

# MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2007

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), R Westlake, C King, Ms L Stephenson, C Turl & A Hutchin, District Cllr McCord. Resident Mrs B King.
- 3013** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr T Adey.
- 3014** 2. **Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest:
- i) Cllr King declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 6.4 b.
- ii) Cllr Westlake declared an interest in Agenda item 6.4 b.
- 3015** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 Minutes of Meeting held 5.06.07 were agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 **Matters arising:**
- a) Minute Number 3010 10 c) NCC – Transport Strategy for Growth Consultation. Cllr King had attended and gave a brief overview of the meeting. He mentioned that this area’s transport strategy was heavily influenced by that of Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire. He advised that there was a carsharing website available & would provide the address. The provision of buses had also been discussed – including the X4 route. **CK**
- b) Minute Number 3010 10 a) NCC/Atkins – Partnership Open Day at Brixworth, 30<sup>th</sup> June. Cllr Westlake attended on behalf of the PC. He found it to be more of an exhibition, which while interesting, did not provide a forum to discuss local issues.
- 3016** 4. **Open Forum:** Comments attached.  
Mrs King leaves 8.17pm.
- 3017** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 Applications received:
- a) S/2007/0721/PR, Land at the Homestead Centre, Watling Street, Potterspurty. Warehouse building details (pursuant to S/2007/1490/PO). Cllrs had ‘no observations.’
- b) S/2007/0756/A, Coffee Pot Tavern, 30 High Street. Three lettered pub signs, one pub sign to fit existing gibbet, four bracket lanterns, two floodlights. Cllrs had no objections, but wished to confirm that the proposed floodlights did not throw light onto adjacent buildings.
- c) S/2007/0760/P, Land north west of 62 Moorend Road. Menage for schooling horses (private use only). Cllrs had ‘no observations.’
- d) S/2007/0778/P, Wharf Lane Stables, Grafton Road. Retention of temporary static caravan to provide ancillary living accommodation to stables (retrospective). Cllrs objected as follows ‘we consider that there is no justification for temporary living accommodation. The development is outside the village envelope. Moreover, the design and access statement indicates full time residential occupation and in that case we would require the correct application to be completed, as it appears that the caravan will be sited there permanently.’
- 5.2 Amendments: None.
- 5.3 Applications granted:
- a) S/2207/0351/PO, Land adjacent to 62 Moorend Road. Erection of a one and a half storey dwelling to include rooms in the roof (Outline). 8 conditions. Placed on circulation.
- b) S/2007/0488/P, 19 High Street. Replacement of existing rear lean-to extension with single-storey stone extension with lead flat roof. 7 conditions. Placed on circulation.
- c) S/2007/0489/LB, 19 High Street. Replacement of existing rear lean-to extension with single-storey stone extension with lead flat roof. Installation of French doors to rear elevation. Removal of existing ground floor internal walls. 7 conditions. Placed on circulation.
- d) S/2007/0534/P, 14 Highcroft Close. Single-storey rear extension. 2 conditions. Cllr Crisp read out the conditions to the meeting.
- e) S/2007/0535/P, 36 Hesketh Road. Two storey extension at side and single storey extensions at front & rear. 9 conditions. Placed on circulation.
- 5.4 Applications refused: None.
- 5.5 Applications withdrawn: None.
- 5.6 Other: None.
- 3018** 6. **Finance:**
- 6.1 **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Clerk’s salary June 07 £315.67 (001515).
- b) Clerk’s expenses June 07 £28.95 + £6.96 VAT (001516).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service June 07 £50.20 + £8.79 VAT (001517).
- d) Mr D Saxton – caretaking duties for play areas June 07 £18.00(001518).
- e) N J Blackwell Garden Services – mowing May £706.09 + £123.57 VAT (001519).
- f) NALC – Miss Ratcliffe attendance at Helping you Act Legally course – £26.00 (001520).
- g) Enterprise Inns – Coffee Pot Field rent (1.7.07 – 30.09.07) – (£10.00 + £1.75 VAT). **PAID BY STANDING ORDER.**
- h) Northamptonshire ACRE – Parish Council Support 2007/2008. £33.00 (001521).
- i) ABB – Public Lighting Maintenance quarter ended 30.6.07 £212.22 + £37.14 VAT (001522).
- 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 - £1,500.00.

- 6.4 OTHER:**
- a) Cancelling of cheque 001493 (£26.00) to CPRE (not received – presumed lost in post) & re-issue. Cllrs King & Westlake signed the ‘stop’ cheque request. New cheque no 001523 issued.
- b) Letter from Yardley Gobion History group regarding the purchase of a digital projector & screen (cost approx £450.00 + VAT). Cllr King withdrew from the meeting for this Agenda item. The request was discussed at length. Cllr Westlake then proposed a donation of £500.00 which was seconded by Cllr Stephenson. All in favour, on the understanding that the equipment should be freely available to village groups, and suitable for commercial use i.e. not of domestic quality only.
- 3019 7. Committee Reports**
- 7.1 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING**
- a) Cllr Westlake mentioned recent problems with flooding in the village in School Lane, Eastfield Crescent, Malborough Way and Hesketh Road. District Cllr McCord enters 9.15pm. It was agreed that, on behalf of those affected, the PC would contact Anglian Water (re drain outside 1 Hesketh Road, and the manholes in Grafton Road), SNC (re School Lane) and Queen’s College, Oxford (re Hesketh Road). Cllrs Westlake & Stephenson agreed to assist the Clerk. **RW LS**
- b) Cllr Westlake advised that village mowing was back on a two weekly schedule. The Clerk was asked to remind N J Blackwell to strim the footpaths. It was noted that the Pocket Park had been cleared ready for the church picnic.
- c) Overhanging vegetation was noted in Moorend Road.
- d) The Clerk was asked to report the damaged signs at the entrances to the village, and the damage to the chevron signs at the double bend along Moorend Road.
- e) Both the Clerk & Cllr Crisp had discussed the new vehicular access at land off Moorend Road with SNC and it appeared that enforcement action would be taking place. Cllr Crisp agreed to review the history of this site with District Cllr McCord. **GC**
- f) Central Networks / e.on – receipt of Unmetered Electricity Supply certificate was noted.
- g) Letter from YGRC re School Lane field – The letter was read to the meeting and it was agreed that the Clerk should contact playing field maintenance contractors to ask for their recommendations with regard to the condition of the field, and what maintenance was required.
- 7.2 PLAYING FIELDS/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES:**
- a) Mr Saxton’s play area inspection report was read out by Cllr Crisp. In the Coffee Pot field it was noted that part of the top rail of the fence on the field side of the play area was missing. N J Blackwell is scheduled to remove the fence in the near future. Additionally it mentioned that there were bottles and litter around the seat
- b) Cllr Crisp mentioned that on 30<sup>th</sup> June he had been contacted and advised that youths had gathered around the play area in the Coffee Pot field, leaving cans and broken glass around. He had spent 2 hours clearing up the area, and the problem had been reported to the Police, who had agreed to patrol more often. It was agreed that the condition of the field around the play area would be monitored to see if further action was required.
- c) Quotations for work to the trees in School Lane field had been received from Salcey Arborcare and Tree Profiles. Tree Profiles’ quote was £600.00 + VAT, and Salcey Arborcare’s was £627.00 +VAT. It was agreed that Tree Profiles be approached first to see when the work could be carried out. Expenditure of approx £600.00 + VAT proposed by Cllr Turl & seconded by Cllr King. All in favour.
- d) Letter from 1<sup>st</sup> Yardley Gobion Cub Scouts – re their ‘Trees for All’ campaign. Cllr Turl had had some thought about suitable locations for the 30 small trees the Cubs wished to plant – Woodville Crescent, at the entrance to the village, on the School premises, in School Lane field, in the Pocket Park and by the water tower. The Clerk was asked to respond that the PC did not have a problem with the idea in principle, and would like to know the locations the Cubs had in mind.
- e) N J Blackwell had quoted £55.00 + VAT to install a dog bin outside The Meadows – Cllrs approved this amount and asked that in addition he remove the bolts from the concrete seat base in the same area.
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS:**
- a) An application for a shed on plot 21 was approved.
- 3020 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 1<sup>st</sup> Monday to 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in the month (now after PC meetings). He passed out copies of the Minutes of the June meeting, together with the latest accounting information, which were placed on circulation.
- b) YG Village Hall – nothing to report.
- 3021 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 – Cllrs agreed to consider discussing co-option with any interested residents. **ALL**

- c) RESPONSE FROM CENTRAL NETWORKS RE LOSS OF POWER IN VILLAGE ON 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2007 – The Clerk had been advised that a fault had occurred with the fuse carrier at the top of an electricity pole, which had then sparked and set fire to a tree. A permanent repair had now been carried out. She was told that even though patrols were carried out regularly, it was the owner’s responsibility to prune trees that were close to cables, but soon electricity companies would have more authority to deal with problem trees themselves.
- 3022 10. **Correspondence.**
- a) NALC - Pocket Parks. 11<sup>th</sup> July 6.45pm for 7.00pm – 9.00pm at Wootton Community & Sports Centre. Cllr Turl to attend.
- b) NALC – Do You Act Legally? – 19<sup>th</sup> September at Hunsbury Hill. Placed on circulation.
- 3023 11. **Any other business:** None.
- 3024 12. **Date of next meeting:**
- a) 7<sup>th</sup> August 2007, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

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Meeting closed 10.47pm.

### Open Forum

Mrs King gave details of the History Group’s request for a digital projector and screen.

District Cllr McCord advised that the Council House ballot closes 18/19<sup>th</sup> July, and that there had been a good response from the consultation exercise. Any queries should be referred to the help line.

He expressed concern at the proposed Post Office closures, but had no further details.

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.

He was thanked for dealing with several recent queries from the PC.

The problem with the receipt of planning applications was still evident and he advised that a representative from the Planning Department was willing to visit the PC and discuss the issue. He also agreed to email the weekly planning sheets to Cllr Crisp.