

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 7th November 2006

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), R Westlake, A Hutchin, Ms L Stephenson, C King, County Cllr Walker and residents Messrs I Smith, D Price, J Butler & B Welch.
- 2908** **1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs C Turl, L Potter & Dist Cllr Wilson.
- 2909** **2. Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest: Cllr Crisp declared a personal interest in Agenda item 5.1 a).
- 2910** **3. Previous Meeting :**
- a) Minutes of Meeting held 3 .10. 06 were agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.1 Matters arising:**
- a) Minute No **2886 3.1 a)** - The Clerk advised that this course had been oversubscribed and a further course was planned..
- 2911** **4. Open Forum:** Comments attached.
- 2912** **5. Planning:**
- 5.1 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:**
- a) S/2006/1370/P, 10 Highcroft Close. A single storey extension at side. Cllrs had ‘no observations.’
- b) AMENDMENTS: None.
- c) APPLICATIONS GRANTED: None.
- d) APPLICATIONS REFUSED: None.
- e) APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN: None.
- f) OTHER: None.
- 2913** **6. Finance:**
- a) Harris Office Furniture – invoice for filing cabinets - £100.00 + £17.50 VAT (001433). Payment authorised as per Standing Orders, listed separately and agreed previously as Minute Number 2901 6.5 (c).
- b) NALC – attendance at courses for Cllrs Crisp, Westlake & the Clerk - £75.00 (001432). Payment authorised as per Standing Orders, listed separately and agreed previously as Minute Numbers 2905 10. (f) & (g). (NALC advised not yet cashed).
- 6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Clerk’s salary Oct 06 £315.67 (001434).
- b) Clerk’s expenses Oct 06 £16.52 + £1.73 VAT (001435).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Oct 06 £55.00 + £9.63 VAT (001436).
- d) N J Blackwell Mowing 10.10.06, 21.10.06, 25.10.06 & 28.10.06 - £683.51 + £119.61 VAT (001437).
- e) BDO Stoy Hayward LLP – Auditing Annual Return y/e 31.3.06 £250.00 + £43.75 VAT (001438).
- f) Mr D Saxton – caretaking duties for play areas Sep 06 & Oct 06 £36.00 (001439).
- g) Mrs A M Ratcliffe – contribution for use of telephone 14/7/06 – 15/10/06 – £27.49 (001440).
- h) Northamptonshire ACRE – annual subscription £32.00 (001441).
- 6.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED:**
- a) A & L Henson – Horse Field rent - £40.00.
- b) SNC – Second half of precept - £10,000.00
- 6.3 TRANSFERS:**
- a) Nat West to Scottish Widows - £7,000.00 (001442).
- 6.4 OTHER:**
- a) Donations for 2006/07- agreed previously as Minute Number 2901 6.5 a)
- i) The Old Mail - £400.00 (001443)
- ii) Citizen’s Advice Bureau - £100.00 (001444)
- iii) British Legion - £100.00 (001445)
- iv) TADD - £200.00 (001446)
- v) Victim Support - £75.00 (001447)
- vi) MacMillan Cancer Relief - £100.00 (001448)
- vii) Warks & Northants Air Ambulance - £250.00 (001449)
- b) Storage of PC Minutes – The Clerk had many years Minutes which required storing safely. It was agreed that Cllr Hutchin would first scan these onto the website and in the meantime the Clerk would obtain quotes for binding or other forms of storage to be considered at a future meeting. **AH**
- 2914** **7. Committee Reports**
- 7.1 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING:**
- a) Reports to The Street Doctor: The Clerk had reported the damage to the two chevron signs at a bend in Moorend Road – if no action was forthcoming County Councillor Walker agreed to take the matter up with Highways. Damage to the Grafton Regis/Stony Stratford sign and the road surface outside The Elms had been caused by a contractors vehicle, and this was also to be reported to the Street Doctor.
- b) Overhanging vegetation – none.
- c) Cllrs were still in the process of checking the findings of the annual inspection of village roads. **AH**
- d) Parking on pavements – this was acknowledged as a problem and the Clerk was asked to comment upon this practice in the Old Mail, as if cars were parked on paths wheelchairs and

- buggies were unable to pass by safely.
- e) It had been noted that the hedge had been removed from a property in Hesketh Road and cars were being driven over the pavement to park where the garden had been. The Clerk was asked to contact SNC regarding the creation of a crossover.
 - f) It was also noted that the telephone kiosk had been vandalised and the Clerk was asked to report this to the BT team responsible for payphones.
- 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. N J Blackwell had quoted £80.00 + VAT to repair the fence and gate, and move the bin nearer the seat. The report also noted that in the School Lane play area fence rails were broken alongside the path. N J Blackwell had quoted £200.00 + VAT to replace the missing peg from the monkey bars, move the fence back from the swings, repair the fence rails and generally tidy up the area. Cllr King proposed that N J Blackwell be asked to carry out the work. Cllr Westlake seconded the proposal and all Cllrs were in favour.
 - b) Play Area Improvements – Y G Kids Zone had had several committee meetings recently, and they were currently working through their list of possible grant providers and considering other methods of fund raising.
 - c) 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**
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS:**
- a) Cllr Westlake reported that the new allotments were all ready to be fenced and staked out prior to occupation. Providing fences internally would be the responsibility of the ploholders.
 - b) It was agreed that one of the new plots would be allocated for turning and access for delivery only, on condition that the ploholders accept responsibility for preparing and maintaining the area.
 - c) The Clerk was asked to obtain advice as to the length of notice to quit that should be given to allotment holders if they had received warning letters and their plots were still not being cultivated satisfactorily.
 - d) The recent independent inspection of plots indicated that Plots 16 and 21 were still not being cultivated in accordance with the Allotment Rules – Plot 16 was to receive a warning letter and advice was being taken regarding Plot 21.
 - e) As the size of the horse field had been reduced it was agreed that the rent be reduced accordingly to £30.00 per month. The Clerk was asked to confirm this with the tenant.
- 2915 8. Y G Recreation Centre and Y G Village Hall.**
- a) Report from PC representative (YGRC). Nothing to report.
 - b) A letter had been received from YGRC enquiring about a grant towards re-surfacing the car park – after considering the estimated cost Cllr King proposed and Cllr Westlake seconded an amount of £3,000.00. The Clerk was asked to confirm this amount to YGRC, together with the request that when the work was carried out consideration would be given to methods to stop misuse of the road and car park, and prevent anti social behaviour.
- 2916 9. Special Projects.**
- a) VILLAGE DIRECTORY 2006 – No report.
 - b) www.ygpc.org.uk – Cllr Hutchin reported that he had looked at other hosts for the website, but was willing to continue to host the site if the PC were happy. All Cllrs agreed that he should continue.
 - c) Report from PC representative (YGVH). Nothing to report.
 - d) DEED OF DEDICATION – the official Deed paperwork was signed on behalf of the PC by Cllrs Crisp and Westlake.
 - e) NUCLEAR WASTE IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE - It had been noted that the government were promising incentives to local authorities willing to take nuclear waste – the Clerk was asked to confirm to SNC, NCC and Tim Boswell that the PC was not in favour of Northamptonshire taking any of this waste.
- 2917 10. Correspondence.**
- a) Central Networks – Unmetered Supplies Certificate. New Certificate number 0514/1 received for 2006-2007.
 - b) NALC – How to respond to Planning Applications – 8th November 7.00pm – 9.00pm at the Hunsbury Hill Centre, Northampton. (GC + RW) Unfortunately this course had been over-subscribed and a further date was planned.
 - c) NALC – The Code of Conduct -16th November 7.00pm – 9.00pm at South Northants Council. (LR)
 - d) SNC – Invitation to reception at Chenderit School – 7th December 7.30pm. No interest from Cllrs.
- 2918 11. Any other business: None.**
- 2919 12. Date of next meeting:**
- a) 4th December 2006, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 10.30pm.

Open Forum

Concern was expressed by allotment holders Mr Price and Mr Smith regarding the lack of a turning/delivery access area and they wondered if it would be possible to utilise one of the newly created plots for this purpose. Cllrs agreed to consider this suggestion. (see Minute No 2914 7.3 b)). Mr Butler and Mr Welch were concerned as to whether there was a statutory time limit on notices to quit allotments and the Clerk was asked to obtain advice regarding this. (see Minute No 2914 7.3 c)). A problem with the allotment gate was also mentioned and Cllr Westlake agreed to investigate what repairs were required.

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County Cllr Walker mentioned that the rise in NCC's portion of next year's Council Tax would not be more than 3%. He advised that the proposed moving of the 30mph limit had been agreed by the engineer, and was also supported by Tim Boswell. He also indicated his support for the YGRC's car park resurfacing project.