

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 1st May 2007

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), R Westlake, C King, C Turl, A Hutchin & Ms L Stephenson, Ms T Adey & Ms P Curtis.
- 2980** **1. Apologies for Absence:** Dist Cllr Wilson, County Cllr Walker.
- 2981** **2. Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest: Cllr King declared an interest in Agenda item 6.1 h), Cllr Crisp declared an interest in Agenda item 6.1 g) and Cllr Turl declared an interest in Agenda item 5.1 d).
- 2982** **3. Previous Meeting :**
- 3.1** Minutes of Meeting held 3 .04. 07 were agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 Matters arising:**
- a) Minute No 2973 6.4 b) Cllr Crisp advised that the new PC printer had been delivered and installed. The Clerk recorded her heartfelt thanks to Cllr Crisp for ordering and setting up the printer.
- b) Minute No 2974 7.2 c) Cllr Westlake advised that he had looked at re-attaching the seesaw seat (in School Lane field), but it was not straightforward. However, it was not unsafe, and he would continue to try and sort it out. **RW**
- 2983** **4. Planning:**
- 4.1** Applications received:
- a) S/2007/0333/P, 19 Highcroft Close. New porch (amendment to S/2006/0840/P). Cllrs had 'no observations'.
- b) S/2007/0351/PO, Land adjacent to 62 Moorend Road. Single dwelling (outline). Cllrs strongly objected to this and observed as follows 'This application is for a dwelling outside the village confines line. Additionally there is poor design/orientation in relation to the surrounding dwellings'.
- c) S/2007/0412/P, Homestead Farm, Watling Street. Demolition of existing farmhouse & erection of replacement dwelling. Cllrs observed as follows 'we support Option 1, providing that the area of the original building would not be available for new development in the future.'
- d) S/2007/0421/P, 18 Brownsfield Road. First floor extension to side, two storey extension to rear. Cllrs objected as follows 'Councillors consider that the design of this extension is totally unrelated to any other dwellings in the estate, and is therefore incongruous and visually inappropriate.'
- Ms Curtis enters 9.30pm.
- 4.2** Amendments: None.
- 4.3** Applications granted:
- a) S/2007/0164/PT, 69 Hesketh Road. Fell to ground level No. 1 Robinia Pseudoacacia. 4 conditions. Cllr Crisp read these out to the meeting. The Clerk was asked to keep a note of SNC specified replacement dates for this and any future tree felling applications that are granted.
- b) As an aside Cllr Crisp mentioned that a TPO tree had been replaced at 82 Hesketh Road in accordance with application S/2004/1387/PT.
- 4.4** Applications refused.
- a) S/2007/0187/P, 36 Hesketh Road. A two storey extension at side and single storey extensions at front & rear. Cllr Crisp read out the decision details to the meeting.
- 4.5** Applications withdrawn. None.
- 2984** **5. Finance:**
- 5.1** ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a) Clerk's salary Apr 07 £315.67 (001498).
- b) Clerk's expenses Mar 07 £6.96 (001499).
- c) Mr D Saxton – caretaking duties for play areas Apr 07 £18.00 (001500).
- d) Powergen - Public Lighting 8.1.07/29.3.07 – £514.26 + £90.00 VAT (001501).
- e) Cllr Crisp for Amazon – new PC printer £156.07 + £27.31 VAT (001502).
- f) Cllr King for attendance with Cllr Crisp at Emergency Planning meeting at Bugbrooke on 13th March. 23 miles @ 52.7p per mile = £12.12 (001503).
- g) Mrs A M Ratcliffe – contribution for use of telephone 16/01/07 – 17/04/07 £25.31 (001504).
- 5.2** PAYMENTS RECEIVED:
- a) A & L Henson – Horse Field rent - £30.00.
- b) Allotment rents - £232.00
- 5.3** TRANSFERS:
- a) Scottish Widows to Nat West - £3,000.00.
- 2985** **6. Committee Reports**
- 6.1** PLAYING FIELDS/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES:
- a) Mr Saxton's play area inspection report was read out in which he had commented that there was dog mess inside the School Lane play area. He also advised that his house sale had fallen through and he was able to continue his caretaking duties for the time being.
- b) Cllr Crisp advised that he had been told that sections of the play area fence in the Coffee Pot field had been damaged. He and Cllr Turl had removed the damaged fencing and made the fence safe. Discussions ensued as to whether a fence was necessary, or of any use without a

gate, and whether it should be removed altogether. Further discussion was deferred, but in the meantime the Clerk was asked to obtain quotes and recommendations from N J Blackwell for a) repairing the fence or b) replacing it, and c) the cost of adding a gate.

- 6.2 ALLOTMENTS:**
- a) It was agreed that an inspection of the allotments should be carried out this month. One request to erect a shed had been received, but with no dimensions provided. It was agreed to wait for confirmation of these before making a decision. It was noted that permission had still not been sought for a shed currently being built on a plot.
- 2986 7. Special Projects.**
- a) VILLAGE DIRECTORY 2007 – Cllr Hutchin agreed to take this forward. **AH**
- b) RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN – Cllrs agreed to consider discussing co-option with any interested residents. **ALL**
- c) ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY – Main action point was to advise Chestnut Club members and any interested persons in the village of the intercom system described by PC Wallace during the meeting. **GC**
- d) SUGGESTIONS FOR SITING OF SEAT PREVIOUSLY OUTSIDE THE MEADOWS AND NEW DOG BIN – A letter had been received from a resident of Hesketh Road requesting that the seat be placed elsewhere, and that the site of the seat would be a good place for a further dog bin. Discussions ensued and it was agreed first that Cllr Turl should ask the RC if they would like the seat in the School Lane field, if not then it would be placed in that play area. Cllr Turl then proposed that another dog bin be purchased and Cllr Westlake seconded the proposal. It was agreed that the new dog bin was to be sited near the notice board and litter bin outside The Meadows. The Clerk was asked to obtain advice from N J Blackwell re fitting etc. **CT**
- 2987 8. Correspondence.**
- a) NALC - Pocket Parks. 11th July 6.45pm for 7.00pm – 9.00pm at Wootton Community & Sports Centre. Placed on circulation.
- 2988 9. Any other business:**
- a) Cllr Stephenson advised that she had been told that teenagers were climbing the trees in the School Lane field, looking into gardens and generally being a nuisance. Cllrs Turl, Crisp and Westlake agreed to meet on site to see what action could be taken. Cllr Stephenson agreed to liaise with affected residents. **GC**
- b) Ms Curtis advised that she planned to keep the PC informed of any problems she encountered as Parish Path Warden and how and by whom they had been resolved. **CT**
- 2989 10. Date of next meeting:**
- a) 15th May 2007, 8.00pm in the Chapel, Chestnut Road. (This will be the Annual Meeting of the PC). **RW**
LS

Meeting closed 10.30pm.