

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3rd April 2007

Present

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

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

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2. **Council Matters:**

a) Declaration of Interest: Cllr Westlake declared an interest in Agenda item 6.1 j) and Cllr Crisp declared an interest in Agenda item 6.1 l).

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3. **Previous Meeting :**

3.1 Minutes of Meeting held 6 .03. 07 were agreed/signed as a correct record.

3.2 **Matters arising:**

a) Minute No 2946 3.1 b) Cllr Crisp advised that he and Cllr Turl had pruned the red hawthorns where necessary. Cllr Westlake asked that the PC's thanks be recorded.

b) Minute No 2962 7.1 e) Cllr Crisp advised that he had downloaded the map required. The Clerk had not yet received a response from NCC to her letter.

c) Minute No 2962 7.3 a) Cllr Westlake advised that the new Allotment contract would be discussed later on in the meeting.

d) Minute No 2965 10 g) Cllr Crisp advised that he and Cllr King had attended the NCC – Turning Your Neighbourhood back into a Community meeting, which had proved very interesting. It was suggested that at the next Annual Meeting of the PC an Emergency Planning Officer be appointed. (For example, knowing who had generators, who are the elderly & disabled etc so the village could be self sufficient during the initial stages of an emergency.)

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4. **Open Forum:** None.

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5. **Planning:**

5.1 **APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:**

a) S/2007/0311/P, 56 Hesketh Road. A two storey extension at rear and a single storey extension at front. Cllrs objected to this application and commented as follows 'Councillors consider that this proposed extension is not in proportion to the general development in the area. The size and appearance of the front porch especially is not in proportion to the front of the house and the line of adjacent properties. It will also change the character of the street scene. Additionally, Councillors would request that any concerns raised by nearby property owners be satisfactorily addressed and/or resolved'.

5.2 **AMENDMENTS:** None.

5.3 **APPLICATIONS GRANTED:**

a) S/2007/0058/P, 52 Hesketh Road. Conversion of semi-detached house into 2 maisonettes. 7 conditions. Placed on circulation.

b) S/2007/0103/P, Manor Farm. Two detached dwellings with detached garages. 13 conditions. Placed on circulation.

5.4 **APPLICATIONS REFUSED:** None.

5.5 **APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN.**

a) S/2007/0097/P, Land adjacent A508 Grafton Road. Erection of three farm barns for stock, hay and machinery store.

5.6 **OTHER:**

a) S/2007/0187/P, 36 Hesketh Road. A two storey extension at side and single storey extensions at front and rear.

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6. **Finance:**

6.1 **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**

a) Clerk's salary Mar 07 £315.67 (001486).

b) Clerk's expenses Mar 07 £2.52 + £0.45 VAT (001487).

c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Mar 07 £44.00 + £7.70 VAT (001488). An increase in the price to £2.50 + VAT per bin from April was noted.

d) Mr D Saxton – caretaking duties for play areas Mar 07 £18.00 (001489).

e) NALC – Subscription 1.4.07 – 31.3.08. £222.00 (001490).

f) NALC – Local Council Review Subscription 1.4.07 – 31.3.08. £14.00 (001491).

g) NALC – Internal Audit Service 2007/2008 £152.00 (001492).

h) CPRE Membership subscription – £27.00 (001493).

i) N J Blackwell Garden Services – mowing 19.3.07 & 20.3.07 £320.52 + £56.09 VAT (001494).

j) Westlake Surveys Ltd – 527 photocopies at 5p + VAT) per copy £26.35 + £4.61p VAT (001495).

k) ABB Public Lighting maintenance – £200.66 + £35.12 VAT (001496). The new pricing structure from 1st April was noted.

l) Cllr Crisp to tip with tree prunings – 48 miles at 52.7p per mile £25.30 (001497).

m) Enterprise Inns – Coffee Pot Field rent – 1.4.07 – 30.6.07 £10.00 + £1.75 VAT. PAID BY STANDING ORDER.

6.2 **PAYMENTS RECEIVED:**

a) A & L Henson – Horse Field rent - £30.00.

6.3 **TRANSFERS:**

a) Scottish Widows to Nat West - £1,500.00.

6.4 **OTHER:**

a) Insurance Claim for seat outside The Meadows – it was agreed that first the Clerk should

- contact nearby households to ask if they had any information.
- b) New PC printer – Cllr Crisp had considered various printers and recommended one by Canon, which was featured as the ‘best buy’ in a recent ‘Which’ magazine. He proposed spending a maximum of £200.00 + VAT. Seconded by Cllr Westlake. All in favour. Cllr Crisp agreed to deal with ordering the printer. **GC**
- c) Review of PC insurers. In view of the pending insurance claim it was agreed that a review would be carried out next year. In the meantime the Clerk was asked to check that the necessary insurance was held for the Pocket Park, the horse field, Coffee Pot field, allotments and village greens.
- 2962** **7. Committee Reports**
- 7.1 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING:**
- a) Reports to The Street Doctor:
The Clerk had reported the village sign and bollards at the South entrance to the village recently damaged in a road traffic accident.
- b) Cllrs were still in the process of checking the findings of the annual inspection of village roads.
- c) Cllr Westlake advised that the next mowing cut would be carried out on the Tuesday after Easter.
- 7.2 PLAYING FIELDS/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES:**
- a) Mr Saxton’s play area inspection report had ‘no comments’. He had also given notice as he was moving from the village. The Clerk was asked to record the PC’s thanks to him. The Clerk was also asked to look into providing a job description and obtain advice from NALC re training, age and employment status etc. for the new incumbent.
- b) Play Area Improvements – The PC were waiting to hear from NPFA & the Big Lottery regarding their grant applications.
- c) Cllr Westlake agreed to look at replacing the seesaw seat in the Coffee Pot field play area which had been removed and dumped in the litter bin. **RW**
- d) Cllr King was still intending to obtain a quote for dealing with the Pocket Park fence. **CK**
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS:**
- a) The allotment holders meeting had just taken place and items raised would be discussed when the minutes of the meeting had been prepared..
- b) Cllr Westlake commented that the allotments looked very good, a lot of work already having been carried out. A shed had been noted on a plot and the Clerk was asked to see if permission had been sought for this.
- 2963** **8. Y G Recreation Centre and Y G Village Hall.**
- a) Report from PC representative (YGRC). No problems and nothing to report.
- b) Report from PC representative (YGVH). Nothing to report.
- 2964** **9. Special Projects.**
- a) VILLAGE DIRECTORY 2007 – No report.
- b) DOG FOULING – An increase in dog fouling had been noted and reported to the dog warden. It was agreed that a further dog bin in the village was perhaps necessary and Cllrs were asked to consider where this should be placed. **ALL**
- 2965** c) **ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY** – It was agreed that this should be held on 1st May, prior to the PC meeting.
- 10. Correspondence.**
- a) CPRE Northamptonshire - Annual General Meeting – 19th April 7.30pm at Parsons Memorial Hall, Leys Lane, Great Houghton. Interested Cllrs to contact the Clerk.
- b) Moulton College – invitation to Open Day on 18th April between 12pm and 2pm to mark their 3rd anniversary at Pits Farm, Silverstone. Interested Cllrs to contact the Clerk.
- 2966** **11. Any other business:** None.
- 2967** **12. Date of next meeting:**
- a) 1st May 2007, approx 9.00pm in the Village Hall,
- b) preceded by the Annual Parish Assembly at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 10.15pm.

The meeting had been interrupted by person or persons unknown at 10.00pm.