

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2nd January 2007

Present

Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), R Westlake, C Turl, A Hutchin, C King.

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- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Ms L Stephenson, L Potter, Dist Cllr Wilson & County Cllr Walker.

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2. Council Matters:

- a) Declaration of Interest: None.

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3. Previous Meeting :

- a) Minutes of Meeting held 5 .12. 06 were agreed/signed as a correct record.

3.1 Matters arising:

- a) Minute No 2929 10 c) NCC – Country Parks & Open Spaces Review Consultation. Cllrs Crisp & King had completed this on behalf of the PC.
b) Minute No 2927 8 e) Cllr King was aware from the previous Minutes of a problem with gravel being sprayed out from the VH car park onto the road and would welcome a solution. He agreed to monitor the situation carefully.

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- 4. Open Forum:** None.

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5. Planning:

5.1 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:

- a) S/2006/1576/P, 13 Mount Pleasant. Single storey rear extension. Cllrs responded as follows 'This property is in the village Conservation Area. Liaison with the architects responsible for the design of No 14 Mount Pleasant's proposed extension may produce a more complementary design'.

(The Clerk apologises to Cllrs for her confusion between recent planning applications & amendments for nos 13 & 14 Mount Pleasant.)

5.2 AMENDMENTS:

- a) S/2006/1456/P, & S/2006/1457/LB, The White House, Chestnut Road. Revise driveway layout, delete canopy dwarf wall, alarm box shown.
b) S/2006/1506/P, Land adjacent to 10 Grafton Road. Single dwelling; removal of carport.

5.3 APPLICATIONS GRANTED:

- a) S/2006/1456/P, The White House, Chestnut Road. Replace & enlarge existing rear canopy, demolish garage and replace garden wall. 9 conditions. Placed on circulation.
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. 9 conditions. Placed on circulation.

5.4 APPLICATIONS REFUSED: None.

5.5 APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN: None.

5.6 OTHER:

- a) Land off Moored Road – progress of waste disposal. Unfortunately the Clerk had not been able to make contact with NCC and was asking to write requesting information from them
b) S/2006/1490/PO, The Homestead Centre, Watling Street – notification of opportunity to attend Development Control Committee meeting 11/1/07. Interested Cllrs to contact the Clerk by 8th January. It was noted that previous observations would be taken into account.
c) S/2006/1506/P, land adjacent 10 Grafton Road – notification of opportunity to attend Development Control Committee meeting 11/1/07. Interested Cllrs to contact the Clerk by 8th January. It was noted that previous observations would be taken into account.
d) The Clerk had been advised by SNC Planning Dept that planning permission was not required for a helipad as long as it was for personal, not business use. However, they had agreed to investigate the mobile home sited at Wharf Farm.

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6. Finance:

- a) Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation – invoice for refuse sacks & gloves - £31.84 + £5.58 VAT (001458). Payment authorised as per Standing Orders & listed separately.

6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:

- a) Clerk's salary Dec 06 £315.67 (001459).
b) Clerk's expenses Dec 06 £14.02 + £1.49 VAT (001460).
c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Dec 06 £44.00 + £7.70 VAT (001461).
d) Mr D Saxton – caretaking duties for play areas Dec 06 £18.00 (001462).
e) ABB – public lighting maintenance Oct – Dec 06 £200.66 + £35.12 VAT(001463).
f) N J Blackwell Garden Services – agreed work in Coffee Pot field, School Lane field & Pocket Park - £313.60 + £54.88 VAT (001464).
g) C Wallis – removing fence in allotment field, plough & re-instate £305.35 (001465).
h) NALC – Ms Stephenson attendance at training course £25.00 (001466).
i) Enterprise Inns – Coffee Pot field rent – 1/01/07 – 31/03/07 (£10.00 + £1.75 VAT). PAID BY STANDING ORDER.

6.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED:

- a) A & L Henson – Horse Field rent - £30.00.
b) Allotment deposits - £20.00.

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- 6.3 TRANSFERS:
a) Scottish Widows to Nat West - £1,350.00.
- 6.4 OTHER:
a) Precept 2007-2008. After considerable discussion Cllr Westlake proposed, and Cllr King seconded, a precept amount of £20,800.00, which has to include possible election costs in May, a 4% increase over the previous year. All Cllrs in favour.
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. The bollard at the Grafton Road junction with the A508 had been replaced. The Clerk was asked to report the ‘dip in the road’ outside the cottages on the High Street by Chestnut Green.
- b) Cllrs were still in the process of checking the findings of the annual inspection of village roads. **AH**
- c) NCC - Suggested HGV sign locations. The plan was studied and Cllrs were generally in favour of the suggested locations but a question was raised regarding whether Potterspurpy was included in the scheme, although it was considered highly unlikely that HGV’s would travel from Potterspurpy through Yardley Gobion to get to the A5. It was therefore suggested that the proposed sign at the High Street entrance to the village should be moved to the A508 Potterspurpy Road junction. The Clerk was asked to write accordingly.
- d) Advice of temporary road closure – Thrupp Wharf, Station Road, Cosgrove. Cllr Westlake noted that whilst the PC had been notified of this proposed road closure, no formal notification had been received regarding the road closure at Bozenham Mill, which was likely to last for a long period of time and had not been signed ‘no through road’ at all junctions. The Clerk was asked to write to NCC/Atkins accordingly.
- e) Urban Highway Grass Mowing 2007 – NCC 136 Agreements. It was agreed that N J Blackwell be asked to requote for 2007 on the basis of the previous contract, with an increase for inflation as necessary. Proposed by Cllr Turl and seconded by Cllr Hutchin that Cllr Westlake should negotiate on behalf of the PC. All in favour. **RW**
- 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 and Coffee Pot field play areas the fences had been repaired. He had also noted that dog waste was being placed in the rubbish bin, not the dog bin, in the Coffee Pot field. It was agreed to review the condition of the rubbish bin in the School Lane play area at the next PC meeting.
- b) Play Area Improvements – The Y G Kids Zone committee were currently working through their list of possible grant providers and considering other methods of fund raising. A grant of £2,776.00 (to the PC) had been agreed by SNC.
- c) Response from NALC re ‘public land’ & mini motos. Placed on circulation.
- d) The Clerk had been advised that perhaps the stakes adjacent to the red hawthorns at the entrance to the village required adjustment. Cllrs Crisp & Turl agreed to deal. It was agreed to consider the replacement of a May tree at the next meeting. Cllr Crisp was expecting to hear from Ian Lorman, SNC Arboriculturalist, regarding various tree issues and would ask his advice about the yews in the church yard & whether the May trees required pruning. **CT GC**
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS:
a) Cllr Westlake reported that the gate had been repaired.
- b) The Clerk had obtained a sample tenancy agreements from SLCC – Cllr Westlake agreed to copy this for Cllrs to study. **RW**
- c) Only one allotment now remained vacant.
- 2939 8. **Y G Recreation Centre and Y G Village Hall.**
- a) Report from PC representative (YGRC). Nothing to report.
- 2940 b) Report from PC representative (YGVH). No report.
9. **Special Projects.**
- a) VILLAGE DIRECTORY 2007 – Cllr Hutchin volunteered to assist Cllr Potter with preparation of the disk if required. **LP AH**
- b) DOG CONTROL ORDERS – Paperwork placed on circulation.
- c) SECURITY OF VILLAGE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - Cllr Crisp suggested that the Clerk write to Central Networks to enquire why the village has suffered so many interruptions to its power supply. Both businesses and domestic users have been affected at least 6 times over the past year.
- 2941 10. **Correspondence.**
- a) SNC – Draft Supplementary Planning Document for Consultation – Energy & Development. Presentation & questionnaire details. Cllr Crisp suggested Cllrs could make their own individual comments.
- b) NCC – Local Government White Paper – Strong & Prosperous Communities – Follow up to conference held 28.11.06. Placed on circulation.
- c) Milton Keynes Council - Local Development Framework: Core Strategy issues & options discussion paper. Placed on circulation.

- d) NALC – How to respond to planning applications – 6th February 6.45pm for 7.00pm at The Hunsbury Hill Centre, Northampton. (GC, RW & LS). **GC
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- 2942** **11. Any other business:**
- a) The Clerk advised of a meeting arranged with the Crime Reduction officer to walk round the village at 9.00am on 3rd January. Cllr King agreed to attend. **CK**
- 2943** **12. Date of next meeting:**
- a) **13th February 2007, 8.00pm in the Chapel, Chestnut Road.**
- Meeting closed 10.22pm.