

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

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), Ms L Stephenson, C Turl, L Potter, R Westlake, C King, Mr (later Cllr) A Hutchin, Dist Cllr Wilson, Mr & Mrs Brooks.
- 2770** **1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Mrs M Benge.
- 2771** **2. Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest: None.
- b) Co-option of Councillors. There currently being 3 vacancies (SNC having advised that PC could co-opt to replace ex-Cllr Bates) Cllr Ms Stephenson proposed and Cllr Turl seconded that Mr A Hutchin be co-opted onto the PC. All agreed. Cllr Hutchin signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office document.
- 2772** **3. Previous Meeting :**
- 3.1** Minutes of Meeting held 1 11 05 were agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 Matters arising:**
- a) Cllr Crisp advised that he had not yet dealt with the TPO tree outside 101 Hesketh Road which was obscuring the public light but it was in hand (Minute No 2763 8.1 c.) **GC**
- b) He had however completed the Audit Commission – Corporate Assessment Stakeholder Survey of NCC, and a copy was to be placed on circulation (Minute No 2767 12 e.)
- 2773** **4. Open Forum:** Comments attached.
- 2774** **5. Planning:**
- 5.1 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:**
- a) S/2005/1328/PO, Castle Close, Moorend – Outline application for single dwelling. Cllrs observed as follows ‘we have no objections to the application providing that this proposed dwelling does not set a precedent of infilling along this road, in an area which is outside the village confines’.
Mr & Mrs Brooks leave.
- b) S/2005/1264/P and S/2005/1398/P, Manor Farm Barns, A2 and A3 High Street – Change of use of two barns into 2 dwellings, renewal of S/2000/0988/PO). Cllrs queried why new application numbers had been allocated and if any material differences had become apparent. The Clerk was asked to investigate, but Cllrs confirmed they had ‘no observations’ on either application.
- c) S/2005/1265/LB and S/2005/1399/LB, Manor Farm Barns, A2 and A3 High Street – Conversion of 2 barns to dwellings. Cllrs queried why new application numbers had been allocated and if any material differences had become apparent. The Clerk was asked to investigate, but Cllrs confirmed they had ‘no observations’ on either application.
- 5.2 AMENDMENTS:**
- a) S/2005/1248/P, Yardley House – remove tree subject to TPO. The Clerk was asked to speak to Ian Lorman, SNC Arboriculturalist regarding this amendment, which was for information purposes only.
- 5.3 APPLICATIONS GRANTED:**
- a) S/2005/1118/PT, 9 Woodville Crescent – Removal of one lime tree. 4 conditions.
- b) S/2005/1125/PT, 95 Hesketh Road – Fell one tree TPO T13. 4 conditions.
- c) S/2005/1228/P, 13 Orchard Close – Lounge, kitchen and utility room rear extension and alterations to existing garage and stores. 3 conditions.
- d) S/2005/1107/P, Churchfield House, 2 High Street – Single storey rear extension. 4 conditions.
- 5.4 APPLICATIONS REFUSED:** None.
- 5.5 APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN:** None.
- 5.6 OTHER:** None.
Dist Cllr Wilson leaves 8.45pm.
- 2775** **6. Finance:**
- 6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Clerk’s salary Nov 05 £295.78 (001350).
- b) Clerk’s expenses Nov 05 £11.42 + £0.44 VAT (001351).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Nov 05 £44.00 + £7.70 VAT (001352).
- d) N J Blackwell Garden Services – mowing 31Oct 05 + agreed work on goal posts and play areas £543.55 + £95.12 VAT (001353).
- e) Mr D Saxton – caretaking duties for play areas Nov £18.00 (001354).
- f) S Perry – clearing rubbish from Allotment site £35.00 (001355).
- 6.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED:**
- a) A & L Henson – Horse Field rent - £40.00 (Nov).
- 6.3 TRANSFERS:**
- a) Scottish Widows to Nat West - £1,000.00.
- 6.4 OTHER:**
- a) Letter from ‘Friends of the School’ enquiring about grant assistance to replace existing school play area equipment with new, safe, play apparatus. Cllr Crisp read out the covering letter and details of the fundraising to date and passed around photographs of the existing equipment which due to its current condition cannot be used and is to be removed in the Spring. Cllr King proposed a donation in the sum of £1,500.00; this was seconded by Cllr Westlake subject to confirmation from the PC’s auditor that there were no technical difficulties involved. All Cllrs in favour.
- b) Acknowledgment of donations had been received from - Towcester Area Door to Door, Victim

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7. Committee Reports

7.1 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING:

a) Reports to The Street Doctor: The Clerk reported that problems were still outstanding and they had been chased as follows -

1)215781 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 does not meet the specified intervention level for any urgent remedial action. Closed 2nd November. Cllr Ms Stephenson agreed to take this further with NCC/Atkins as she was extremely concerned over the condition of this path.

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2)215782 being the Brownsfield Rd/Hesketh Rd path which was breaking up. This does not meet the specified intervention level for any urgent remedial action. Closed 2nd November.

3)215783 being the Budge Road path opposite nos 1 & 3 Eastfield Crescent. Inspected 11th November. Work instructed.

Nothing further had been heard from Anglian Water re reference 2325632, a stopcock sunk in the pavement outside 36 Hesketh Road.

b) Overhanging Vegetation - Cllr Crisp had not yet dealt with the TPO tree outside 101 Hesketh Road which was obscuring the public light.

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c) The condition of the TPO tree outside 2 Woodville Crescent was discussed as the tree appears to have sunk and its branches have now created a safety hazard to pedestrians. The Clerk was again asked to obtain advice from Ian Lorman.

d) Moorend Road pavement – Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should contact NCC/Atkins Highways regarding the length of pavement in question.

e) Parking on grass verges. Cllrs and residents had noted an increase in parking on grass verges within the village, and Cllr Potter agreed to place green slips on offending vehicles.

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7.2 PLAYING FIELDS/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES:

a) Mr Saxton’s play area inspection report was read out.

b) Cllr Westlake noted that some dog mess was still being placed in the litter bin near the Coffee Pot field play area, despite the presence of 2 dog bins by the field entrances/exits. With Cllr King’s assistance he planned to place a relevant notice on the litter bin.

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c) Play Area Improvements – Yardley Gobion Kids Zone were still awaiting their charity number but had received a letter advising they should hear further by the end of the year. The problem of how to maximise funds generated by the PC and the charity was discussed and it was suggested that the Clerk contact Colin Hull, the Sports Development Officer at SNC for advice.

d) Deed of Dedication – this was discussed at length and the Clerk was asked to check various queries regarding the use of the School Lane field with the NPFA. It was suggested that details of the scheme be placed in The Old Mail and residents given time to consider and comment on the proposal before it was finally voted on at the March PC meeting. It was further suggested that the Deed of Dedication document be sent to Linda Mason, the P.C.’s solicitor, for her comments and advice.

7.3 ALLOTMENTS:

a) The Clerk reported that the rubbish had now been removed. Cllrs discussed the necessity of a review of the Allotment Rules next year, with an increase in the rent to reflect the cost of removing the rubbish. An independent check of the plots in April, July and October was suggested and the Clerk was asked to make enquiries regarding this with N J Blackwell.

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8. Y G Recreation Centre and Y G Village Hall.

a) Report from PC representative (YGRC). Cllr Potter attended a meeting on 5th December and gave his report. Paperwork placed on circulation.

b) Report from PC representative (YGVH). Cllr King advised that the Village Hall had received its new Licence, and that the refurbishment of the kitchen was almost complete.

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9. Neighbourhood Watch.

a) No report.

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10. Correspondence.

a) NCC/Atkins – Parish Highway Representatives Annual Meeting 8th December 9.30am – 3.30pm at Nene Whitewater Centre, Bedford Road, Northampton. Interested Cllrs were asked to contact the Clerk.

b) Office of Deputy Prime Minister – Development Control Powers for the West Northamptonshire D C. (Due by 13th January 2006.) Placed on circulation.

c) NCC/Atkins – Urban Highway Grass Mowing 2006 – 136 Agreements. Cllr Westlake agreed to check this on behalf of the PC.

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d) Land Registry – benefits of registering land. Placed on circulation.

e) NCC – Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework – consultation. (Due by 22nd December.) Cllr Crisp agreed to complete this on behalf of the PC.

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f) CPRE – Invitation to Carols, Wine & Mince Pies at Chartlands, Great Houghton, on 8th December at 7.30pm. Interested Cllrs were asked to contact the Clerk. Cllr Crisp emphasised that Cllrs would have to cover any costs incurred themselves.

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11. Any other business:

a) Cllr King mentioned ‘Carols in the Pocket Park’ on 21st December at 7pm.

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- b) Cllr Westlake reminded members of the F & G P Committee that they should meet prior to the January PC meeting to recommend the amount of precept to be set for 2006/2007.
 - c) Cllr Turl mentioned the Christmas lights in Castlethorpe and Cllrs agreed to consider lighting the trees on Elm Green and Chestnut Green next year.
12. **Date of next meeting:**
- a) 3rd January 2006, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 10.27 pm.

Open Forum

District Cllr Wilson advised that it appeared possible that SNC would be able to maintain current levels of service with a Council Tax rise under 5%, due to an increase in funds allocated by Central Government. The actual level would be decided in the next few weeks.