

# MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 4<sup>th</sup> March 2008

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), C King, L Stephenson, T Adey, C Turl, S Tapp, R Westlake, District Cllr McCord, guest Ms S Hope (SNC) and residents Ms J Grote, Ms S Green and W Keeves.
- 3098** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Hutchin.
- 3099** 2. **Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest: Cllr Stephenson declared an interest in agenda items 6.2b and 7.3b.
- 3100** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 Minute no 3095 8b – Cllr Crisp queried the wording ‘premises were owned by the PC’ – it was agreed that the land, not the building, was owned by the PC and Cllr Crisp amended the Minutes accordingly. The Minutes of Meeting held 5.2.08 were then agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 Matters Arising: None.
- 3101** 4. **Open Forum:** Comments attached.  
8.40pm Ms Hope leaves.
- 3102** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 Applications received:
- a) S/2008/0185/P, 1 High Street. Two detached dwellings. In view of the prominence and archaeological importance of this site Cllr Westlake proposed a site visit. This was seconded by Cllr Stephenson. All in favour. The Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements.
- b) S/2008/0132/P, 13 Malborough Way. Single storey rear extension. Cllrs observed as follows ‘they would request that any concerns raised by neighbouring property owners be satisfactorily addressed and/or resolved, bearing in mind that, whilst this will be visible from 24 Eastfield Crescent, this property was not sent a neighbour notification. Additionally, Councillors would note that this property has at present a sizable conservatory at the rear, which is not shown on the submitted plans – no suggestion is made in the application as to whether this will be re-built.’
- 5.2 Amendments:
- a) S/2007/1647/P, land adj 62 Moorend Road. Detached dwelling and detached double garage. Cllrs observed as follows
1. ‘The change of red line to include access road – does the applicant own the entrance road?’
  2. Confirmation of swimming pool depth – Parish Council not supplied with any information.
  3. Demonstration of pedestrian visibility splays – it is considered that vehicle visibility splays and details would assist more.
- The objections as previously submitted still stand.’
- b) S/2007/1668/P, 2 Woodville Crescent. Conservatory to rear.
- 5.3 Applications granted:
- a) S/2007/1668/P, 2 Woodville Crescent. Conservatory to rear. 2 conditions. These were read out to the meeting by Cllr Crisp.  
8.55pm District Cllr McCord, Ms Green and Ms Grote leave.
- 5.4 Applications refused: None.
- 5.5 Applications withdrawn: None.
- 5.6 Other: None.
- 3103** 6. **Finance:**
- 6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a) Clerk’s salary Feb 08 £315.67 (001582).
- b) Clerk’s expenses Feb 08 £21.27 + £2.50 VAT (001583).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Feb 08 £50.20 + £8.79 VAT (001584).
- d) Anglian Water – allotment bill from 13<sup>th</sup> July 07 – 11<sup>th</sup> February 08 £78.63 (001585).
- e) Mr Macdonald – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – Feb 2008 – £50.00 (001586).
- f) Mrs A M Ratcliffe – contribution for use of telephone 16/10/07 – 15/1/08 £33.19 (001587).
- 6.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED:
- a) A & L Henson – horse field rent - £30.00.
- b) Allotment deposit - £10.00
- c) Scottish Widows interest – 2/10/07 – 2/1/08 - £384.98
- d) NCC – mowing contribution 2007 £500.75
- e) YGVH – mowing contribution 2007 £179.06
- f) YGRC – mowing contribution 2007 £318.29
- g) YGRC – rent 2007 £52.00
- 6.3 OTHER:
- a) Scottish Widows account signatories – amended as per Min No. 3093 6.4 a).
- b) Request from Yardley Gobion Football Club for PC to consider contribution to replace goalposts and nets. Cllr Crisp read the letter to the meeting and after discussion the Clerk was asked to respond as follows – Councillors are minded to consider favourably the request for assistance with the funding for new goalposts and nets, however they would wish to see three competitive quotations for the equipment to enable them to make a formal decision as to the amount they are prepared to contribute.
- c) NCALC Internal Audit Service – Terms of Reference. Approved by all & placed on circulation.
- d) Bank Reconciliations 1.4.07 – 31.12.07. Cllr King had checked these prior to the meeting and

was satisfied with them.

## 7. Committee Reports

### 7.1 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING

a) SNC – Application for a Diversion Order in Respect of Footpath SH 26. Minuted.

b) The PC had received correspondence from NCC ROW department asking for confirmation of land ownership of Footpath SH 28 adjacent to Bridge No 59. Cllr Westlake had researched the matter and the Clerk was asked to respond that the land is owned by Mr Roger Weston, The Elms, Yardley Gobion. However, Cllrs were concerned that the ROW department were not just dealing with the ROW this Council was concerned with, but were considering creating other linking routes, and they would like a formal meeting with all concerned prior to an application being submitted for a definitive map modification order.

c) Village bus shelter – Oil had been noted on the bus shelter seat and floor on February 12<sup>th</sup> – Cllr Crisp had reported the matter to SNC whose street cleaners were asked put down granules to soak up the oil on the floor, but were unable to take any action with regard to the seat, which Cllr Turl and Crisp then removed. Cllr Crisp also reported the matter to the police. Cllr King proposed that the seat not be replaced. Seconded by Cllr Adey. All in favour. The Clerk was asked to minute that in view of the inappropriate acts and vandalism associated with the current bus shelter they would not consider providing another shelter unless significant requirement from bus users was apparent. If such a need was proven then consultation would take place with residents adjacent to the proposed site of the shelter.

d) Receipt of signed mowing contracts for 2008 from N J Blackwell. Cllr Crisp signed both copies on behalf of the PC, one copy to be returned to N J Blackwell.

e) Cllr Westlake had noted the damage done at the beginning of February to the ditch and hedge at the end of Grafton Road where it joins the A508. Atkins advised that a contractor had carried out the work and a meeting had been scheduled between their Mr Foster and the contractor to investigate the matter, but no action had been taken as at the date of the meeting. The Clerk was asked to write complaining about the destruction of trees and the annihilation of the verge. Cllr Westlake would supply photographs.

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### 7.2 PLAYING-FIELD/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES

a) Monthly play-area inspection report. Mr Macdonald's play area inspection report was unfortunately not available – the Clerk was asked to check the report when it was received for any urgent action required. Mr Macdonald was to be asked to remove litter from under the hedge at the rear of Lime Road.

b) Pocket Park inspection report. Mr Macdonald's inspection report was unfortunately not available – the Clerk was asked to check the report when it was received for any action required.

c) Moles were still a problem in both the village playing fields. The Clerk was asked to find out what action had been taken by Keepers Pest Control in dealing with them.

d) A quotation had been obtained from N J Blackwell for work in the Pocket Park - £22.00 + VAT monthly for mowing and strimming and one-off costs for hedge cutting, ivy trimming and dealing with the elderberry of £150.00 + VAT plus a tip charge of £35.00 + VAT. Cllr Westlake proposed and Cllr Turl seconded that this quotation be accepted, and if the quote for repairing the hole in the fence near Druce End was less than £75.00 + VAT, then this be accepted too. All in favour.

e) The Clerk had obtained eight designs for the refurbishment of the School Lane play area. It was agreed that Cllrs Tapp, Westlake, Crisp and Stephenson form an advisory group to report back to the next PC meeting their recommendations for two or three of the designs for the PC to choose from.

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f) Work on School Lane playing field had been previously agreed by Minute No 3055 7.2 b) and it was now time for this to be carried out. It was further proposed by Cllr King and seconded by Cllr Tapp that further work – slitting – be carried out at a cost of £350.00 + VAT. All in favour. The Clerk was asked to make arrangements for this with the contractor.

### 7.3 ALLOTMENTS

a) Annual Allotment Holders Meeting – it was agreed that this be held prior to the PC meeting at 7pm on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

b) Allotment Rent 2008/2009 – further to a suggestion by an allotment holder it was proposed by Cllr Westlake and seconded by Cllr King that the rent should remain at £6.00 for 2008, but the next rent would be due on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009, and annually thereafter on that date. This would give time for new allotment holders to make the most of their plots. All in favour. It was also agreed that the new rent would be advised to allotment holders by the end of each September.

## 8. Y G RECREATION CENTRE & Y G VILLAGE HALL (CT & CK) Report from PC representatives.

a) YGVH – Nothing to report.

b) YGRC – Cllr Turl reported that a new Committee had been elected at the RC, and they had asked if the PC would re-consider their objection to the siting of the smoking shelter as there were various projects on going and the cost of removing the shelter would cause problems. They had offered to make good and keep maintained the lights on and around the playing field, and to ensure they were lit at all times when it was dark. Cllr Westlake proposed, and Cllr King seconded that in view of the foregoing comments, whilst the Council do still wish the smoking shelter to be removed and re-erected elsewhere as mentioned previously, this need not be

carried out until March 2009, when the situation would be reviewed. Councillors also understood that a formal planning application was not required by South Northants Council and required confirmation of this in writing. All in favour.

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9. SPECIAL PROJECTS

- a) Review and revision if required of PC's Standing Orders. It was agreed that the Clerk ascertain if the 2003 Model Standing Orders were still current or if new ones had been prepared.
- b) Risk Assessment review 2007/2008. The Clerk was asked to obtain the Risk Assessment model mentioned in the external auditor's notes. Cllr Crisp mentioned that he was considering attending the Green Space Toolkit meeting at ACRE, which mentioned risk assessments.

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10. CORRESPONDENCE - Literature for circulation – action required.

- a) NCC – Good Neighbourliness: The Emergency Planning Perspective – 11<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm at SNC. Cllr King hoped to attend. **CK**
- b) South Northamptonshire Youth Council – Youth Opportunity Fund 2008/2009. Placed on circulation. Cllr Turl asked for a copy of the paperwork.
- c) S N C - Canal Parish Partnership – next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> March at the Council Offices. Placed on circulation. Cllr Westlake hoped to attend. **RW**
- d) NACRE – Invitation to the launch of a Green Space Toolkit – 16<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm – 8.30pm at Hunsbury Hill. The Clerk was asked to book 2 places for Cllrs. **GC**
- e) SNC – Housing Transfer Project – disposal or appropriation of land. Closes 6<sup>th</sup> March. No YG land affected, but the Clerk was asked to ascertain whether the garages in Budge and Warren Roads were being transferred. (Note – confirmation since received that they are being transferred to South Northants Homes.) **+1**
- f) CPRE – Northants Planning and Landscapes – 15<sup>th</sup> April 6pm at Cranford Hall. 2 places booked. **RW**
- g) Calor Village of the Year competition – closing date 26<sup>th</sup> March. Paperwork had already been circulated. **LS**

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11. **Date of next meeting:**

- a) **1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 8pm in the Village Hall preceded by the annual Allotment Holders meeting at 7pm.**  
Meeting closed 10.45pm.

**Open Forum**

Ms Green and Ms Grote had come to the meeting to discuss their planning applications for Mount Pleasant Farm – however, it was pointed out that these applications had been discussed at the January and February PC meetings and a formal response had already been sent to SNC's planning dept, so no further discussion could take place.

District Cllr McCord reported that the unauthorised access gate in Moorend Road had been removed, but the ditch and hedgerow still required re-instatement.

Ms Hope spoke about the need for affordable housing in the district. A housing needs survey would be the first stage. Such houses would be owned and managed by a housing association and restrictions would be set so that they could not be lost onto the open market. Out of 3,000 applicants for Council housing in the district YG was the no1 choice for 15. At present there are 27 properties in the village, with no change of occupancy in the last 12 months, so there is considerable need for affordable housing. Councillors agreed to join Ms Hope for a walk around the village to identify possible sites and the Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements.