

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 1st August 2006

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), C Turl, R Westlake, A Hutchin, Ms L Stephenson, L Potter, County Cllr Walker.
- 2872** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr C King & Dist Cllr Wilson.
- 2873** 2. **Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest: Cllr Stephenson declared an interest in Agenda items 5.4 a) & b).
- 2874** 3. **Previous Meeting :**
- a) Minutes of Meeting held 4 7 06 were agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.1 **Matters arising:**
- a) Minute No 2864 5.5 a) - Cllr Crisp advised that unfortunately he had not attended the appeal meeting re Springfields Farm.
- b) Minute No 2870 11 c) - Cllr Crisp advised that Cllr King has passed him items with which to repair the noticeboard. **GC**
- c) Minute No 2869 10 a) – Cllr Westlake reported that he had had a constructive meeting with John Trimble of NCC/Atkins re weight limits in and around the village, and that Mr Trimble would be putting his proposals to the PC in writing for discussion.
- 2875** 4. **Open Forum:** Comments attached.
County Cllr Walker leaves 8.16pm.
- 2876** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 **APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:**
- a) S/2006/0860/P, The Homestead Centre, Paulerspury. Warehouse building with office space. Cllrs observed that ‘they would prefer to see a more traditional building than a warehouse, with a more traditional use, such as country crafts. This would generate more local employment and also improve the visual aspect of the site. They also have a concern about the mass of development on the site, which is in close proximity to, and will be visible from, one of the county’s named footpaths’.
- b) S/2006/0876/PT, 78 Hesketh Road. Pollard two trees by 50%. (see below).
- c) S/2006/0877/PT, 10 Manor Way. Remove tree T18 and grind out stump. The SNC Arboriculturalist had refused this application by the time of the meeting. Cllr Crisp read out the reasons for the decision to the meeting.
- d) S/2006/0908/P, Yardley House. External landscaping works to grounds (Article 4 (2) direction). Cllrs had ‘no observations.’
- e) S/2006/0956/PR, Land at Manor Farm, High Street. Detached dwelling (details pursuant to S/2003/0736/PO). Cllrs had ‘no observations.’
- f) S/2006/0945/P, Yardley House. Swimming pool and changing facilities. Cllrs had ‘no observations.’
- g) S/2006/0949/P, 28 Hesketh Road. 2 metre high fence and gates (retrospective). Cllrs were ‘concerned about possible encroachment onto the highway. If the fence was within the resident’s boundary then they considered that the top of the brick wall should be completed satisfactorily – for example capped’.
- h) Cllr Westlake requested that Planning response dates be adhered to and it was agreed that Cllrs should not pass on applications without ensuring it was convenient.
- 5.2 **AMENDMENTS:** None.
- 5.3 **APPLICATIONS GRANTED:**
- a) S/2006/0698/P, 7 Grafton Road – dormer window to front. 2 conditions.
- b) S/2006/0740/P, 4 High Street – Stone wall approx 900mm high around the garden area. 3 conditions.
- 5.4 **APPLICATIONS REFUSED:**
- a) S/2006/0663/P, Rose Cottage, 37 Moorend Road. Removal of section of boundary wall to form new vehicular access including the erection of new retaining walls. Cllr Crisp read out the reasons for the decision to the meeting.
- b) S/2006/0664/LB, Rose Cottage, 37 Moorend Road. Removal of section of boundary wall and alterations to existing garden layout. Cllr Crisp read out the reasons for the decision to the meeting.
- c) S/2006/0876/PT, 78 Hesketh Road. Pollard two trees by 50%. Cllr Crisp read out the reasons for the decision to the meeting.
- 5.5 **APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN:** None.
- 5.6 **OTHER:**
- a) The Clerk reported an invitation to SNC Development Control Committee on 10th August where S/2006/0827/P – demolition of existing farmhouse and erection of replacement dwelling – would be considered. This had arrived too late for inclusion on the Agenda.
- 2877** 6. **Finance:**
- 6.1 **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Clerk’s salary July 06 £315.67 (001411).
- b) Clerk’s expenses July 06 £9.55p + £1.19 VAT (001412).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service July 06 £55.00 + £9.62VAT (001413).
- d) Mr D Saxton – caretaking duties for play areas July £18.00 (001414).
- e) N J Blackwell Mowing 7.7.06, 12.7.06, 13.7.06, 17.7.06 - £399.96 + £69.99 VAT (001415).

- f) Powergen – electricity charges April/May/June 06 £519.96 + £90.99 VAT (001416).
- g) Mrs A M Ratcliffe – contribution for use of telephone 12/4/06 – 13/7/06 – £26.29 (001417).
- 6.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED:**
- a) A & L Henson – Horse Field rent - £40.00.
- b) Scottish Widows interest - £292.44.
- 6.3 TRANSFERS:**
- a) Scottish Widows to Nat West - £1,500.00.
- 6.4 OTHER: None.**
- 2878 7. Committee Reports**
- 7.1 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING:**
- a) Reports to The Street Doctor: The Clerk had reported the damaged pavement opposite nos 1 and 3 Eastfield Crescent, and the missing green highways A508 sign at the junction with the Potterspurty Road. Both had been closed as actioned. They had been reported again.
- b) The condition of pavements in Lime Road, Brownsfield Road and the alleyway between Vicarage Road and Woodville Crescent was causing concern and the Clerk was asked to write to NCC/Atkins to find out if the annual inspection of village roads had been carried out, and what the findings were if it had.
- c) The Clerk was asked to deliver a green ‘Overhanging Vegetation’ slip to a property in Chestnut Road.
- d) Cllr Westlake agreed to deal with the bush overhanging the noticeboard by the Post Office. **RW**
- 7.2 PLAYING FIELDS/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES:**
- a) Mr Saxton’s play area inspection report was read out, which noted that in School Lane field both the ‘no dogs’ signs had been torn off the posts.
- b) Play Area Improvements – unfortunately replacing the 2 swings in the School Lane field play area in the short term was proving difficult due to current health and safety regulations concerning play areas, but the designer had the matter in hand. Cllrs were still eager to have replacements installed as a matter of urgency. It was suggested that there should be a Kidszone/YGRC/PC meeting held early in September so all parties were aware of the current situation.
- c) Village Trees - The Clerk had been advised by Ian Lorman, the SNC Arboriculturalist, that 3 residents in Hesketh Road and Woodville Crescent had been contacted and asked for their proposals to replace TPO trees that had been removed.
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS:**
- a) The recent independent inspection of plots indicated that Plots 9 and 21 were still not being cultivated in accordance with the Allotment Rules. As these plotholders had already received one warning letter it was agreed that the Clerk should write again reminding them that if they wished to retain the allotment next year then a deposit of £20.00 would be payable in addition to the allotment rent.
- b) It was noted that there were still 5 residents on the waiting list. NALC had provided details of the PC’s obligations regarding the provision of allotments, which Cllr Crisp read out to the meeting. Cllr Westlake reported that he had carried out research with a view to creating new allotments and had asked Mr Roger Weston for his advice on how to improve the condition of the field. Mr Weston had indicated that a weed killing operation was the best way forward. Cllr Westlake proposed moving the fence 25 metres to create 6 new allotments – the cost of moving the fence would be approx £100.00, and £60 had been quoted for ploughing the area. To improve facilities in the horse field it was suggested that Mr Weston be asked to spray the docks as required at a cost of £30.00 per application. Cllr Potter seconded the proposal. All Cllrs were in favour and thanked Cllr Westlake for the time he had spent on this.
- 2879 8. Y G Recreation Centre.**
- a) Report from PC representative (YGRC). Nothing to report. The next Committee meeting is on 7th August.
- 2880 9. Special Projects.**
- 9.1 VILLAGE DIRECTORY 2006** – Cllr Potter advised that his work was now almost complete. **LP**
www.ygpc.org.uk – Cllr Hutchin reported that he would approach other organisations re setting **AH**
up links from other websites.
- 9.2 ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR** – The Clerk had received a response from NALC regarding regulations concerning notices in playing fields, which Cllr Crisp read out to the meeting.. Cllrs were asked to consider what should be on the notices, and how they should be affixed so that the matter could be discussed at the next PC meeting. The Clerk was asked to contact the Recreation Centre for their views regarding the School Lane field. As requested she had written to Inspector Tromans at Towcester Police Station to ask for her suggestions, and was awaiting a response. Also see Minute No 2881 a) below.
- 2881 10. Correspondence.**
- a) Deanshanger PC - Invitation to meeting with Chief Constable Peter Maddison at Deanshanger Community Centre August 17th at 7pm. Cllrs discussed questions to be put to the Chief Constable, and agreed the following - They are interested in the response times to calls under the new regime, and would also like to know how new police teams are proposing to obtain local knowledge, so important in dealing with low level crime. Additionally they would like to know what the proposed allocation of PCSO’s would be. The Clerk had written to Inspector Tromans at Towcester, and to date had not received an acknowledgement. The Chief Constable

was also to be asked what the procedure was for replying to letters and when a reply may be expected. Any further questions to be passed to the Clerk by 12th August.

- b) NCC - Sustainable Transport School Workshops. Cllr Crisp read out the letter to the meeting and Cllrs indicated an interest in these workshops. The Clerk was asked to obtain further details.
 - c) SNC – Gambling Act 2005 – Consultation on Draft Statement of Licensing Policy. Cllrs asked the Clerk to respond as follows - they are not in favour of increasing the current level of facilities, but do support small scale gambling when the stated purpose is raising funds for charitable enterprises.
Cllr Potter leaves 10.25pm.
 - d) Invitation to CPRE Annual Meeting – 28th September at Little Houghton House Garden Room.
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- 11. **Any other business:** None.
 - 12. **Date of next meeting:**
 - a) 5th September 2006, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 10.50pm.

Open Forum

County Cllr Walker mentioned problems with the police force at present as the proposed merger of forces had not gone through. He advised that the proposed meeting with the Chief Constable at Deanshanger was a public meeting and it was agreed that the Clerk should place notices on village noticeboards advising residents about the meeting.

He was asked about a 20mph zone around the school and advised that this had to be applied for by the school, through the 'safer routes to school' scheme. Cllr Stephenson agreed to take this forward via the School Governors. **LS**