

## MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2006

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), C Turl, R Westlake, A Hutchin, Ms L Stephenson, C King, L Potter and Dist Cllr Wilson.
- 2896** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** County Cllr Walker.
- 2897** 2. **Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest: None.
- 2898** 3. **Previous Meeting :**
- a) Minutes of Meeting held 4 .9. 06 were agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.1 Matters arising:**
- a) Minute No 2886 3.1 a) - Cllrs Crisp and King had repaired the noticeboard.
- b) Minute No 2893 10 f) - Cllr Crisp still intended to deal with this item.
- c) Minute No 2893 10 g) - SNC Parish and Town Council's Planning Forum – Cllrs Crisp and Stephenson had attended this forum and Cllr Crisp gave a brief summary of the matters discussed, which included local government re-organisation, an EMRA review, the WNDA development plan for the infrastructure, conservation area reviews, the worrying trend of developers buying land and selling it in small plots on the internet, Community Development Fund projects and the security of the village's electricity supply.
- d) Minute No 2893 10 i) – Cllr Crisp reported that he had been unable to attend the CPRE Annual Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September.
- 2899** 4. **Open Forum:** Comments attached.
- 2900** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1** APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: None.
- 5.2** AMENDMENTS: None.
- 5.3** APPLICATIONS GRANTED: None.
- 5.4** APPLICATIONS REFUSED: None.
- 5.5** APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN: None.
- 5.6** OTHER:
- a) Cllr Westlake was concerned about unauthorised work being carried out in the village to listed buildings and properties within the Conservation Area. It was possible that residents were not aware of the requirements and the Clerk was asked to flag one property in High Street with SNC.
- 2901** 6. **Finance:**
- 6.1** Playground Facilities Ltd – balance of invoice £4,276.34 (001426) for swing installation. Payment authorised as per Standing Orders, listed separately and agreed previously as Minute Number 2889 6.5 (b).
- 6.2** ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a) Clerk's salary Sep 06 £315.67 (001427).
- b) Clerk's expenses Sep 06 £1.70 + 0.29 VAT (001428).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Sep 06 £44.00 + £7.70 VAT (001431).
- d) N J Blackwell Mowing 12.9.06, 26.9.09, 27.9.06 - £635.41 + £111.20 VAT (001429).
- e) Allianz Cornhill – additional premium for swings £49.31 (001430).
- f) Enterprise Inns Coffee Pot field rent quarter ended 31/12/06 (£10.00 + £1.75 VAT). PAID BY STANDING ORDER.
- 6.3** PAYMENTS RECEIVED:
- a) A & L Henson – Horse Field rent - £40.00.
- 6.4** TRANSFERS:
- a) Scottish Widows to Nat West - £1,200.00.
- 6.5** OTHER:
- a) Review of Donations for 2006/07  
All Cllrs discussed and agreed the following –  
The Old Mail - £400.00, Citizen's Advice Bureau – 100.00, British Legion - £100.00, TADD - £200.00, Victim Support - £75.00, MacMillan Cancer Relief - £100.00, Warks & N'hants Air Ambulance - £250.00, YGRC Fireworks - £100.00 (when bonfire site cleared satisfactorily). A letter had been received from YGRC enquiring about a grant towards re-surfacing the car park – Cllrs were favourably inclined towards this request and were willing to consider an amount when they had seen formal estimates for the work. The Clerk was asked to request these from YGRC.
- b) Auditor's Report for Annual Return year ending March 2006 – Their opinion was that the information contained was in accordance with the Audit Commission's requirements and no matters came to their attention giving cause for concern. However, they drew the matter of the amount of the Fidelity Guarantee cover to the attention of the PC. Cllr Crisp read out the comments to the PC. Cllrs discussed this issue and Cllr Westlake proposed and Cllr Stephenson seconded the proposal that as the Council's funds are deposited in recognisable financial institutions, the transfer of funds is safeguarded, and two Cllrs plus the Clerk authorise cheque payments then they are happy with the current arrangements. All Cllrs in favour.
- c) The Clerk asked if a filing cabinet could be provided in which to store the PC's paperwork. All Cllrs were in favour and Cllr Westlake proposed and Cllr Stephenson seconded a maximum cost of £100.00 + VAT. All agreed.

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- 2902 d) Cllr Hutchin advised that he had a scanner which he would donate to the PC if required.
- 7. Committee Reports**
- 7.1 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING:**
- a) Reports to The Street Doctor: The Clerk had contacted NCC/Atkins direct regarding the damaged pavement opposite nos 1 and 3 Eastfield Crescent, and the missing green highways A508 sign at the junction with the Potterspurty Road, but had not yet had a response.
- b) Cllrs were still in the process of checking the findings of the annual inspection of village roads. **GC/**
- c) The Clerk was asked to deliver green 'Overhanging Vegetation' slips to properties in Chestnut Road, Hesketh Road and the High Street. **AH**
- d) BTCV had quoted £240.00 + VAT per day + materials to clear the path and ditch by the Pocket Park and the path along behind Warren and Hortonsfield Roads. N J Blackwell had quoted £280.00 + VAT in total + the tip charge. Proposed by Cllr Westlake and seconded by Cllr King that N J Blackwell be asked to carry out the work. All Cllrs in favour.
- e) Cllr Westlake noted that all the village footpaths were in need of tidying up and the Clerk was asked to schedule this with N J Blackwell.
- 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, and the rubbish bin had been moved, despite having a concrete base! The Clerk was asked to contact N J Blackwell regarding the repairs to the fence and gate, and moving the bin nearer the play area. Cllrs also noted that a peg was missing from the monkey bars in the School Lane play area, and the Clerk was asked to see if N J Blackwell could replace this.
- b) Play Area Improvements – Cllr Stephenson reported that Y G Kids Zone planned a committee meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October, and that they were currently working through their list of possible grant providers.
- c) The Clerk had obtained quotations for noticeboards in the playing fields from Nordis and Glasdon. It was agreed that all Cllrs put forward their ideas for the wording on the noticeboards next month in order that a definitive quote could be obtained. **ALL**
- d) N J Blackwell had quoted £65.00 + VAT to tidy up the Pocket Park and replace the burnt poles in the arena. Cllr King proposed and Cllr Westlake seconded that N J Blackwell be asked to carry out the work. All in favour.
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS:**
- a) Cllr Westlake reported that the new allotments were all ready to be ploughed prior to occupation.
- b) It was agreed that those ploholders who had received a second warning letter and not taken any action to improve the condition of their plots, be given notice to quit, as complaints had been received from other ploholders.
- 2903 **8. Y G Recreation Centre and Y G Village Hall.**
- a) Report from PC representative (YGRC). Cllr Turl gave a report from the recent Committee meeting. Also see Minute 2901 6.5 a) above. The AGM is on 27<sup>th</sup> October.
- b) Report from PC representative (YGVH). Nothing to report.
- 2904 **9. Special Projects.**
- a) VILLAGE DIRECTORY 2006 – Cllr Potter advised that this could now be finalised. **LP**
- b) www.ygpc.org.uk – Cllr Hutchin reported that he had not heard from any other village organisations re setting up links from their websites. There had, however, been numerous hits to the website.
- c) ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – Cllr Crisp passed around paperwork detailing the use of mini motos, but unfortunately although it mentioned that it was an offence to drive any mechanically propelled vehicle off road on public land, it was not clear exactly what 'public land' was. The Clerk was asked to obtain a definition of this if possible. Also see Open Forum below.
- d) DEED OF DEDICATION – signed on behalf of the PC by Cllrs Crisp and Westlake. Cllr Potter leaves 10.15pm.
- 2905 **10. Correspondence.**
- a) pmp – Development of a Green Space strategy – 23<sup>rd</sup> October at SNC, 12 – 7.30pm. Cllrs to contact the Clerk if interested.
- b) Central Networks – Unmetered Supplies Certificate. Cllr Westlake agreed to check the information on the paperwork provided. **RW**
- c) NCC/Atkins – Annual Parish Questionnaire. The Clerk agreed to complete this on behalf of the PC.
- d) NALC – Parish Constables – 11<sup>th</sup> October 7.00pm at Police Headquarters, Wootton Hall. The Clerk had placed a poster on the notice board, Cllr Hutchin had scanned the information onto the website and there were details in The Old Mail.
- e) NALC Annual Meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> October, the Council Chamber, Northamptonshire County Council. Cllrs to contact the Clerk if interested.
- f) NALC Training – How to respond to Planning Applications – 8<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm – 9.00pm at The Hunsbury Hill Centre, Northampton. Cllrs Westlake and Crisp indicated an interest in attending at a cost of £25.00 per person. **RW**
- g) NALC Training – The Code of Conduct 16<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm – 9.00pm at South Northants Council. Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should attend on behalf of the PC at a cost of £25.00. **GC**

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11. **Any other business:** None.
12. **Date of next meeting:**
  - a) 7<sup>th</sup> November 2006, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 10.25pm.

### **Open Forum**

Cllr Crisp had asked how much early retirement in SNC over the last three years had added to the Council Tax, as the early retirement figures for SNC appeared higher than average. District Cllr Wilson confirmed that SNC did not have a policy of early retirement to settle employment disputes and that there had only been 2 examples of early retirement in the last 3 years, which had cost £6,346.00. Cllrs agreed that this had not made a significant difference to the Council Tax.

Dist Cllr Wilson also discussed the implications of the success of the concessionary bus travel scheme which commenced in April.

County Cllr Walker had given a report to the Clerk concerning the recent Open Meeting with the Deputy Chief Constable arranged by Deanshanger Parish Council. The villages will be policed by PCSO's from 9 – 5, and full time police officers should be available at other times, but will work on a priority system, where murder is priority 1 and vandalism priority 3. A query was raised as to why rural areas should pay the same amount of Council Tax towards policing as towns when they do not receive the same level of service.

He had also mentioned the 30 mph limit sign at Moorend Road and advised that an engineer was scheduled to visit to decide if it should be moved, and if so, to where.