

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 6th March 2007

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), R Westlake, C King , A Hutchin, Ms L Stephenson, L Potter.
- 2956** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr C Turl, Dist Cllr Wilson.
- 2957** 2. **Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest: Cllr Westlake declared an interest in Agenda item 6.1 g) but asked for it to be withdrawn as the figures were incorrect.
- 2958** 3. **Previous Meeting :**
- 3.1 Minutes of Meeting held 13 .02. 07 were agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 **Matters arising:**
- a) Minute No 2946 3.1 b) Cllr Crisp advised that he planned to meet with Cllr Turl and prune the red hawthorns where necessary on 8th March.
- b) 2950 7.3 a) Cllr Westlake advised that he had prepared a new Allotment contract which would be presented later on in the meeting.
- 2959** 4. **Open Forum:** None.
- 2960** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 **APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:**
- a) S/2007/0164/PT, 69 Hesketh Road. Fell to ground level No. 1 Robinia Pseudoacacia. Cllrs observed as follows 'If permission is given to remove this tree it is hoped that a more suitable tree would be planted as a replacement'.
- b) S/2007/0187/P, 36 Hesketh Road. A two storey extension at side and single storey extensions at front and rear. Cllrs observed as follows 'We consider that this proposed extension on an important visual corner will dominate the street scene. It is an over development of the site, aggravated by the large blank wall facing the road'.
- 5.2 **AMENDMENTS:** None.
- 5.3 **APPLICATIONS GRANTED:**
- a) S/2006/1488/P, 14 Mount Pleasant. The insertion of roof lights to the front and rear and the construction of a single storey extension at rear. 3 conditions. Cllr Crisp read out the conditions to the meeting.
- b) S/2006/1717/P, 4 Vicarage Road. Demolish existing garage and erect single storey front and side extension and two storey rear extension. 3 conditions. Cllr Crisp read out the conditions to the meeting.
- 5.4 **APPLICATIONS REFUSED:** None.
- 5.5 **APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN:** None.
- 5.6 **OTHER:**
- a) The Clerk had been sent details of the Development Control Committee meeting at SNC on 15th March at 2pm, when the planning application for 52 Hesketh Road would be discussed.
- 2961** 6. **Finance:**
- 6.1 **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Clerk's salary Feb 07 £315.67 (001478).
- b) Clerk's expenses Feb 07 £9.12 + £0.45 VAT (001479).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Feb 07 £44.00 + £7.70 VAT (001480).
- d) Mr D Saxton – caretaking duties for play areas Jan 07 £18.00 (001484).
- e) Yardley Gobion United Reformed Church – hire of room for PC meetings £20.00 (001481).
- f) N J Blackwell Garden Services – Prune footpath at the rear of Hortonsfield Road and by garages – £115.53 + £20.22 VAT (001482).
- g) Westlake Surveys Ltd – 183 photocopies at 5p (inc VAT) per copy (£7.79 + £1.36p VAT).
Withdrawn – see Min No 2957 2.a) above.
- 6.2 **PAYMENTS RECEIVED:**
- a) A & L Henson – Horse Field rent - £30.00.
- 6.3 **TRANSFERS:**
- a) Scottish Widows to Nat West - £600.00.
- 6.4 **OTHER:**
- a) Bank Reconciliation 1.4.06-30.6.06. An opening balance of £31,329.44 and a closing balance of £31,326.18 were recorded. Placed on circulation.
- b) Bank Reconciliation 1.7.06-30.9.06. An opening balance of £31,326.18 and a closing balance of £31,702.81 were recorded. Placed on circulation.
- c) Bank Reconciliation 1.10.06-31.12.06. An opening balance of £31,702.81 and a closing balance of £26,607.35 were recorded. Placed on circulation.
- 2962** 7. **Committee Reports**
- 7.1 **HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING:**
- a) Reports to The Street Doctor:
The pothole outside 10 Moorend Road (277062) and the damaged signpost outside The Elms (277063) had been looked at and dealt with.
It was noted that despite the recent 'patching' around the village the footpath between Woodville Crescent/Vicarage Road/Moorend Road remained in a shabby condition, and the Clerk was asked to find out if any further work was planned.
- c) Cllrs were still in the process of checking the findings of the annual inspection of village roads.
- d) The recent litter pick on Sunday 4th March had been noted and Cllrs wondered why a Sunday

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- had been chosen, and if overtime had been paid. The Clerk was asked to query this.
- e) Double white lines on A508 – Cllrs applauded any measures to improve safety on this dangerous road. Cllr Crisp agreed to download a map which could be passed to Highways & the Police for their opinions. **GC**
- f) The Clerk advised that N J Blackwell had returned the signed mowing contract.
- 7.2 PLAYING FIELDS/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES:**
- a) Mr Saxton’s play area inspection report had ‘no comments’.
- b) Play Area Improvements – The PC were waiting to hear from NPFA & the Big Lottery regarding their grant applications.
- c) Cllr King asked if Cllrs would approve expenditure of not more than £50.00 + VAT to repair the chain link fence in the Pocket Park near Druce End. He proposed this and it was seconded by Cllr Stephenson. All in favour. Cllr King agreed to approach N J Blackwell. **CK**
- d) Cllr Westlake noted that Messrs Keeves had cut the hedge in the Coffee Pot field and asked that the Clerk write a formal letter of thanks to them acknowledging their continued community spirit.
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS:**
- a) Cllr Westlake had provided a provisional copy of the new tenancy agreement to all Cllrs. He was thanked for all his hard work in compiling this. This was discussed at length and a sub committee (Cllrs Westlake, Crisp, King & Hutchin) was established to complete the document so that it could be distributed to Allotment holders prior to their annual meeting in April. It was agreed that the annual meeting be held in the Village Hall on 3rd April prior to the scheduled PC meeting. **GC
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- b) It was also agreed that the annual rent should remain at £6.00 per 5 pole plot. All in favour.
- 2963 8. Y G Recreation Centre and Y G Village Hall.**
- a) Report from PC representative (YGRC). No report.
- b) Report from PC representative (YGVH). Nothing to report.
- 2964 9. Special Projects.**
- a) VILLAGE DIRECTORY 2007 – Cllr Potter reported that the disk was ready to go to the printers. **LP**
- 2965 10. Correspondence.**
- a) Consultation on Amendments to the Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members.
- b) Environment Agency – Great Ouse Catchment Flood Management Plan Consultation on Draft CFMP.
- c) NCC – Northamptonshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework – issues and options paper for the Core Strategy & Locations for Minerals and Waste. Workshop 13th March 2.00pm at the Guildhall, Northampton.
- d) The Post Office Network – Consultation. (Closing date 8th March).
- e) Milton Keynes Council – Waste Development Plan Document 2007 – 2026 submission : including the core strategy ; allocations & development control policies.
- f) Safer Community Team – Invitation to Launch 14th March – various venues in South Northants.
- g) NCC – Turning Your Neighbourhood back into a Community – Tuesday 13th March 6pm – 8pm at Bugbrooke Community Centre. Cllrs King and Crisp indicated an interest in attending. **CK
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- 2966 11. Any other business:**
- a) The Clerk had received some details concerning the election on 3rd May which she read out to the meeting.
The Clerk also mentioned the problems she had been experiencing with the printer. Cllr Crisp agreed to carry out research into suitable printers, and Cllrs agreed to discuss the matter further at the next PC meeting. **GC**
- 2967 12. Date of next meeting:**
- a) 3rd April 2007, 8.00pm in the Village Hall, preceded by the Annual Allotment Holders Meeting at 7pm..

Meeting closed 9.55pm.