

# MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), C King, L Stephenson, T Adey, C Turl, S Tapp, A Hutchin, R Westlake & residents Mr & Mrs French, Mrs May, Mr & Mrs Woodall, Mrs Lambert, Mr Tite, Mr
- 3109** **1.** Hiscocks, Mr & Mrs Hill, Ms Cox, Ms McKay, Ms Terrett, S Tracy & Ms Kershaw.
- 3110** **2. Apologies for Absence:**
- 3111** **a) Council Matters:**
- 3.** Declaration of Interest: Cllr King declared an interest in agenda item 5.2a.
- 3.1 Previous Meeting:**  
The Minutes of Meeting held 4.3.08 were then agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 Matters Arising:**  
Cllrs had walked round the village with Ms Hope to look for affordable housing sites, and next she would be writing to the Clerk requesting Cllrs comments on the draft housing needs survey.
- 3112** **4. Open Forum:** Comments attached.  
8.40pm Mr & Mrs Woodall, Mrs Lambert, Mr Tite, Mr Hiscocks, Mr & Mrs Hill, Ms Cox, Ms McKay, Ms Terrett, S Tracy & Ms Kershaw leave.
- 3113** **5. Planning:**
- 5.1** Applications received: None.
- 5.2** Amendments:
- a)** S/2007/1647/P, land adj 62 Moorend Road. Detached dwelling and detached double garage. Cllrs observed as follows 'if this application is approved we would like to see a condition imposed to ensure all three first floor windows on the rear elevation remain obscured. Additionally it appears that the dormer bedroom window is to be specified non-openable – should this apply to the bathroom windows as well? We have no observations to make regarding the additional window and the internal alterations. The objections as previously submitted still stand.'
- b)** S/2008/0132/P, 13 Malborough Way. Single storey rear extension. Cllrs had no further comments to make.
- c)** S/2008/0185/P, 1 High Street. Two detached dwellings. Cllrs observed as follows – 'we strongly object to the application for the following reasons -  
1 - The original plans do not seem to be representative of the design. 2 - The level of the building in relation to the existing ground. 3 - The height of the building. 4 - Drainage and access for the site. 5 - On site arrangements for vehicles. 6 - The construction material is not in keeping with the neighbouring properties. 7 -The considerable historical value of the site – being the site of the former St Leonard's Chapel – a full archaeological investigation should be carried out prior to the application being considered further. Additionally, any concerns raised by neighbouring property owners should be satisfactorily addressed and/or resolved.'  
9pm Mr & Mrs French and Mrs May leave.
- 5.3** Applications granted:
- a)** S/2008/0071/P, 101 Hesketh Road. Single storey rear extension. 3 conditions.
- b)** S/2208/0098/P, 19 Warren Road. Single storey extensions to front and rear. 3 conditions.
- c)** S/2008/0102/LB, 8 Chestnut Road. Installation of conservation roof light to first floor. 2 conditions.
- 5.4** Applications refused:
- a)** S/2007/1628/P, 6 Acre Paddock, Mount Pleasant Farm. Hay barn, corner stable and tack room. Applications withdrawn:
- b)** S2007/1548/P, land to rear of Mount Pleasant Farm. Stable block and all weather arena.
- 5.5** Other:
- a)** Stables without planning permission – land to rear of Mount Pleasant Farm. Having been advised of these by a resident, Cllr Crisp had confirmed the presence of the stables. He passed the information to Ken Vaughan, SNC Enforcement Officer, who confirmed that he would investigate and advise the Clerk of the result.
- 3114** **6. Finance:**
- 6.1** ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a)** Clerk's salary Mar 08 £315.67 (001588).
- b)** Clerk's expenses Mar 08 £13.60 + £2.38 VAT (001589).
- c)** A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Mar 08 £60.24 + £10.54 VAT (001590).
- d)** N J Blackwell Garden Services – mowing 18.3.08 & 26.3.08 £332.73 + £58.23 VAT(001591).
- e)** ABB - lighting maintenance q/ended 31.3.08 £224.73 + £39.33 VAT (001592).
- f)** Mr Macdonald – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – Mar 2008 – £50.00 (001593).
- g)** CPRE membership 14//4/08 – 13/4/09 £28.00 (001594).
- h)** NCALC – Internal Audit Service y/e 31.3.09 – £159.60 (001595).
- i)** NCALC – Membership 1.4.08 – 31.3.09 £233.00 (001596).
- j)** NCALC – Local Council Review subscription 2008/2009 £14.00 (001597).
- k)** Enterprise Inns – Coffee Pot field rent 1/4/08-30/6/08 £10.00 + £1.75 VAT. PAID BY STANDING ORDER.
- 6.2** PAYMENTS RECEIVED:
- a)** A & L Henson – horse field rent - £30.00.
- b)** HM Revenue & Customs VAT refund - £1,880.46.

- 6.3 OTHER:
- a) National Salary Award – advice of salary award and new pay scales for Local Council Clerks. The Clerk left the meeting and Cllr Stephenson proposed and Cllr King seconded that the amount of back pay due to the Clerk (£93.60) be paid in May. All in favour.
- b) Cllr King proposed that from May 08 the Clerk’s spinal point be increased from 20 to 22. Seconded by Cllr Westlake. All in favour.  
The Clerk returned to the meeting.
- c) Request from Yardley Gobion Football Club for PC to consider contribution to replace goalposts and nets. Three quotations had been provided. These were discussed and Cllr King proposed a contribution in the sum of £350.00. This was seconded by Cllr Hutchin. All in favour.
- d) Receipt of Certificate of Public Liability Insurance 1.3.08 – 1.3.09 from N J Blackwell Garden Services. Minuted.
- 3115 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 agreeing to a formal meeting with all concerned prior to an application being submitted for a definitive map modification order. The Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements.
- c) Damage to Elm Green. Cllr Crisp outlined what had occurred on the corner of Elm Green near the pump and signpost, when a tanker had tried to turn from Grafton Road into Moorend Road and got stuck. The matter had been reported to the police, and the damage to the verge and green to NCC.
- 7.2 PLAYING-FIELD/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES
- a) Monthly play-area inspection report. Mr Macdonald’s play area inspection report was read out to the meeting by Cllr Crisp, which indicated some litter, and glass and bottle caps (which he had removed) in the Coffee Pot field play area, but no real problems.
- b) Pocket Park - Mr Macdonald’s inspection report was read out to the meeting by Cllr Crisp which indicated some litter (which he had removed), but no real problems.
- c) Moles were still a problem in both the village playing fields and treatment by Keepers Pest Control was ongoing.
- d) Play Area improvements - Cllr Stephenson gave the recommendations of the advisory group to the PC, however, it was necessary for an advertisement asking for tenders to be placed in the local press prior to making a final decision. The Clerk was asked to arrange this.
- e) It was also agreed that at least 3 quotations were required for the fencing of the area – metal, recycled plastic and wood types were discussed.
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS
- a) Annual Allotment Holders Meeting – the Clerk reviewed the Meeting that had just taken place.
- b) Allotment Allocation – the Clerk reported that there were 2 vacant allotment plots with a waiting list comprising YG residents with no allotments - 1, YG residents with one allotment - 3 and non-residents – 3 and asked Cllrs for their decision as to how to allocate the plots. Cllr Turl proposed that they be allocated in the following order – a) residents with no allotments, b) residents with 1 allotment and c) non-residents. Seconded by Cllr Tapp. All in favour.
- 3116 8. Y G RECREATION CENTRE & Y G VILLAGE HALL (CT & CK) Report from PC representatives.
- a) YGVH – Nothing to report.
- b) YGRC – Nothing to report.
- 3117 9. COMMUNITY ITEMS
- a) Anti social behaviour in the village – in view of the time spent on this subject during the Open Forum it was agreed to defer any further discussion until the next PC meeting.
- b) Police Community Panel – Cllr Stephenson had attended the recent meeting, and reported that most villages had the same problems.
- 3118 10. CORRESPONDENCE - Literature for circulation – action required.
- a) NACRE – Invitation to the launch of a Green Space Toolkit – 16<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm – 8.30pm at Hunsbury Hill. The Clerk had booked 2 places for Cllrs.
- b) CPRE – Northants Planning and Landscapes – 15<sup>th</sup> April 6pm at Cranford Hall. 2 places booked.
- c) NCC – Consultation on the sustainable communities strategy for Northamptonshire 2008/2031. Closes 10<sup>th</sup> April.
- d) CPRE Summer Ball. 30<sup>th</sup> May at Highgate House, Creaton.
- 3119 11. **Date of next meeting:**
- a) **6<sup>th</sup> May 2008 8pm in the Village Hall – Annual Parish Assembly followed by the Annual Meeting of the Council.**  
Meeting closed 11.00pm.

### **Open Forum**

Mrs Woodall spoke about the constant threat of flooding from the field behind Hesketh Road every time it rained, and that no one would take responsibility for the problem. Cllrs felt that this might be a civil matter, and suggested that affected residents sought legal advice before any formal complaint was made, but asked that copies of any paperwork be passed to the Clerk and the issue would then be discussed at the next PC meeting to see if any pressure could be brought to bear on the relevant authorities.

Mr Tite spoke on behalf of residents from Chestnut Road and Eastfield Crescent to express their concerns regarding the Coffee Pot playing field, where an impromptu camp had been set up in the copse, and the Police had taken little or no action. Cllrs asked that the Clerk be given a written list of relevant crime incident numbers, resident's comments on the response of the Police to the incidents, and copies of any paperwork from the Police. The issue would then be discussed at the next PC meeting to see if any pressure could be brought to bear on the Police. Cllr Stephenson reported that out of 550 cards recently circulated for comments about concerns in the village only 29 had been returned, so the Police had assumed there was not much of a problem.