

**MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 4th April 2006**

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), Ms L Stephenson, R Westlake, A Hutchin.
- 2821** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Dist Cllr Wilson, County Cllr Walker (by answerphone message)  
Cllrs C Turl, L Potter & C King.
- 2822** 2. **Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest: None.
- 2823** 3. **Previous Meeting :**
- 3.1 Minutes of Meeting held 7 3 06 were agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 **Matters arising:** None.
- 2824** 4. **Open Forum:** None.
- 2825** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 **APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:**
- a) S/2006/0265/P, Badgers Farm, Northampton Road, Cosgrove. (Cosgrove Parish). Full Planning Application – Erection of a detached building to provide boarding cattery and formation of car park. Due to time constraints the Planning Committee had responded as follows – ‘We object to the application for the following reasons: Whilst the attached plans do show some major highway improvement works for the A508 we are not sure if such works will alleviate all traffic movement problems, particularly those caused by south bound vehicles turning, which may well have problems with high speed vehicles behind them. Two part time staff plus 25 kennels could generate a fair number of daily vehicle movements. Whatever the outcome of the planning application Councillors would like to know who will pay for the work on the A508 and consider that if it is being done purely for the benefit of the new business then the applicant should pay all costs. Additionally, no justification has been given for such a development in open countryside in the special landscape area’.
- 5.2 **AMENDMENTS:** None.
- 5.3 **APPLICATIONS GRANTED:** None.
- 5.4 **APPLICATIONS REFUSED:** None.
- 5.5 **APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN:**
- a) S/2005/1494/PO, Springfields Farm, Moorend Road, Yardley Gobion. (Potterspurty Parish). Proposed stockperson’s dwelling.
- 5.6 **OTHER:** None.
- 2826** 6. **Finance:**
- 6.1 **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Clerk’s salary Mar 06 £295.78 (001375).
- b) Clerk’s expenses Mar 06 £12.03 + £1.03 VAT (001376).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Mar 06 £44.00 + £7.70 VAT (001377).
- d) Mr D Saxton – caretaking duties for play areas Mar £18.00 (001378).
- e) Yardley Gobion Village Hall – Hire of Hall for meetings 2005/06 – 43 hours at £5 per hour £215.00 (001379).
- f) NALC – Local Council Review annual subscription £14.00 (001380).
- g) NALC – Internal Audit Service 2006/7 £152.00 (001381).
- h) NALC Membership 2006/07 £215.00 (001382).
- i) CPRE Membership Subscription 2006/07 £26.00 (001383).
- j) ABB Public Lighting Maintenance to 15/3/06 £200.66 + £35.12 VAT (001384).
- k) N J Blackwell Mowing 27.3.06 £326.47 + £57.13 VAT (001385).
- l) Enterprise Inns Coffee Pot field rent 1/4/06-30/6/04 £10.00 + £1.75 VAT. **Paid by Standing Order.**
- 6.2 **PAYMENTS RECEIVED:**
- a) A & L Henson – Horse Field rent - £40.00.
- b) YGVH – Mowing contribution 2005 - £170.10.
- 6.3 **TRANSFERS:**
- a) Scottish Widows to Nat West - £600.00
- 2827** 7. **Committee Reports**
- 7.1 **HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING:**
- a) Reports to The Street Doctor: There were no outstanding reported problems.
- b) There was no overhanging vegetation causing problems.
- c) Parking on grass verges was still evident in Hortonsfield Road. Cllr Potter had delivered slips to offending vehicles which had resulted in telephone calls to the Clerk. Vehicles parking in the bus stop lay by outside Prospect Court and causing an obstruction had also been noted.
- 7.2 **PLAYING FIELDS/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES:**
- a) Mr Saxton’s play area inspection report was read out, which noted that the metal bin liner to the wooden bin in the Recreation Centre field play area was split. Cllr Westlake agreed to check the bin to see if an intermediate repair could be made prior to the refurbishment of the play area. **RW**
- b) The report also noted an increase in the about of dog fouling on the Coffee Pot field between the entrance and the play area. The Clerk was asked to contact the Dog Warden and request patrols in this area.
- c) Play Area Improvements – representatives of Yardley Gobion Kids Zone had attended 2 meetings at SNC and were actively looking at ways to raise funds. The Clerk also showed Cllrs the planned charity logo.

- d) NPFA Deed of Dedication – after discussion Cllr Westlake proposed and Cllr Stephenson seconded the proposal that in principle YGPC proceed with the Deed of Dedication under the auspices of the NPFA. 3 in favour, one abstention. The matter also to be discussed with YGRC.
- e) It was noted that a tree had been taken down in Hesketh Road – in the absence of Cllr Turl, Cllr Crisp agreed to check if this tree was protected, and if so, if permission had been given for its removal. **GC**
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS:**
- a) Allotment Holders meeting – the Clerk read out her notes from the meeting held prior to the current PC meeting, chaired by Cllr Westlake, who welcomed everyone. Minutes of Previous Meeting 5 4 05: Agreed/signed as a correct record. Matters arising: None. Lettings/Vacant plots: All the allotment plots were full with a waiting list of three applications. Mr Butler asked that if more allotments were created to meet this need then could the PC consider keeping one plot free for turning vehicles to use. Condition of Plots: It was confirmed that the majority of the rubbish had been cleared from the allotments by a contractor. Cllr Westlake advised that there would be an independent check of the condition of plots 3 times per year – in April, July and October. This would just confirm that the plots were being maintained satisfactorily. Incidents of vandalism/theft: None. Allotment holders' items: Mr Welch was concerned about the usage of water and it was confirmed that the increase in the water bill over the last two years had been caused by an increase in the cost per unit and the standing charge – not by the actual water used. The matter of a third trough was discussed – Cllr Westlake mentioned that at present it was not beneficial to add another trough as it would be in the middle of a plot. However, if the plots were re-ordered, then the matter of a third trough could be considered. He had also taken on board the problem of room for vehicles to turn. Mr Goulding mentioned problems with rats - Cllr Westlake advised that if allotment holders felt there was a major problem then he would take that back to the PC to see what could be done. Cllr Westlake mentioned the Open Gardens Weekend scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of July and asked Allotment Holders to contact Mrs King on 542322 if they felt they could open the allotments either one day or both. A letter was circulated to all allotment holders confirming the details. Cllr Westlake then thanked all ploholders for their attendance and wished them well for the growing season. Mr Butler proposed thanks to former Cllr Mrs Bengel for her leadership over the last year.
- 2828 8. Y G Recreation Centre and Y G Village Hall.**
- a) Report from PC representative (YGRC). Nothing to report.
- b) Report from PC representative (YGVH). Nothing to report.
- 2829 9. Special Projects.**
- 9.1 VILLAGE DIRECTORY 2006** – Cllr Potter advised by letter that Village Directory checks were well on the way. Cllr Crisp was asked if he was able to provide an electronic version for the website. **LP GC**
- 9.2** ygpc.org.uk – The possibility of obtaining an electronic version of The Old Mail for the website was discussed, and the Clerk was asked to enquire if this was possible.
- 9.3** Annual Parish Assembly – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2006.
- 2830 10. Neighbourhood Watch.**
- a) A new co-ordinator is still urgently required for the village. The Clerk had put posters on the Notice Boards and mentioned the benefits of NW in the Old Mail.
- 2831 11. Correspondence.**
- a) SNC – Invitation to Civic Dinner at Whittlebury Hall 7<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm for 8pm. Interested Cllrs were asked to contact the Clerk. Cllr Crisp emphasised that Cllrs would have to cover any costs incurred themselves.
- b) NCC Draft Medium Term Plan 2006 – 2010. Cllr Crisp agreed to respond on behalf of the PC. **GC**
- c) Letter from Miss R Weston re village direction signs. This mentioned that meetings in the Village Hall have been interrupted by members of the public asking for directions to the Recreation Centre and noted that neither the Village Hall, the school, or the Recreation Centre have any signposting on the High Street or Moorend Road. Cllrs commented that they had discussed this matter previously and established that the erection of such signs requires permission from the relevant authority. A non refundable charge is made prior to the matter being considered, and then a further charge is made if permission is granted.
- d) Invitation to CPRE Northants Summer Party – 19<sup>th</sup> May at Sholebroke Lodge, Towcester.
- 2832 12. Any other business:** None.
- 2833 13. Date of next meeting:**
- a) 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2006, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

After Annual Parish Assembly at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.30pm.