

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 5th December 2006

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), R Westlake, Ms L Stephenson, L Potter, Dist Cllr Wilson and Mr J Butler.
- 2920** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs C Turl, A Hutchin, C King & County Cllr Walker.
- 2921** 2. **Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest: None.
- 2922** 3. **Previous Meeting :**
- a) Minutes of Meeting held 7 .11. 06 were agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.1 **Matters arising:** None.
- 2923** 4. **Open Forum:** Comments attached.
Mr Butler leaves 8.07pm.
- 2924** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 **APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:**
- a) S/2006/1456/P, The White House, Chestnut Road. Replace & enlarge existing rear canopy, demolish garage and replace garden wall. Cllrs responded as follows 'This property is in the village Conservation Area. Whilst the internal modifications appear minor, and Councillors have no objections to the removal of the rear canopy, the removal of the front (Victorian) canopy will create a change in the street scene. However, whilst welcoming the incoming owners ideas to remove vehicles from the roadway, Councillors are extremely concerned at the prospect of additional vehicle movements from a blind garage on the edge of a highway, and would suggest the garage be removed and resited further back'.
- b) S/2006/1457/LB, The White House, Chestnut Road. External works including replacement and enlargement of rear canopy, removal of glazed front canopy and repair or remaining lead front canopy, installation of SVP, removal of garage and construction of replacement brick boundary wall. Internal works including enlargement of ground floor opening to create a larger lounge area, removal of ground floor shower, and installation of first floor shower room with drainage. Removal of wall from retained garage. Please see above comments.
- c) S/2006/1476/P, Queens Oak Farm, Potterspurty Lodge. General purpose agricultural barn (retrospective.) Cllrs had 'no observations.'
- d) S/2006/1488/P, 14 Mount Pleasant. A single storey extension at rear. Cllrs responded as follows 'This property is in the village Conservation Area. As this development cannot be constructed without making a temporary site access via the public footpath, Councillors would wish to see safeguards written into any permission granted to ensure public safety, reclosing of the access and restoration of any damage to the footpath and the adjacent garages forecourts. Additionally, liaison with the architects responsible for the design of No 13 Mount Pleasant's proposed extension may produce a more complementary design'.
- e) S/2006/1490/PO, The Homestead Centre, Watling Street, Potterspurty. Erection of warehouse building (outline). Cllrs had 'no observations.'
- f) S/2006/1506/P, Land adjacent to 10 Grafton Road. Dwelling and carport. Cllrs responded as follows 'Councillors object to the building of the apparent extension in red brick – this will be the first property visible on entry to the village, and should be constructed in stone. They also object to the building of the carport outside the village confines lines. There is also concern about the proximity to the main sewer which serves the whole village'.
- g) S/2006/1534/P, Homestead Farmhouse, Watling Street, Potterspurty. Two storey rear extension. Cllrs had 'no observations.'
- 5.2 **AMENDMENTS:**
- a) S/2006/1456/P, The White House, Chestnut Road. As above & widen site entrance. Elevation of wall. New design and access statement. Increase width of garage entrance and vehicle crossover. Please see above comments.
- b) S/2006/1457/LB, The White House, Chestnut Road. As above & widen external garage doors onto street, details of replacement garden wall; revised description. Please see above comments.
- 5.3 **APPLICATIONS GRANTED:**
- a) S/2006/1370/P, 10 Highcroft Close. A single storey extension at side. 2 conditions. Cllr Crisp read these out.
- 5.4 **APPLICATIONS REFUSED:** None.
- 5.5 **APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN:** None.
- 5.6 **OTHER:**
- a) Concern had been expressed to the Clerk regarding the building of a helipad at Yardley House, and the erection of a mobile home at Wharf Farm. The Clerk was asked to obtain advice from SNC Planning Dept regarding these matters.
Dist Cllr Wilson leaves.
- 2925** 6. **Finance:**
- 6.1 **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Clerk's salary Nov 06 £315.67 (001450).
- b) Clerk's expenses Nov 06 £8.00 + £.25p VAT (001451).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Nov 06 £44.00 + £7.70 VAT (001452).
- d) Mr D Saxton – caretaking duties for play areas Nov 06 £18.00 (001453).

- e) SLCC Membership 2007 - £75.00 (001454).
- f) Powergen – street lighting July – Nov 06 £519.96 + £90.99 VAT (001455).
- g) N J Blackwell Garden Services – Strimming ditches from trees to hedge & paths in Pocket Park - £53.37 + £9.34 VAT (001456).
- h) YGRC - £100.00 towards firework display 5th November (001457).
- 6.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED:**
- a) A & L Henson – Horse Field rent - £40.00.
- b) Allotment deposits - £40.00.
- 6.3 TRANSFERS:**
- a) Scottish Widows to Nat West - £1,000.00.
- 6.4 OTHER: None.**
- 2926 7. Committee Reports**
- 7.1 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING:**
- a) Reports to The Street Doctor: The Clerk had previously reported the damage to the two chevron signs at a bend in Moorend Road – there had been no action and the Clerk had asked County Cllr Walker to take the matter up with Highways as he had promised. **AW**
- b) The damage to the Grafton Regis/Stony Stratford sign and the road surface outside The Elms had been repaired.
- c) The Clerk was asked to report the displacement of the bollard at the Grafton Road junction with the A508.
- d) Cllrs were still in the process of checking the findings of the annual inspection of village roads. **AH**
- 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 had spoken to Carrie Monroe at SNC who had agreed to look into the matter.
- f) The telephone kiosk had been cleaned by 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 School Lane play area fence rails were broken alongside the path. N J Blackwell had advised the Clerk he would be commencing work on this in the near future.
- 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. A grant of £1,000 had been given by the Jarvis Foundation.
- c) Signs in playing fields – Cllr Crisp commented that signs could be seen as a challenge, and were usually suggested by the police. It was suggested that the situation in the playing fields be monitored and that talking with offenders should be tried, then if there was no result, the police could be contacted. The possibility of incorporating a sign in the play area revamp was discussed.
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS:**
- a) Cllr Westlake reported that Mr Roger Weston had completed his work and the new allotments were now ready to be marked out prior to occupation. Providing fences internally would be the responsibility of the plotters.
- b) He had spoken to Mr Geoff Dickens about the problem with the gate and Mr Dickens had agreed to deal with it. The cost would be approximately £80.00 + VAT.
- c) The Clerk was asked to obtain sample tenancy agreements for Cllrs to consider, and was also asked to respond to Messrs Butler and Welch regarding their allotments.
- 2927 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 thanking the PC for agreeing a grant of £3,000.00 towards re-surfacing the drive and car park and confirming 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.
- c) Report from PC representative (YGVH). No report.
- d) A call had been received regarding the possibility of yellow lines outside the Village Hall – Cllrs knew of the problem caused by cars parking there, but Cllr Westlake advised that yellow lines required a traffic act. Cllrs agreed that NCC/Atkins refusal to reinstate the white line at the bend after the road was resurfaced did not help the situation.
- e) Additionally it was agreed to leave the problem of gravel being sprayed out from the VH car park onto the road to discuss when Cllr King attended the next PC meeting. **CK**
- 2928 9. Special Projects.**
- 9.1 VILLAGE DIRECTORY 2006 –** Cllr Potter reported that he hoped to have the disk ready by the next meeting. **LP**
- 9.2 DEED OF DEDICATION –** the official Deed paperwork had now been signed on behalf of the PC and NPFA and the Recreation Centre field was now protected.
- 2929 10. Correspondence.**
- a) SNC – Invitation to reception at Chenderit School – 7th December 7.30pm. No interest from Cllrs.
- b) CPRE – Invitation to Carols by Candlelight at Cranford House, 8th December. No interest from Cllrs.
- c) NCC – Country Parks & Open Spaces Review Consultation – closing date 31.12.06. Cllr Crisp agreed to complete on behalf of the PC. Cllr King to be asked to assist with info re the Pocket **GC**
CK

Park.

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- d) SNC – Draft Supplementary Planning Document for Consultation – Energy & Development. Presentation & questionnaire details. Placed on circulation.
 - e) NALC – How to respond to Planning Applications – 6th February 2007 7.00pm – 9.00pm at the Hunsbury Hill Centre, Northampton. This is the next course available and Cllr Stephenson indicated an interest in attending along with Cllrs Crisp and Westlake. As this would have been the date of a PC Meeting it was agreed that the February meeting would be held on 13th February in the URC Chapel in Chestnut Road.
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- 11. **Any other business:**
 - a) Cllr King had advised the Clerk that he wished to remind all Cllrs of the scheduled Carols in the Pocket Park at 6.30pm on 20th December. Any offers of help would be welcome.
 - b) Cllr Westlake expressed his concern that no one had represented the PC at a recent meeting at Sywell regarding the future of local government.
 - c) Cllr Hutchin had attended a recent meeting with the police and had advised the Clerk that he considered that it had not addressed the points outlined in the agenda. He did feel that the comments of the Police Authority were useful, as they monitor the police force and were fairly happy with the improved performance of Northamptonshire Police, despite adverse comments in the press.
 - d) The Clerk was asked to obtain CrimeStoppers posters, if possible.
 - 12. **Date of next meeting:**
 - a) 2nd January 2007, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.55pm.

Open Forum

Mr Butler re-iterated his comments regarding the problem with the allotment gate – Cllr Westlake advised that he had already made arrangements for this to be repaired. (See Minute No 2926 7.3 b) above.)

District Cllr Wilson did not think that SNC would be in a position to make a decision regarding the storing of nuclear waste – it would be a higher authority.

He advised that the concessionary travel parameters would be amended next year, and that SNC's council tax would rise by 4.9%.

He mentioned 2 planning issues – one in Hesketh Road and one in Manor Way/School Lane that had yet to be resolved.