

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 5th June 2007

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), R Westlake, C King , Ms L Stephenson , C Turl, A Hutchin & Ms (later
3001 Cllr) T Adey, residents Mr Tite & Mr Hiscock.
- 3002** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Dist Cllr McCord.
2. **Council Matters:**
a) Declaration of Interest: Cllr Turl declared an interest in Agenda item 6.1 f..
b) Declarations of Acceptance of Office: Cllr Hutchin passed his signed declaration to the Clerk.
c) Registration of Interest: Cllrs Hutchin and Ms Stephenson passed their completed forms to the Clerk.
d) Cllr Turl proposed and Cllr Westlake seconded that Ms T Adey be co-opted as a Councillor. All in favour.
e) Cllr Adey signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 3003** 3. **Previous Meetings:**
3.1 i.) Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Council held 15 .05. 06 were agreed/signed as a correct record.
ii.) Minutes of Meeting held 15.05.07 were agreed/signed as a correct record.
3.2 **Matters arising:**
a) District Cllr McCord had responded via e-mail to the query regarding Council Housing raised at the last PC meeting, and this had been circulated to all Cllrs. It was agreed that this was useful information to have.
- 3004** 4. **Open Forum:** Comments attached.
Mr Tite & Mr Hiscock leave 8.30pm.
- 3005** 5. **Planning:**
5.1 Applications received:
a) S/2007/0581/P, 13 Mount Pleasant. Single-storey rear extension (amendment to S/2006/1576/P). Cllrs had 'no observations.'
b) S/2007/0646/P, 7 Mount Pleasant. Replace wooden windows to the front of the property with PVC. Cllrs had 'no observations.'
c) S/2007/0681/P, 56 Hesketh Road. Two storey extension to rear and porch to front. Cllrs observed 'they would request that any concerns raised by nearby property owners be satisfactorily addressed and/or resolved'.
5.2 Amendments:
a) S/2007/0581/P, 13 Mount Pleasant. Single-storey rear extension – (amendment to
b) S/2006/1576/P) amendment rainwater gully detail. See above Minute No 3005 5.1 a).
5.3 Applications granted:
a) S/2007/0333/P, 19 Highcroft Close. New porch (amendment to S/2006/0840/P) (retrospective).
5.4 Applications refused: None.
5.5 Applications withdrawn: None.
5.6 Other:
a) Invitation to attend SNC Development Control Committee meeting 7th June re application S/2207/0351/PO, Land adjacent to 62 Moored Road. Discussed by Cllrs as the recommendation was for approval.
b) Response from SNC to query re timeliness of despatch of planning applications to PC. This information from Dist Cllr McCord had already been circulated to Cllrs.
c) A/2007/0071/P – Badgers Farm, Cosgrove. Appeal against refusal of planning permission for boarding cattery. The Clerk was asked to request a copy of the Inspector's decision.
- 3006** 6. **Finance:**
6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
a) Clerk's salary May 07 £315.67 (001509).
b) Clerk's expenses May 07 £16.04 + £2.31 VAT (001510).
c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service May 07 £62.75 + £10.98 VAT (001511).
d) Mr D Saxton – caretaking duties for play areas May 07 £18.00(001512).
e) N J Blackwell Garden Services – mowing May £657.59 + £115.08 VAT (001513).
f) NALC – Cllr Turl attendance at Pocket Park course – £26.00 (001514).
6.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED:
a) A & L Henson – horse field rent - £30.00.
b) Allotment rent & deposit - £16.00.
6.3 TRANSFERS:
a) Scottish Widows to Nat West - £1,250.00.
6.4 OTHER:
a) Annual Return 31st March 2007. Accounts year ending 31/3/07 – Both sections of the Annual Return (the Statement of Accounts and the Statement of Assurance) were fully discussed. Cllr King proposed that they be noted and approved. Seconded by Cllr Westlake. Approved by all Cllrs.
b) Cllr Crisp as Chairman and the Clerk then signed the Statement of Accounts on behalf of the PC.
c) Cllr Crisp as Chairman and the Clerk then signed the Statement of Assurance on behalf of the PC.
- 3007** 7. **Committee Reports**
7.1 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING

- a) Cllr Westlake wondered whether N J Blackwell had sub contracted the mowing of the playing fields, and asked that the Clerk remind him to strim the bulbs down the High Street, strim the footpaths and the area behind the May trees in the High Street.
- b) He advised there had been a number of road sign thefts recently, from Ashton, Stoke Bruerne and through to the A5.
- c) The Parish Footpath Warden, Mrs Curtis, had provided a footpath report, which the Clerk was asked to circulate.
- d) A copy letter had been received from NCC regarding the formation of new vehicular access at land off Moorend Road advising that it was in breach of Sections 131,148 and 184 of the Highways Act 1980 and asking for its removal. The Clerk was asked to point out that the land in question is in Yardley Gobion parish (not Potterspury as shown on the letter), and asking what action could be taken if the access is not removed.
- 7.2 PLAYING FIELDS/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES:**
- a) Mr Saxton's play area inspection report was read out by Cllr Crisp. It noted that in School Lane field the seesaw seat was missing 30.4.07 (Cllr Westlake had since replaced it), and that the play area was littered with granite 28.5.07. Cllr Turl agreed to check on this. In the Coffee Pot field it was noted that some of the fence had fallen down. This fence was discussed at length and eventually Cllr Crisp proposed that the fence be removed, and events monitored. Cllr Turl seconded the proposal and all Cllrs were in favour. **CT**
- b) Quotations for work to the trees in School Lane field had been received from Salcey Arborcare and Tree Profiles. Tree Profiles' quote did not include stump grinding, and Cllrs were not sure that Salcey Arborcare had included work required on the three horse chestnuts in the field corner, and the oak tree by the play area, as well as the 10 trees along the North East boundary of the field. in their quote. Additionally the Ash tree referred to had already been dealt with so the Clerk was asked to obtain fresh quotes so that a decision could be made at the next PC meeting.
- c) Cllr Turl advised that he had visited the Pocket Park and noted that the paths were overgrown, and work was required. It was suggested that N J Blackwell be asked to carry out a tidy up ready for a Church picnic on 8th July, and then a schedule and contract would be drawn up for future maintenance of the Park.
- d) Overhanging vegetation was noted in Chestnut Road and Brownsfield Road.
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS:**
- a) 2 applications for sheds on plots were approved.
- 3008 8. Y G RECREATION CENTRE & Y G VILLAGE HALL (CT & CK) Report from PC representatives.**
- a) YGRC - Cllr Turl advised that the committee meetings had now moved from 1st Monday to 1st Wednesday in the month (now after PC meetings). He reported that the steward had resigned, and replacements were being interviewed. Applications were in for grants for resurfacing the car park, and stones had arrived to fill in the potholes.
- b) YG Village Hall – nothing to report.
- 3009 9. Special Projects.**
- a) VILLAGE DIRECTORY 2007 – Cllr Hutchin agreed to circulate proofs for checking prior to the next PC meeting. **AH**
- b) RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN – Ms Adey had been co-opted, and Cllr Crisp had given basic information regarding becoming a Councillor to an interested resident. Cllrs agreed to consider discussing co-option with any interested residents. **ALL**
- c) RESPONSE FROM CENTRAL NETWORKS RE LOSS OF POWER IN VILLAGE AT CHRISTMAS 2006 & COMMENTS REGARDING LOSS ON 27TH MAY 2007.
The Clerk read out the telephoned response from Central Networks to her letter of 9th January. It appeared that trees in contact with overhead lines caused 2 of the failures at the end of last year, and the Clerk was asked to write again asking whether there was a problem with maintenance, and also asking for an explanation of the 4 power cuts sustained in the village on 27th May, and what action was proposed to stop re-occurrences.
- 3010 10. Correspondence.**
- a) NCC/Atkins – Partnership Open Day at Brixworth, 30th June 11am – 3pm. Placed on circulation. Cllr Westlake indicated an interest in attending. **RW**
- b) NALC - Pocket Parks. 11th July 6.45pm for 7.00pm – 9.00pm at Wootton Community & Sports Centre. Cllr Turl to attend. **CT**
- c) NCC – Transport Strategy for Growth Consultation – Towcester Council Chamber 19th June 6.30pm for 7pm. Read out to the meeting.
- d) Central Networks / e.on – Customer Service questionnaire. Cllr Crisp volunteered to respond on behalf of the PC. **GC**
- e) NALC – Helping you Act Legally – 17th July at Hunsbury Hill. The Clerk indicated she would like to attend. Proposed by Cllr King & seconded by Cllr Stephenson. All in favour.
- f) NALC – Do You Act Legally? – 19th September at Hunsbury Hill. Placed on circulation.
- 3011 11. Any other business: None.**
- 3012 12. Date of next meeting:**
- a) 3rd July 2007, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 10.07pm.

Open Forum

Mr Hiscock discussed the problem of mini motos and quad bikes being ridden on the playing fields in the village. He advised that the police had powers to seize motor vehicles if they were illegal. He recommended signs in both playing fields, using wording similar to – no motorised vehicles without previous authorisation, and suggested liaising with Northamptonshire Police to alert them as this was becoming a regular problem. Cllrs agreed to speak with PC Wallace of Northamptonshire Police, to consider an article in The Old Mail, and signs in the playing fields. By e-mail District Cllr McCord advised that SNC had passed the 50% mark for recycling, and thanked residents for making the scheme work.

He mentioned the SPLAT! Arts Activities scheduled for the summer holidays, 6 of which will be held in the Children's Centre in the village. The Clerk was asked to pass on the PC's congratulations on obtaining these workshops.