

## MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 4<sup>th</sup> September 2006

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), C Turl, R Westlake, A Hutchin, Ms L Stephenson, C King and Mrs M Benge.
- 2884** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr L Potter, County Cllr Walker & Dist Cllr Wilson.
- 2885** 2. **Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest: None.
- 2886** 3. **Previous Meeting :**
- a) Minutes of Meeting held 1 8 06 were agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.1 **Matters arising:**
- a) Minute No 2874 3.1 b) - Cllrs Crisp and King agreed to meet to repair the noticeboard.
- 2887** 4. **Open Forum:** Comments attached.
- Mrs Benge leaves 8.10pm.
- 2888** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 **APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:**
- a) S/2006/1179/PT, 40 Hesketh Road – Remove tulip tree and grub roots. Cllrs commented that they ‘would like to see a structural surveyors report for this property. They would also note that the tree in question was in position prior to the extension referred to, and understood that the foundations should have been deep enough to avoid any future problems being caused by the tree. If, however, felling of the tree was permitted, then Councillors would like to see a more suitable one planted in replacement’.
- 5.2 **AMENDMENTS:** None.
- 5.3 **APPLICATIONS GRANTED:**
- a) S/2006/0840/P, 19 Highcroft Close – two storey extension to rear, porch to front. 2 conditions. Cllr Crisp read out the conditions to the meeting.
- b) S/2006/0847/PO, 10 Grafton Road – Erection of a dwelling - Outline. 7 conditions. Placed on circulation.
- c) S/2006/0860/P, The Homestead Centre, Paulerspury. Warehouse building with office space. 8 conditions. Placed on circulation.
- d) S/2006/0908/P, Yardley House. External landscaping works to grounds (Article 4 (2) direction). 2 conditions. Cllr Crisp read out the conditions to the meeting.
- e) S/2006/0945/P, Yardley House. Swimming pool and changing facilities. 2 conditions. Cllr Crisp read out the conditions to the meeting.
- 5.4 **APPLICATIONS REFUSED:**
- a) S/2006/0949/P, 28 Hesketh Road. 2 metre high fence and gates (retrospective). Cllr Crisp read out the reasons for the decision to the meeting.
- 5.5 **APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN:**
- a) S/2006/0956/PR, Land at Manor Farm, High Street. Detached dwelling (details pursuant to S/2003/0736/PO).
- 5.6 **OTHER:**
- a) The Clerk was asked to ascertain from SNC if there were restrictions regarding the times of day when building works could be carried out.
- 2889** 6. **Finance:**
- 6.1 Playground Facilities Ltd – deposit for swing installation £1,500.00 (001418). Urgent account for payment authorised as per Standing Orders and listed separately.
- 6.2 **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Clerk’s salary Aug 06 £315.67 (001419).
- b) Clerk’s expenses Aug 06 £12.04p (001420).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Aug 06 £55.00 + £9.62VAT (001421).
- d) Mr D Saxton – caretaking duties for play areas Aug £18.00 (001422).
- e) N J Blackwell Mowing 4.8.06, 7.8.06, 11.8.06, 29.8.06 - £676.63 + £118.41 VAT (001423).
- f) Anglian Water – water charges 1<sup>st</sup> Feb/29<sup>th</sup> July 06 £55.04 (001424).
- g) ABB – Public Lighting Maintenance quarter ended 30/9/06 £200.66 + £35.12 VAT (001425).
- 6.3 **PAYMENTS RECEIVED:**
- a) A & L Henson – Horse Field rent - £40.00.
- 6.4 **TRANSFERS:**
- a) Scottish Widows to Nat West - £7,500.00.
- 6.5 **OTHER:**
- a) Northamptonshire ACRE support request for 2006/07 - £32.00. Cllrs were in favour of continuing their support.
- b) Authority to pay Playground Facilities Ltd balance of invoice for installation of swings in School Lane field - £4,276.35. Work carried out – invoice awaited. All Cllrs agreed.
- 2890** 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 Potterspury Road. Both had been closed as actioned. They had been reported again with no success. It was suggested that she contact NCC/Atkins direct.
- b) A letter had been received from NCC/Atkins regarding improvements to the 2 bus stops in the

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- village. Whilst Cllrs supported the implementation of the project they were concerned about possible drainage problems in the bus shelter if rain could not run away due to the proposed higher kerb level, and hoped that this issue would be addressed if it was likely to cause a problem. The Clerk was asked to respond accordingly.
- c) NCC/Atkins had sent copies of the findings of the annual inspection of village roads and it was agreed that these should be distributed between Cllrs in order for them to check the reports.
  - d) The Clerk was again asked to deliver a green 'Overhanging Vegetation' slip to a property in Chestnut Road.
  - e) The Clerk was also asked to contact BTCV regarding possible assistance in clearing the path and ditch by the Pocket Park and the path along behind Warren and Hortonsfield Roads.
- 7.2 PLAYING FIELDS/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES:**
- a) Mr Saxton's play area inspection report was read out, which noted that in the Coffee Pot field there were still problems with the fence and gate. The Clerk was asked to contact N J Blackwell regarding the repairs.
  - b) Play Area Improvements – The replacement swings in the School Lane field play area had now been installed.
  - c) It was necessary for the PC to approve an application to SNC for a grant towards replacement fencing and surfacing of the play area. All Cllrs in favour of an application.
  - d) Cllr Stephenson had spoken with representatives of Kids Zone and reported that they were working hard to identify grant providers, and planned a committee meeting in the next two weeks.
  - e) Cllr King reported that there had been a minor fire in the arena in the Pocket Park – half a dozen poles had been burnt and required replacing. The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote for the work from N J Blackwell.
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS:**
- a) Cllr Westlake reported that Mr Roger Weston had topped the horse field, and that he was in contact with him regarding the provision of new allotments. **RW**
- 2891 8. Y G Recreation Centre and Y G Village Hall.**
- a) Report from PC representative (YGRC). Cllr Turl reported that the YGRC Committee would like a link with the PC website, and that they were pleased about the proposed Deed of Dedication. Cllrs discussed their car park project and decided that if the RC were in a position to put in an application for a grant then the PC would not stand in their way. If the upgrading of the path was not critical for insurance purposes then it was agreed it would be provided as part of the play area project. The Clerk was asked to respond accordingly.
  - b) Report from PC representative (YGVH). Cllr King advised that the Village Hall's insurers had settled a recent claim and that the next Committee meeting was later in September.
- 2892 9. Special Projects.**
- a) VILLAGE DIRECTORY 2006 – No report. **LP**
  - b) www.ygpc.org.uk – Cllr Hutchin reported that he would be carrying out more work this week, but had not heard from any other village organisations re setting up links from their websites.
  - c) ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – The bench in the Coffee Pot playing field had now been moved. The Clerk had spoken with Inspector Tromans who had advised that she would be sending out a Crime Reduction Officer to the village. Once his report had been received she would be in touch again with recommendations to try to combat anti social behaviour. She had agreed that notices in playing fields were a good idea. Cllrs and the YGRC Committee had considered what should be on the notices; suggestions were No Dog Fouling, No Litter, No Golf and No Motorised Vehicles Without Permission. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotations for such signs. The Clerk was also asked to obtain feedback from the recent meeting with the Chief Constable arranged by Deanshanger Parish Council.
- 2893 10. Correspondence.**
- a) SNC – Heritage Lottery Funding Workshop. Papers passed to Cllr King. **CK**
  - b) NCC/Atkins – Annual Parish Questionnaire. Placed on circulation.
  - c) MK Council – Your Waste Your Cash Your Choice Development Plan Document. No interest.
  - d) SNC – Animal Welfare Service: Satisfaction Survey. Placed on circulation.
  - e) SNC – Parish Councils – Review of Number of Seats. It was agreed that the number of seats remain the same. The Clerk was asked to respond accordingly.
  - f) NCC – Adult Learning Community project. Cllr Crisp indicated an interest in this item. **GC**
  - g) SNC - Invitation to Parish and Town Council's Planning Forum – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 5.45pm for 6pm. Cllrs Crisp and Stephenson indicated an interest in attending. **GC**
  - h) NCC – County Wide Byway Survey. No byways in the village – no interest. **LS**
  - i) Invitation to CPRE Annual Meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> September at Little Houghton House Garden Room. Cllr Crisp indicated an interest in attending. **GC**
  - j) CPRE – An evening at Lilford Hall – 29<sup>th</sup> September. Interested Cllrs to contact the Clerk.
  - k) NALC Annual Meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> October, the Council Chamber, Northamptonshire County Council. Cllrs to contact the Clerk if interested.
  - l) NALC – Budgets & Precepting 3<sup>rd</sup> October 7.00pm – 9.00pm at Hunsbury Hill Centre. Unfortunately same night as next PC meeting.
  - m) NALC – Parish Constables – 11<sup>th</sup> October 7.00pm at Police Headquarters, Wootton Hall. The Clerk was asked to place a poster on the village notice board regarding this event. Cllr Hutchin also agreed to scan the details onto the website.

- 2894** n) NALC – The Code of Conduct 16<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm – 9.00pm at South Northants Council.
- 11. Any other business:**
- a) Cllr Crisp mentioned the possibility of Community Speed Watch but Cllrs felt that whilst it may be useful in certain areas of the village it was not necessary at present .
- 2895** **12. Date of next meeting:**
- a) 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2006, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 10.05pm.

### **Open Forum**

Mrs M Bengé provided photographs taken recently of the damaged, broken and inadequately repaired pavements outside 3 and 5 Lime Road and Hesketh Road by Manor Way, the condition of which she wished to bring to the PC's attention. The Clerk was asked to correspond directly with NCC/Atkins regarding these and other highways problems in the village.