

# MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 7<sup>th</sup> August 2007

- Present** Cllrs R Westlake (Chair), T Adey, Ms L Stephenson, C Turl & A Hutchin, County Cllr Walker.
- 3025** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs G Crisp, C King, Dist Cllr McCord.
- 3026** 2. **Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest: None.
- 3027** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 Minutes of Meeting held 3.07.07 were agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 **Matters arising:**
- a) Cllrs Westlake and Hutchin had attended a planning forum at SNC and gave a report to the meeting.
- b) Minute Number 3019 7.1 a) The Clerk reported that Anglian Water were sending an engineer to check on the drain outside 1 Hesketh Road and the manhole in Grafton Road.
- 3028** 4. **Open Forum:** Comments attached.  
8.40pm – County Cllr Walker leaves.
- 3029** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 Applications received:
- a) S/2007/0815/P, 23 Hesketh Road. Two storey rear extension. This had already been approved prior to the meeting. The Clerk was asked to write to SNC Planning regarding the incorrect information she had been given about the consultation closing date.
- b) S/2007/0895/P, 18 Brownsfield Road. Demolition of existing single storey rear area, new single storey front, two storey side and single storey rear extensions. Cllrs had ‘no observations.’
- 5.2 Amendments: None.
- 5.3 Applications granted:
- a) S/2007/0581/P, 13 Mount Pleasant. Single storey rear extension. 3 conditions. Placed on circulation.
- b) S/2007/0681/P, 56 Hesketh Road. Two storey extension to rear and porch to front. 2 conditions. Placed on circulation.
- c) S/2007/0721/PR, Land at the Homestead Centre, Watling Street, Potterspurty. Warehouse building details (pursuant to S/2007/1490/PO). Approval of reserved matter following outline permission. Placed on circulation.
- 5.4 Applications refused: None.
- 5.5 Applications withdrawn: None.
- 5.6 Other:
- a) S/2007/0646/P, 7 Mount Pleasant. Replace wooden windows to the front of the property with P.V.C. SNC advise planning permission not required. Cllr Westlake read the letter out to the meeting, and it was then placed on circulation.
- 3030** 6. **Finance:**
- 6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a) Clerk’s salary July 07 £315.67 (001524).
- b) Clerk’s expenses June 07 £28.95 + £6.96 VAT (001525).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service July 07 £50.20 + £8.79 VAT (001526).
- d) Mr D Saxton – caretaking duties for play areas July 07 £18.00(001527).
- e) N J Blackwell Garden Services – mowing July £706.09 + £123.57 VAT (001528).
- f) Anglian Water – Allotment water charge 24/1/07 – 12/7/07 £67.58 (001529).
- g) Powergen – village lighting electricity used 29/3/07 – 29/7/07 £526.54 + £92.14 VAT (001530).
- h) Mrs A M Ratcliffe – contribution for use of telephone 17/04/07 – 15/07/07 £24.94 (001531).
- i) ABB – 48 Hesketh Road – repair of vandalised door & lamp £45.20 + £7.91 VAT (001532).
- j) Tree Profiles Ltd – work in School Lane field – £600.00 + £105.00 VAT (001534).
- 6.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED:
- a) A & L Henson – horse field rent - £30.00.
- 6.3 TRANSFERS:
- a) Scottish Widows to Nat West - £3,250.00.
- 6.4 OTHER:
- a) Donation of £500.00 to Yardley Gobion History Group to assist with the purchase of a digital projector & screen (cost approx £450.00 + VAT). It had previously been agreed by the council in accordance with its powers under section 19 of the LGA 1976. Cheque No 001533 issued.
- 3031** 7. **Committee Reports**
- 7.1 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING
- a) Cllr Westlake advised that village mowing was back on a two weekly schedule as it had been an awkward growing season. N J Blackwell was to be asked to strim the nettles off the footpath in Grafton Road.
- b) The Clerk was asked to report the lack of visibility at the south entrance to the village to the Street Doctor.
- c) Overhanging vegetation – the Clerk was asked to deliver a reminder to a property in Hesketh Road.
- d) 30 mph sign in Moorend Road, Yardley Gobion (mentioned in Open Forum by County Cllr Walker). As this issue had previously been discussed at length by the PC, the Clerk was asked

to confirm that the Council supported the suggestion by County Cllr Walker that the 30mph sign in Moorend Road, Yardley Gobion be moved out to the edge of the village envelope.

- 7.2 PLAYING FIELDS/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES:**
- a) Mr Saxton's play area inspection report was read out by Cllr Westlake. In the Recreation Centre field it was noted that part of the top rail of the fence on the field side of the play area was missing. However, N J Blackwell is scheduled to repair the fence in the near future.
  - b) The Clerk was asked to thank Mr Saxton for all his work over the last 4 years. Cllrs discussed who would carry out the caretaking in the interim; Cllrs Westlake & Turl agreed to cover the next 2 weeks.. The Clerk was asked to advertise the position on the village notice boards. **RW  
CT**
  - c) Quotations for work on grass on School Lane field – the Clerk had asked 4 contractors to quote for this work – only two had provided figures, Green Thumb - £1,575 + VAT (in writing) and Weedwise - £485 + VAT (verbal). It was agreed to wait for Weedwise's written quote before making a final decision.
  - d) Work had been successfully been carried out on the trees in School Lane field but a resident of Lime Road had since reported problems with another chestnut tree. Cllrs agreed to monitor the situation.
  - e) Cllr Turl had attended the Pocket Park course at Wootton on 11<sup>th</sup> July and gave an overview. **CT**  
He was still in favour of a regular programme of maintenance for the Pocket Park - perhaps 4 times per year - and quotations were to be obtained for this. It was also suggested that perhaps the new play area caretaker could also look after tidying up the park and removing litter etc. on a regular basis. Cllr Turl volunteered to coat the noticeboard with wood preservative.
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS:**
- a) Nothing to report.
- 3032 8. Y G RECREATION CENTRE (CT)**
- a) YGRC – nothing to report.
- 3033 9. Special Projects.**
- a) VILLAGE DIRECTORY 2007 – Still ongoing. **AH**
  - b) RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN – Cllrs agreed to consider discussing co-option with any interested residents. **ALL**
- 3034 10. Correspondence.**
- a) Letter from Miss R Weston re 1) entrance off Moorend Road, 2) obstructed grass verges where Moorend Road joins A5, and 3) trees planted in Chestnut Road preventing access to the field at the end of the lane. The Clerk was asked to respond as follows – 1) The unauthorised access in Moorend Road has been discussed at previous Council meetings and enforcement action is being taken by Northamptonshire County Council and South Northants Council. 2) Grass verges outside the 30mph sign are the responsibility of Northamptonshire County Council, and problems can be reported online to the Street Doctor 3) With regard to the trees planted in Chestnut Road, the Council understands that as the public footpath itself is not obstructed then this is a civil matter between the adjacent land owners.
  - b) NALC – Do You Act Legally? – 19<sup>th</sup> September at Hunsbury Hill. Cllr Crisp had indicated an interest in attending, and this was approved. Papers placed on circulation for other Cllrs to consider.
  - c) ACRE AGM – 8<sup>th</sup> August (details already circulated). No Cllrs able to attend.
- 3035 11. Any other business:**
- a) A letter had been received from NCC on 4<sup>th</sup> August regarding a consultation on Council priorities 2008 and requesting a response by 15<sup>th</sup> August. The Clerk was asked to advise that not enough time had been given for a response.
- 3036 12. Date of next meeting:**
- a) 4<sup>th</sup> September 2007, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 10.00pm.

### Open Forum

County Cllr Walker reported on the proposal to build 4,000 new homes in the WNDC area and advised that a new bypass for Towcester would have to be constructed first. Additionally, the developers were aware of problems that would be caused along the A5 and A508 corridors. He mentioned the IT problems with planning applications – a planning review was being carried out and a new IT system was being installed. Cllrs were already aware that SNC's council house stock was being sold to South Northants Homes. He asked for details of any flooding problems experienced recent in the village and asked the Clerk to email him. He also mentioned he was proposing to pay for the Moorend Road 30mph sign to be moved out to the edge of the village envelope and asked for the PC's support for this proposal. He read out a report from NCC concerning Springfield Farm land off Moorend Road, and agreed to take forward the PC's concerns to the relevant authorities.