

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 4th September 2007

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), R Westlake, C King, Ms L Stephenson, C Turl & A Hutchin, Dist Cllr McCord, residents L Freeland, E Lynham, S Tapp, M Benge.
- 3037** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr T Adey, County Cllr Walker.
- 3038** 2. **Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest:
Cllr Stephenson declared an interest in Agenda item 10j.
- 3039** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 Minutes of Meeting held 7.08.07 were agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 **Matters arising:**
- a) Minute Number 3027 3.2 b) The Clerk had not heard anything from Anglian Water regarding the drain outside 1 Hesketh Road and the manhole in Grafton Road.
- 3040** 4. **Open Forum:** Comments attached.
8.07pm – Mrs Benge leaves.
- 3041** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 Applications received:
- a) S/2007/1045/P, 10 Mount Pleasant. Two storey and single storey extension to rear. Cllrs observed as follows ‘our only concern is that as this proposed application will have a tremendous impact on both Mount Pleasant and the High Street, we wonder whether conditions should be set regarding the hours of working and the storage of materials’.
- b) S/2007/1132/P, land north west of 62 Moorend Road. Replace existing stables with hay barn and 2 new stables. Paperwork had not arrived in time for the meeting. It was agreed that the Planning Committee should respond on behalf of the PC when the paperwork did arrive.
- c) S/2007/1137/LB, The Old Packhorse, 1 High Street. External and internal works including new staircase to facilitate conversion of existing outbuilding to domestic annex. Cllrs had ‘no observations.’
- 5.2 Amendments: None.
- 5.3 Applications granted:
- a) S/2007/0756/A, Coffee Pot Tavern. Three lettered pub signs, three board signs, one pub sign to fit existing gibbet, four bracket lanterns, two floodlights. 6 conditions. Cllr Crisp read these out to the meeting.
- b) S/2007/0760/P, land north west of 62 Moorend Road. Menage for schooling horses (private use only). 8 conditions. Placed on circulation.
- c) S/2007/0815/P, 23 Hesketh Road. Two storey rear extension. 2 conditions. Cllr Crisp read these out to the meeting.
- d) 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. 2 conditions. Cllr Crisp read these out to the meeting.
- 5.4 Applications refused: None.
- 5.5 Applications withdrawn: None.
- 5.6 Other:
- a) APP/Z2830/A/06/2028689, and APP/Z2830/C/07/2039191 - 28 Hesketh Road. Appeals dismissed. Placed on circulation.
- b) Cllr Westlake raised a problem with the receipt of planning applications – citing S/2007/1129, which had not been received or noted on the Agenda, and S/2007/1132, which had been noted on the Agenda, but no paperwork had been received. Dist Cllr McCord agreed to investigate the matter further. **IM**
- 3042** 6. **Finance:**
- 6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a) Clerk’s salary Aug 07 £315.67 (001535).
- b) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Aug 07 £50.20 + £8.79 VAT (001536).
- c) N J Blackwell Garden Services – mowing Aug 07 £712.49 + £124.69 VAT (001537).
- 6.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED:
- a) A & L Henson – horse field rent - £30.00.
- 6.3 TRANSFERS:
- a) Scottish Widows to Nat West - £1,000.00.
- 6.4 OTHER:
- a) Repair of village war memorial – Cllr King produced a photograph showing substantial cracks in the stone of the war memorial and it was agreed that advice be taken from a stonemason as to what action could be taken.
- 3043** 7. **Committee Reports**
- 7.1 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING
- a) In the Open Forum Mrs Benge had raised the subject of a bus shelter near the Post Office. Cllrs agreed to consider the issues and what was practical at a future meeting. **ALL**
- b) Cllr Westlake advised that the telephone box had been vandalised and the Clerk agreed to report this to BT.
- c) The seat outside the church had a broken slat – this required some work. Cllrs agreed to consider this at a future meeting. **ALL**
- d) It was agreed that Cllr Westlake mark up the map of the sewers provided by Dist Cllr McCord prior to asking SNC for a formal quote for a survey of the area around School Lane. **RW**

- e) It was noted that the bollard at the bottom of Grafton Road had become detached. The Clerk was to report this to the Street Doctor.
- f) Cllr King advised that he had reported cracks in the footpaths between Church House and the old school and between the garages and Brownsfield Road to the Street Doctor and they had been repaired within 2 days.
- g) A letter box on the outer wall of 8 Chestnut Road had been noted. As this is a listed building consent should have been obtained from SNC. The Clerk was asked to take advice from SNC as to what action should be taken.
8.50pm – Dist Cllr McCord leaves.
- 7.2 PLAYING FIELDS/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES:**
- a) The play area inspection report was read out by Cllr Crisp. 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) Cllrs discussed who would carry out the caretaking; Cllr Westlake agreed to cover the next 2 weeks, but was not prepared to continue indefinitely. It was suggested that A H Contracts be asked to quote for emptying the litter bins and litter picking the play areas, the area around the seat in the Coffee Pot field, and in the Pocket Park. The Clerk was asked to advertise the position on the village notice boards and in the Old Mail. **RW**
- 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.
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS:**
- a) Nothing to report. It was agreed to ask for a further independent inspection of the allotments to be carried out prior to the next PC meeting.
- 3044 8. Y G RECREATION CENTRE (CT) and Y G VILLAGE HALL (CK)**
- a) YGRC – nothing to report.
- b) YGVH – a new caretaker has been appointed.
- 3045 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**
- c) THE NEW CODE OF CONDUCT – All Cllrs had studied the principles of the new Code of Conduct, and Cllr Westlake proposed and Cllr Stephenson seconded that it be formally adopted. All in favour. It was therefore resolved that the Revised Code of Conduct applicable to Town/Parish Councils, including paragraph 12.2 be adopted.
- d) ‘NO COLD CALLING’ ZONE – It was agreed that advice be taken from the police as to how YG could become a ‘no cold calling’ zone and it could then be considered at a future date.
- 3046 10. Correspondence.**
- a) SNC – District Wide Flooding review – required asap. Cllr Westlake agreed to complete this on behalf of the PC. **RW**
- b) NALC – Do You Act Legally? – 19th September at Hunsbury Hill. Cllr Crisp would be attending. **GC**
- c) Northamptonshire NHS AGM 28th September 6.00pm – Saints Rugby Football Club. Interested Cllrs to contact the Clerk.
- d) NALC Conference and Exhibition 5 – 7 October, Bournemouth International Centre. No interest from Cllrs.
- e) Northamptonshire ACRE – Sports Fields and Play Areas in Northamptonshire – Look to the Future – 10th October 7 – 9pm – Hunsbury Hill Centre. As this meeting appeared to be concerned with protecting playing fields it was not felt necessary for anyone to attend.
- f) Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Watch – Western Area Support Team 24th September 7.30pm. Greens Norton Community Centre. Interested Cllrs to contact the Clerk.
- g) Northamptonshire Police – invitation to form Community Panels – 20th September 7 – 9pm at Police Headquarters, Wootton Hall. Cllr Stephenson indicated an interest in attending. **LS**
- h) SNC – Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places – required by 30th September. Cllrs were quite happy with the current arrangements and the Clerk was asked to respond accordingly.
- i) WNDC – Planning Principles 2007 – closing date for comments 5th October .Cllr Crisp agreed to complete on behalf of the PC. **GC**
- j) Amey Infrastructure Services – Strategic Partnership for Highways Engineering Services Contract. No interest from Cllrs.
- k) NALC – 2007 Parish Survey – closing date 5th October. Cllr Crisp and the Clerk to complete on behalf of the PC. **GC**
- 3047 11. Any other business:**
- a) The Clerk was asked to contact the Cubs further as no response had been received to the PC’s recent letter regarding where the new trees could be planted.
- b) A letter of thanks had been received from the History Group concerning the new digital projector and screen purchased with a recent grant from the PC. Placed on circulation.
- c) The Clerk confirmed that the new dog bin to be placed outside the Meadows was on order.
- d) The Clerk was asked to invite PC Wallace to attend the next PC meeting in view of the escalating vandalism in the village.

12. Date of next meeting:

a) 2nd October 2007, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.45pm.

Open Forum

Mrs Bengé commented that a bus shelter was required on the Post Office side of the road, and asked if some thought could be given to this suggestion.

Dist Cllr McCord mentioned SNC's review of Polling Districts and Polling Places, which was on the Agenda. He also mentioned the West Northamptonshire joint planning unit core strategy and the various briefings that would be taking place in the area. The government consultation concerning post office closure is scheduled for the beginning of November, and SNC have a working group set up. He provided a map of the School Lane area showing the location of the sewers and mentioned there were grants available to help those who had been flooded recently. He apologised for the late arrival of his recent newsletter, but confirmed that it had been received in the village. He also advised that SNC were dealing with the unauthorised access to the car boot sales at Springfield Farm which had been created off Moorend Road.