

## MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2006

- Present** Cllrs R Westlake (Chair), Ms L Stephenson, C Turl, L Potter C King, A Hutchin & Mrs P Curtis.
- 2834** **1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr G Crisp, Dist Cllr Wilson & County Cllr Walker.
- 2835** **2. Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest: None.
- b) Election of Chair and Vice Chair. Cllr Crisp had previously indicated his willingness to stand again as Chair. Cllr Potter proposed that Cllr Crisp be Chair, Cllr Stephenson seconded, all Cllrs voted in favour. Cllr Westlake indicated his willingness to stand again as Vice Chair. Cllr King proposed that Cllr Westlake be Vice Chair, Cllr Ms Stephenson seconded, all Cllrs voted in favour.
- c) Committee Membership and Representatives. Following discussion, it was agreed:
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| Planning                    | - | Cllrs: Potter, Westlake (L), Ms Stephenson and Crisp     |
| Finance & GP                | - | Cllrs: King (L), Westlake, Turl, Ms Stephenson and Crisp |
| Highways & Environment,     |   |  |
| Street lighting & mowing    | - | Cllrs: Westlake (L) and Ms Stephenson                    |
| Playing fields, play areas, |   |  |
| village trees & Pocket Park |   | Cllrs: King & Crisp                                      |
| Allotments                  | - | Cllr Westlake  |
| YGRC/YGVH                   | - | Cllrs: King and Turl                                     |
| Village Directory           | - | Cllr Potter  |
| Neighbourhood Watch         | - | vacant   |
| Parochial Charities         | - | Cllr Westlake  |
| Canal Partnership           | - | Cllr Westlake  |
| Footpath Warden             | - | Mrs Curtis expressed an interest in this role.           |
| Tree Warden                 | - | Cllr Turl  |
| Old Mail Correspondent      | - | Cllr Hutchin   |
| Webmaster                   | - | Cllr Hutchin   |
- 2836** **3. Previous Meeting :**
- 3.1** Minutes of Meeting held 4 4 06 were agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2** **Matters arising:** None.
- 2837** **4. Open Forum:** Mrs Curtis expressed an interest in rejoining the PC.
- 2838** **5. Planning:**
- 5.1** APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:
- a) S/2006/0172/P, Land on corner of Moorend Road, Yardley Gobion. Polytunnels for the protection of growing organic PYO vegetables and soft fruit, customer car park. Alterations to site access and siting of temporary building for use as a shop and temporary portaloos. Additional information and details of portable building to provide a weighing facility/shop and block of disabled toilets. Cllrs observed as follows 'We **STRONGLY object** to the application for the following reasons: There appears to be no justification for the proposal, including the size and proposed positioning of the polytunnels in an open isolated position and is therefore considered to be unjustified and unsightly development in the open countryside. The development would be out of place in terms of the scale, height, form and appearance of the tunnels. Councillors consider that this is **not** farm diversification, as mentioned in the letter, it is a new enterprise entirely. Additionally, they consider the PYO site in conjunction with the car boot sales intensifies the use of such a small site. The proposed screening trees will not fully block out the view of the 3.71 metre high tunnels from the footpath. They will also have an unfavourable impact on the small established wood to the south and would therefore spoil the visual amenity of the area. Whilst the letter from Bidwells states that they understand there is no objection from the local highways authority Councillors are still concerned about traffic. There is the problem of vehicles exiting onto an narrow country lane. No traffic survey appears to have taken place and the application makes mention of the site generating some extra 200 vehicle movements per week. Councillors feel that any additional traffic on this lane should be discouraged and would like to know how the problem of the additional vehicles would be addressed as the junction with the A5 is not suitable for any increase in traffic.'
- b) S/2006/0506/P, 1 Brownsfield Road. Conservatory at rear. Cllrs had 'no observations.'
- 5.2** AMENDMENTS: None.
- 5.3** APPLICATIONS GRANTED:
- a) S/2006/0225/P, 76 Hesketh Road – A detached garage at rear – Retrospective. 1 condition.
- 5.4** APPLICATIONS REFUSED: None.
- 5.5** APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN:
- 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.
- 5.6** OTHER: None.
- 2839** **6. Finance:**
- 6.1** ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a) Clerk's salary Apr 06 £304.54 (001386).
- b) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Apr 06 £44.00 + £7.70 VAT (001387).

- c) Mr D Saxton – caretaking duties for play areas Apr £18.00 (001388).
- d) Powergen – village lighting 19.12.05 – 31.3.06 £582.81 + £101.99 VAT (001389).
- e) N J Blackwell Mowing 11.4.06, 24.4.06, 25.4.06 £617.88 + £108.13 VAT (001390).
- f) Mrs A M Ratcliffe – contribution for use of telephone 13.1.06 – 17.4.06 £25.70 (001391).
- 6.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED:**
- a) A & L Henson – Horse Field rent - £40.00.
- b) Allotments - £212.00.
- 6.3 TRANSFERS:**
- a) Scottish Widows to Nat West - £2,500.00.
- 6.4 OTHER:**
- a) Cllrs noted the revised salary scales for local council clerks which were implemented from April 06.
- b) It was also agreed that the F & G P Committee should study and review the Clerk’s current spinal column point. **F&G  
P**
- c) Allianz Cornhill Insurance Renewal 1 June 2006 – 31 May 2007 £929.86. It was agreed that alternative quotes would be sought next year and that the Clerk should ascertain how the PC’s land that was owned or leased was currently dealt with.
- 2840 7. Committee Reports**
- 7.1 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING:**
- a) Reports to The Street Doctor: Mrs Sharp had noted a pothole outside 48a Moorend Road which the Clerk was asked to report.
- b) The Clerk was asked to deliver a green ‘Overhanging Vegetation’ slip to a property in Hesketh Road.
- c) Cllr King agreed to provide a specification for dealing with the Pocket Park hedge adjacent to the footpath at the rear of Warren Road/Druce End. **CK**
- d) Unfortunately parking on grass verges was still evident in Hortonsfield Road.
- 7.2 PLAYING FIELDS/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES:**
- a) Mr Saxton’s play area inspection report was read out, which noted that there had been horse riders in the Coffee Pot field. Cllrs were asked to keep a look out in case this happened again. **ALL**
- b) Play Area Improvements – representatives of Yardley Gobion Kids Zone were actively looking at ways to raise funds and had made applications for grants.
- c) NPFA Deed of Dedication – the Clerk was asked to circulate the Deed of Dedication document. Cllr Westlake agreed to provide an accurate plan of the site. **RW**
- d) Quotation for removing moles from playing fields – it was agreed to wait a month before reviewing the situation as mowing had now commenced.
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS:**
- a) All allotments are now paid up to date and there is a waiting list of 3 residents. The independent inspection of the plots will be carried out shortly. Cllr Westlake agreed to instigate discussions with the horse field licensee regarding the possibility of creating new allotments, and also to look at the situation with the horses currently in the field and their water supply. **RW**
- 2841 8. Y G Recreation Centre and Y G Village Hall.**
- a) Report from PC representative (YGRC). Nothing to report. Next meeting is 8<sup>th</sup> May, which Cllr Turl will attend. **CT**
- b) Report from PC representative (YGVH). AGM is on 18<sup>th</sup> May. **CK**
- 2842 9. Special Projects.**
- a) VILLAGE DIRECTORY 2006 – Cllr Potter advised he was having problems checking information and all Cllrs agreed to assist where they could. **ALL**
- b) ygpc.org.uk – Cllr Hutchin had added details concerning WNDC to the website, together with new photographs. He had made contact with The Old Mail regarding an electronic version for the website.
- c) ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY – issues from this meeting to be taken forward included making the local bus companies aware of the deficiencies in the current system.
- d) ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – Cllrs sympathised but noted there was very little they as a Council could do about this issue. If discussing the problems being caused with the perpetrators or their parents was not successful, then unfortunately the only other option was to refer the matter to the Police.
- 2843 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. It was also mentioned at the Annual Parish Assembly.
- 2844 11. Correspondence.**
- a) Invitation to CPRE Northants Summer Party – 19<sup>th</sup> May at Sholebroke Lodge, Towcester.
- b) Invitation to CPRE Northants Summer Ball – 30<sup>th</sup> June at Highgate House, Creaton.
- c) Invitation to CPRE Annual Meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> September at Little Houghton House Garden Room.
- 2845 12. Any other business:** None.
- 2846 13. Date of next meeting:**
- a) 6<sup>th</sup> June 2006, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 10.30pm.



