of his review document to the PC, which was placed on circulation.
- 2751 **10. Y G Recreation Centre and Y G Village Hall.**
- a) Report from PC representative (YGRC). The latest accounting information was provided, which was placed on circulation.
- b) 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 it was finally agreed that a grant of £500.00 be made available to the Recreation Centre, which the PC understood would match the funds provided by South Northants Council and Northants County Council. The cheque would be released once written confirmation of the other grants had been passed to the PC. Proposed by Cllr Turl and seconded by Cllr Mrs Bengé. All in favour.
- c) Report from PC representative (YGVH). Cllr King reported that the new kitchen was nearly completed and Cllr Crisp read out a letter thanking the PC for their assistance.
Cllr Potter leaves 10.10 pm
- 2752 **11. Neighbourhood Watch.** No report.
- 2753 **12. Correspondence.**
- a) SNC - details re request to 'walk around village to view suitable sites for affordable housing'. It was agreed that Cllrs Crisp and Westlake would deal with this request. **GC RW**
- b) Letter from Miss R Weston re plans/procedures in the event of a major emergency situation in or near the village. This was discussed and the Clerk was asked to acknowledge the letter and respond as follows 'for your information there is already a County and District Emergency Plan in place, and it is anticipated that the 'blue light' services would take control in an emergency. In addition a Model Plan is being developed for Parish Councils. We have already supplied information and contact details concerning village resources which could be used in the event of an emergency situation'.
- c) NCC – Northamptonshire Provisional Local Transport Plan 2006/7 – 2010/11 Consultation - paperwork placed on circulation.
- d) NCC – Northamptonshire Provisional Local Transport Plan 2006/7 – 2010/11 Consultation - workshop 11th October at SNC Offices. Cllr Crisp agreed to attend on behalf of the PC. **GC**
- e) Free computer course in Yardley Gobion. (GC). Cllr Crisp gave details of this and explained it would be commencing on 13th October if there was enough support.
- f) NALC Training Programme 2005. Cllr Ms Stephenson indicated an interest in attending a Planning training course at SNC in November. **LS**
- g) Cllr Crisp reminded Cllrs that the last date for submission of additional information regarding the SNC Local Development Framework was 30th October.
- 2754 **13. Any other business:**
- a) Cllr Westlake advised that at a recent Canal Partnership meeting he had not supported the suggestion of a dog bin in Wharf Lane near the YG section of the canal due to the current R.O.W. issue.
- 2755 **14. Date of next meeting:**
- a) 1st November 2005, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 10.45 pm.

Open Forum

District Cllr Wilson discussed the issue of Council Tax.