

**MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2006**

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), Ms L Stephenson, C Turl, L Potter, R Westlake, C King, A Hutchin, Mrs M Benge.
- 2782** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Dist Cllr Wilson.
- 2783** 2. **Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest: None.
- b) A Casual Vacancy was declared following the resignation of former Cllr M Morris.
- 2784** 3. **Previous Meeting :**
- 3.1 Minutes of Meeting held 6 12 05 were agreed/signed as a correct record. Cllr Hutchin mentioned that he would discuss later the possibility of placing current and previous Minutes on the proposed PC website. **AH**
- 3.2 **Matters arising:**
- 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**
- Unfortunately he had not had time to complete the NCC – Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework consultation. (Minute No 2779 10 c.)
- Cllrs King and Westlake advised they would shortly be placing a notice on the Coffee Pot play area litter bin regarding dog waste. **CK**  
**RW**
- 2785** 4. **Open Forum:** Comments attached.
- 2786** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 **APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:**
- a) S/2005/1575/P, 10 Grafton Road – Two bedroomed dwelling. Cllrs strongly objected to the application and observed as follows ‘This proposed dwelling is sited outside the village envelope. Councillors consider that if approved this application would set a precedent for development along the remainder of Grafton Road to its junction with the A508. In addition, the width of the garden precludes development and the design of the dwelling is not in keeping with its proposed position at the entrance to the village adjacent to the conservation area’.
- b) S/2005/1494/PO Springfields Farm, Moorend Road (POTTERSPURY PARISH) – Proposed stockperson’s dwelling. Due to time constraints the Planning Committee had responded as follows ‘ We **STRONGLY object** to the application for the following reasons: It is a further unacceptable intrusion into the open countryside. The application does not acknowledge that there is a footpath on, and adjacent to, the land, and it is considered that this dwelling would have an unfavourable impact on the view from this footpath’.
- 5.2 **AMENDMENTS:** None.
- 5.3 **APPLICATIONS GRANTED:**
- a) S/2005/1194/P, Prospect House, 28 High Street – Single storey extension to rear elevation and replacement porch to side elevation. 7 conditions. Placed on circulation.
- b) S/2005/1195/LB, Prospect House, 28 High Street – Single storey extension to rear extension, opening created through end elevation of existing thatched rear extension, removal of existing side porch and erection of replacement porch. 8 conditions. Placed on circulation.
- c) S/2005/1248/P, Yardley House – Demolition of single storey kitchen and garage and replace with a two storey extension. Erection of detached triple garage and alterations to boundary walls. Remove tree subject to TPO. 12 conditions. Placed on circulation.
- d) S/2005/1252/P, Meadows Nursing Home, Moorend Road – Single storey extension to form three bedrooms and extended lounge (renewal of S/2000/0963/P). 8 conditions. Placed on circulation.
- 5.4 **APPLICATIONS REFUSED:**
- a) S/2005/1328/PO, Castle Close, Moorend – Outline application for single dwelling. Placed on circulation.
- 5.5 **APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN:** None.
- 2787** 5.6 **OTHER:** None.
6. **Finance:**
- 6.1 **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Clerk’s salary Dec 05 £295.78 (001356).
- b) Clerk’s expenses Dec 05 £8.65 + £0.44 VAT (001357).
- c) Society of Local Council Clerks annual subscription £84.00 (001358).
- d) ABB – quarterly maintenance £200.66 + VAT (001359).
- e) Mr D Saxton – caretaking duties for play areas Dec £18.00 (001360).
- f) Enterprise Inns – Coffee Pot Field Rent £10.00 + VAT paid by Standing Order.
- 6.2 **PAYMENTS RECEIVED:**
- a) A & L Henson – Horse Field rent - £40.00 (Dec).
- 6.3 **TRANSFERS:**
- a) Scottish Widows to Nat West - £700.00.
- 6.4 **OTHER:**
- a) Cllr King on behalf of F & GP Committee recommended a precept amount of £20,000.00 for the year 2006/2007 to the meeting (a reduction of over 9% on the previous year’s figure). Cllr Westlake proposed that the 2006/2007 precept be agreed as proposed. Seconded by Cllr King. All in favour.
- b) The Clerk was asked to circulate a letter from SNC regarding proposed new travel

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- arrangements for the over-60's from April 06.
- c) An acknowledgment of the PC's donation had been received from The Old Mail.
- d) Bank Reconciliation 1/07/05 – 30/09/05. A figure of £35,299.90 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 7<sup>th</sup> June and cashed on 1<sup>st</sup> July, £11,000.00 precept not accounted for until next quarter and £1,100 transferred 30/09/05 but not showing in NatWest account until 4/10/05. Cllr King proposed that this be noted and approved. Seconded by Cllr Potter. All Cllrs agreed.

## 7. Committee Reports

### 7.1 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING:

- a) Reports to The Street Doctor: The Clerk reported that one problem was still outstanding and it had been chased as follows -  
1)215783 being the Budge Road path opposite nos 1 & 3 Eastfield Crescent. Inspected 11<sup>th</sup> November. Work instructed. Completed 8/12. Closed 16/12.
- b) Nothing further had been heard from Anglian Water re reference 2325632, a stopcock sunk in the pavement outside 36 Hesketh Road.
- c) Overhanging Vegetation - Cllr Crisp had not yet dealt with the TPO tree outside 101 Hesketh Road which was obscuring the public light. Cllr King had spoken with the householders concerned in Woodville Crescent.
- d) Moorend Road pavement –NCC/Atkins Highways had advised they would be dealing with the length of pavement in question.
- e) Parking on grass verges was evident in both Hesketh Road and Brownsfield Road. Cllr Potter would be placing green slips on offending vehicles. **LP**
- f) SNC had advised the Clerk that they were dealing with the trailer parked in the Budge Road/Eastfield Crescent garages.
- g) Review of Mowing 2005 and Mowing Contract 2006 – all Cllrs agreed that N J Blackwell had done a good job with regard to the Mowing during 2005 and that he be offered the chance to renew the Contract for 2006. The Clerk was therefore asked to obtain a revised figure from him for mowing for the coming year, for consideration by the PC at its February meeting.

### 7.2 PLAYING FIELDS/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES:

- a) Mr Saxton's play area inspection report was read out.
- b) The 'No Dogs' signs had been removed from the School Lane play area. Cllr Mrs Bengé had a further sign which she agreed to give to Cllr King. **CK**
- c) Play Area Improvements – Yardley Gobion Kids Zone were still awaiting their charity number.
- d) TPO tree replacements. The Clerk was asked to confirm the addresses where TPO trees had been removed to Ian Lorman, SNC Arboriculturalist, who would contact the residents involved to request the replacement of the trees during the next growing season.
- e) Cllr Westlake was obtaining a quote for cutting the Allotment field hedge as no specific action had been taken by ploholders and the hedge required managing properly. **RW**

### 7.3 ALLOTMENTS:

- a) Report from PC Representative. No report.
- b) Cllrs discussed the proposed review of the Allotment Rules, with an increase in the rent to reflect the cost of removing the rubbish. All Cllrs agreed to check their copy of the current rules prior to making suggestions for the new rules at the next PC meeting. An independent check of the plots in April, July and October had been suggested and the Clerk had made enquiries regarding this with N J Blackwell.

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

- 8.1 Report from PC representative (YGRC). Next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> January. It was agreed that it was the responsibility of YGRC to clear the playing field of rubbish if necessary. Cllr Turl would remind the Committee of their obligations under their lease. **CT**

- 8.2 Report from PC representative (YGVH). Nothing to report.

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## 9. Special Projects.

- a) VILLAGE DIRECTORY 2006  
Cllr Potter indicated his willingness to continue with producing the Village Directory but asked if it was possible for relevant telephone calls to be re-imbursed. Proposed by Cllr Turl and seconded by Cllr Westlake. All Cllrs in favour. **LP**

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## 10. Neighbourhood Watch.

- a) No report.

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## 11. Correspondence.

- a) SNC – Planning Forum 25<sup>th</sup> January 6pm at the Council Chambers. Cllr Ms Stephenson indicated an interest in attending. **LS**
- b) Office of Deputy Prime Minister – Development Control Powers for the West Northamptonshire D C. (Due by 13th January 2006.) Cllrs Westlake and Crisp agreed to look at responding to this. **GC**  
**RW**
- c) NCC/Atkins – Urban Highway Grass Mowing 2006 – 136 Agreements. Cllr Westlake agreed that it was in order for this to be signed.
- d) NCC – Proposed Modifications to the Northamptonshire Minerals Local Plan. (Due by 23<sup>rd</sup> February.) The Clerk was asked to request a copy of the Proposed Modifications Plan and the accompanying material in order to facilitate a response. **GC**
- e) Northamptonshire ACRE – Monitoring and Gold Practice Quality Standard Review 2005. Placed on circulation.

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- f) Milton Keynes Council – Help the Planners to Help You – Draft Statement of Community Involvement for Milton Keynes (Due by 2nd February.) Placed on circulation. **820**
11. **Any other business:**
- a) Cllr Hutchin discussed the possibility of setting up a PC website. There was general agreement to this idea and Cllr Hutchin agreed to set up a framework and bring suggestions to the next meeting. **AH**
- b) The Clerk was asked to find out whether the PC’s insurance covered the use of the hedge trimmer.
- c) Cllr Crisp had sent an article concerning unadopted sewers to The Old Mail.
- d) Land Registry – benefits of registering land. It was suggested that the Clerk ascertain if School Lane field and the land off Woodville Crescent were registered, and if not, the cost involved in doing so.

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12. **Date of next meeting:**
- a) 7<sup>th</sup> February 2006, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.37 pm.

**Open Forum**

Mrs Sharp had asked the Clerk if the Computer Coach was returning to the village in February, and if so, could posters be produced so it could be advertised to residents. Cllr Crisp said there were no plans for it to return in February. Mrs Sharp had said that there had been a mixed response to the course from the 10 attendees, but generally felt it had been good for the village as it was free and suitable for any level.