

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

Present

Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), R Westlake, T Adey, L Stephenson, C Turl, residents Mr & Mrs R Weston, Mr J Larner, Mrs (later Cllr) S Tapp.

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1. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs C King & A Hutchin.

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2. Council Matters:

a) Declaration of Interest: Cllr Crisp declared an interest in agenda item 6.1 f) and 6.2 b). Cllr Turl declared an interest in agenda item 5.6 b).

Cllr Westlake proposed and Cllr Stephenson seconded that Mrs S Tapp be co-opted as a Councillor. All in favour.

Cllr Tapp signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Clerk confirmed that all Cllrs apart from Cllr Hutchin had completed and signed their Financial Interests Declaration forms.

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3. Previous Meeting:

3.1 Minutes of Meeting held 6.11.07 were agreed/signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising: Cllr Westlake advised that the new street lights had been erected in Lime Road, although one was not yet working. They would give a better light, brighten previously dark areas and were more economical to run. However, residents had commented that the new light did have an orange tinge – Cllr Westlake agreed to check this was working correctly with ABB.

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4. Open Forum: None.

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5. Planning:

5.1 Applications received: None.

5.2 Amendments: None.

5.3 Applications granted:

a) S/2007/1177/P, 14 Highcroft Close. Two storey rear extension. 3 conditions. Paperwork placed on circulation.

b) S/2007/1297/LB, 8 High Street. Demolition of an existing single storey extension to the side, replaced with larger single storey extension. The works include the enlargement of an existing window opening to form a doorway. 7 conditions. Paperwork placed on circulation.

c) S/2007/1321/P, 68 Hesketh Road. Two storey side and single storey rear extension. 2 conditions. Paperwork placed on circulation.

5.4 Applications refused: None.

5.5 Applications withdrawn:

a) S/2007/1132/P, land to north west of 62 Moorend Road. Replace existing stables with a hay barn and two new stables and construction of concrete hard standing (retrospective).

b) S/2007/1169/LB, 8 Chestnut Road. Re-instatement of first floor window to outbuilding. Other:

c) The Elms, proposed Rickyard housing development – request for letter of support. After lengthy discussion Cllr Stephenson proposed and Cllr Adey seconded the motion ‘should this development be permitted to create a precedent and breach the village confines?’ Cllr Tapp abstained, Cllr Turl voted in favour of the motion and Cllrs Crisp, Westlake, Stephenson and Adey voted against. The Clerk was therefore asked to write to Mr Weston advising that the PC were not prepared to provide a letter of support for the proposed development. Mr & Mrs Weston leave.

d) Y G Recreation Centre – erection of smokers shelter. Letters from the Recreation Centre concerning the siting of the smoking shelter were read to the meeting. After lengthy discussion Cllr Stephenson proposed and Cllr Westlake seconded that YGRC be advised that they were in breach of their lease having built the smoking shelter without permission, and it would have to be removed from its current position – however the PC would agree to the erection of the shelter at the car park end of the building. Cllr Turl voted against – all other Cllrs were in favour. The Clerk was therefore asked to advise the committee as follows ‘in constructing the shelter without permission the Recreation Centre is in breach of Clause 4. (iii) of their lease. After consideration, the Council is not prepared to approve the shelter where it is positioned at present, and requests that it be removed. However there are no objections to it being relocated to the car park side of the building. The Council would also expect that a formal planning application be approved by South Northants Council prior to any work being carried out.’ Mr Larner leaves.

e) Letter from Mr B Gray re land off Woodville Crescent. Cllrs thanked Mr Gray for his interest in the land, but the Clerk was asked to advise him that the land was not for sale.

f) Query regarding provision of badger crossing as part of by-pass development. Cllr Westlake did not recall this being discussed at the by-pass consultation, and advised it would now be a Highways matter.

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6. Finance:

6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:

a) Clerk’s salary Nov 07 £315.67 (001553).

b) Clerk’s expenses Nov 07 £43.35 + £6.88 VAT (001554).

c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Nov 07 £50.20 + £8.79 VAT (001555).

d) N J Blackwell Garden Services – mowing Oct 07 £337.37 + £59.04 VAT (001556).

e) N J Blackwell Garden Services – mowing Nov 07 £392.77 + purchase of dog bin, post and hatch £248.11 + £112.33 VAT (001557).

- f) Cllr Crisp to Code of Conduct course 19/9/07 22 miles at 52.7p per mile £11.94 (001558).
- g) Mrs A M Ratcliffe – contribution for use of telephone 13/7/07 – 15/10/07 £32.11 (001559).
- h) Mr Macdonald – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – Nov 2007 - £50.00 (001560).
- 6.2** PAYMENTS RECEIVED:
 - a) A & L Henson – horse field rent - £30.00.
 - b) Mr G Crisp - £26.00 (to correct previous error, see Minute No 3064 5.1 e).
- 6.3** TRANSFERS:
 - a) Scottish Widows to Nat West - £2,500.00.
- 6.4** OTHER:
 - a) Donations – previously agreed under Section 13 7 and Minute No 3054 6.4 b)
 - i) The Old Mail (£400.00) – ch q no 001561
 - ii) British Legion (£100.00) – chq no 001562
 - iii) Victim Support (£75.00) –chq no 001563
 - iv) MacMillan Cancer Relief (£200.00) – chq no 001564
 - v) Warwickshire and Northants Air Ambulance (£250.00) – chq no 001565.
 - b) Precept 2008/2009. It was agreed that the F & GP Committee meet prior to the next PC meeting.
 - c) Purchase of shredder for PC. Cllr Crisp had researched the best value shredders and recommended Fellowes DS1 at a cost of £51.05 + VAT. Cllr Westlake proposed and Cllr Stephenson seconded the purchase of a shredder for use by the Clerk.
 - d) Request from Y G Recreation Centre for contribution of £200.00 to recent firework display. As this was a 100% increase over the previous year’s donation the Clerk was asked to obtain from YGRC details of the additional insurance that was required for the event, and also copies of the invoices relating to the purchase of the fireworks, in order to enable them to make a decision regarding the level of contribution.
- 3073** **7. Committee Reports**
 - 7.1** HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING
 - a) Overhanging vegetation. None.
 - b) NCC - Urban Highway Grass Mowing 2008 – 136 agreement. Passed to Cllr Westlake to check the requirements. He confirmed with Cllrs that they were happy to continue with the current arrangements with regard to mowing. **RW**
 - 7.2** PLAYING-FIELD/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES
 - a) Monthly play-area inspection report. Mr Macdonald’s play area inspection report was read out by Cllr Crisp, which noted some bottles and cans inside the Coffee Pot field play area w/e 4th November which had to be cleared.
 - b) Quotations for work in School Lane field play area. A quotation had been received from Playground Facilities Ltd to upgrade the current play equipment and securely fence the whole area. Cllrs considered the proposal exciting but required other quotes to enable them to compare equipment and costs. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her work in connection with this quotation and asked for her to obtain other quotations for consideration by the PC.
 - c) Moles had again become a problem in both the Coffee Pot and School Lane playing fields and the Clerk was asked to arrange for them to be dealt with – Cllr Turl proposed and Cllr Westlake seconded the use of Keepers Pest Control to carry out the work at a cost of £300.00 + VAT.
- 3074** **8. Y G RECREATION CENTRE & Y G VILLAGE HALL (CT & CK)**
- 3075** **9. CORRESPONDENCE - Literature for circulation – action required.**
 - a) West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit – Workshop 24th January at Daventry District Council Offices. Cllrs Adey and Westlake indicated an interest in attending. **RW**
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- 3076** **10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
 - a) Cllr Stephenson noted that the Scout tree planting took place in School lane field on 1st December. It was agreed to consider the provision of tree sleeves to protect the trees at a later date.
- 3077** **11. Date of next meeting:**
 - a) **8th January 2008 8pm in the Recreation Centre.**
Meeting closed 10.07pm.