

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION ANNUAL MEETING & PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 6th May 2008

ANNUAL MEETING

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), R Westlake, C King, Ms L Stephenson, A Hutchin, Mrs S Tapp & Ms T Adey.
- 3120** **1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr C Turl, County Cllr Walker & Dist Cllr McCord.
- 2. Council Matters:**
- a)** Minutes of Annual Meeting held 15 .05. 07 were agreed/signed as a correct record.
- b)** Election of Chair and Vice Chair. Cllr Crisp indicated his willingness to stand again as Chair. Cllr King proposed that Cllr Crisp be Chair, Cllr Ms Stephenson seconded, all Cllrs voted in favour. Cllr Westlake indicated his willingness to stand again as Vice Chair. Cllr Ms Stephenson proposed that Cllr Westlake be Vice Chair, Cllr Crisp seconded, all Cllrs voted in favour.
- c) Committee Membership and Representatives. Following discussion, it was agreed:**
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| Planning | - | Cllrs: Westlake (L), King, Ms Stephenson and Crisp |
| Finance & GP | - | Cllrs: King (L), Westlake, Turl, Ms Stephenson and Crisp |
| Highways & Environment, | | |
| Street lighting & mowing | - | Cllrs: Westlake (L) and Ms Stephenson |
| Playing fields, play areas, | | |
| village trees & Pocket Park | | Cllrs: Turl (L), King & Crisp |
| Allotments | - | Cllr Westlake |
| YGRC/YGVH | - | Cllrs: Turl, Adey, Tapp and King |
| Village Directory | - | Cllr Hutchin |
| Parochial Charities | - | Cllr Westlake |
| Canal Partnership | - | Cllr Westlake |
| Tree Warden | - | Cllr Turl |
| Old Mail Correspondent | - | Cllr King |
| Webmaster | - | Cllr Hutchin |
| Emergency Planning Officer | | Cllr King indicated an interest in this and agreed to research the role further. |
- Meeting closed 9.05pm

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), C King, L Stephenson, T Adey, S Tapp, A Hutchin & R Westlake.
- 3121** **1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr C Turl, County Cllr Walker & Dist Cllr McCord.
- 3122** **2. Council Matters:**
- a)** Declaration of Interest: Cllr King declared an interest in agenda item 5.1b), 6.1 i) and 7.2 a). Cllr Stephenson declared an interest in agenda item 6.1 j). Cllr Westlake declared an interest in agenda item 6.1 k).
- 3123** **3. Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1** The Minutes of Meeting held 1.4.08 were then agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2** Matters Arising:
- a)** Cllr Crisp had attended the Green Space Toolkit launch on 16th April at Hunsbury Hill to learn more about risk assessment – but this was only 1 item out of 8. However, he had received information about a course to be held by NCALC and recommended that all Cllrs attended this.
- b)** Cllr King had attended the CPRE Northants Planning and Landscapes forum on 15th April at Cranford Hall but he did not feel it had been particularly useful. Paperwork placed on circulation.
- 3124** **4. Open Forum:** None.
- 3125** **5. Planning:**
- 5.1** Applications received:
- a)** S/2008/0448/P, 18 Brownsfield Road. Two storey side, single storey rear and single storey front extensions. Cllrs had ‘no observations.’
- b)** S/2008/0455/PT, 2 Woodville Crescent. Crown clean, crown thin by 15% and crown lift to 3.5 metres one lime tree. Cllrs had ‘no observations.’
- c)** S/2008/0463/PT, 99 Hesketh Road. Remove three lime trees. Cllrs observed as follows ‘these are significant trees in the village but Councillors reluctantly agree to the proposal provided it is considered necessary by the SNC arboriculturalist, and they are replaced with more suitable trees.’
- d)** S/2008/0481/P, Potterspurty Lodge School. Extension to the gymnasium for changing, store and classroom. Councillors observed as follows – ‘we have no objections to the hall extension itself, but would consider that the proposed toilets and changing rooms do not comply with the requirements for disabled access – and also that the changing rooms are too small for the size of the hall.’
- e)** S/2008/0609/P, 1 High Street. Two detached dwellings. Cllrs still felt the issues mentioned previously had not been addressed and therefore observed again 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.’

5.2 Amendments: None.

5.3 Applications granted:

a) S/2007/1647/P, land adj 62 Moored Road. Detached dwelling and detached double garage. 15 conditions. Placed on circulation

5.4 Applications refused: None.

5.5 Applications withdrawn:

a) S/2008/0185/P, 1 High Street. Two detached dwellings.

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6. Finance:

6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:

a) Clerk’s salary Apr 08 (£323.47) + back pay from April 07-Mar 08 (£93.60.) (0041598).

b) Clerk’s expenses Apr 08 £13.60 + £2.38 VAT (001599).

c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Apr 08 £76.80 + £13.44 VAT (001600).

d) N J Blackwell Garden Services – mowing (£980.24) & work in Pocket Park (£169.50) April 08 (total = £1,149.74 + £201.20 VAT)(001601).

e) e.on – village lighting q/ended 31.3.08 £714.99 + £125.12 VAT (001602).

f) Mr Macdonald – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – Apr 2008 – £50.00 (001603).

g) Yardley Gobion Football Club - £350.00 contribution towards nets & goalposts. Previously agreed under Minute Number 3114 6.3 c)(001604).

h) Weedwise – deep vein slitting to School Lane playing field £350.00 + £61.25 VAT (001605).

i) C King - mileage to CPRE planning forum at Cranford Hall 15th April – 62 miles at 55.8p per mile – £34.60 (001606).

j) L Stephenson – mileage to Police Community panel meetings – 33 miles at 55.8p p per mile – (£18.40) & photocopying £2.80 (001607)

k) Westlake Surveys Ltd – photocopying - 232 copies @ 5p + VAT per copy – £11.60 + £2.03 VAT (001608).

6.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED:

a) SNC - First half of precept - £11,400.00

b) A & L Henson – horse field rent - £30.00.

6.3 TRANSFERS:

a) Nat West to Scottish Widows - £8,000.00 (001609).

6.4 OTHER:

a) Insurance Quotations renewal date 1/6/08

Allianz - £1,071.12.

Norwich Union via Came & Co - £910.45 or £864.93 if a 3 year agreement is signed. Cllr Stephenson agreed to study both quotations and if the cover was the same (or more) then Cllr King proposed and Cllr Westlake seconded that the PC accept the quotation from Came & Co for the 3 year agreement and cheque 001610 to be raised in payment. All in favour.

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b) Nat West – details of bank charges from 2/6/08. The Clerk had been advised that NatWest would begin charging for the PC current account as from 2/6/08, and she agreed to research other suitable accounts.

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7. Committee Reports

7.1 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING

a) Section 215 notice served by SNC on 13 Warren Road, Yardley Gobion. Placed on circulation.

b) BT – proposed removal of village telephone kiosk. The Clerk was asked to ascertain the usage of the telephone if possible. Placed on circulation.

c) Recommendations regarding replacement street lamps. Cllr Westlake agreed to provide a map showing the position of the proposed new lamps for discussion, and also to research their cost.

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7.2 PLAYING-FIELD/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES

a) Request from St Leonard’s Church to use Coffee Pot playing field as overflow car park for Open Gardens event 5th/6th July 2008. All in favour provided the St Leonard’s Social Committee signed the standard conditions for use of the field.

b) Letter regarding behaviour in Pocket Park. After considerable discussion the Clerk was asked to respond as follows – ‘At the Annual Parish Assembly it was noted that in December the first reports of vandalism and mis-use of the park were brought to the attention of the Parish Council. In January a hole in the fence from Brownsfield Road was noticed, this was used by youths to obtain entry and exit from the park after dark. Unfortunately anti social behaviour has continued unabated, and Councillors have been considering the use of the Pocket Park for some months, and one action they have taken is to ask the Police to include it in the areas they visit when in the village. They have also arranged for a contractor to carry out a regular tidy up of the park, and for it to be litter-picked every week.’ Cllrs also asked that any incidents be reported to the Police so that they have a picture of the behaviour there.

c) 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, (which he had removed) in the Coffee Pot field play area, and that the rubber of the cradle seat swing was breaking around the edges. Cllrs agreed to inspect this. In School Lane field play area there was litter, which had been removed, and w/e 26th April, whilst the equipment was ok, there was dog fouling evident – which had also been removed.

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- d) Pocket Park - Mr Macdonald's inspection report was read out to the meeting by Cllr Crisp which indicated significant litter and broken glass(which he had removed).
- e) Play Area improvements - Cllr Stephenson gave the recommendations of the advisory group to the PC and proposed that the quotation from Monster Play Systems Ltd @ £23,978.22 + VAT for new equipment be accepted. Seconded by Cllr Tapp. All in favour.
- f) Quotations for bowtop fencing had been received from Monster - £12,144.00 + VAT and Jacksons - £9,926.36 + VAT, and for timber from Jacksons again - £7,381.00 + VAT. To be researched further.

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7.3 ALLOTMENTS

- a) Independent Inspection Report. All allotments were in a reasonable condition, and it would be in order to refund the deposit on allotment 39, which had been vacated. However, a letter had been received from an allotment holder complaining about the condition another plot had been left in when vacated, and asking for it to be cleared. It was agreed that Cllr Westlake should look at the plot in question and report his findings back to the next PC meeting.

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- 8. Y G VILLAGE HALL (CK) Report from PC representative. – Nothing to report.

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- 9. CORRESPONDENCE - Literature for circulation – action required.

- a) CPRE Summer Ball. 30th May at Highgate House, Creaton.
- b) CPRE – AGM 15 May 08 7.30pm Parsons Memorial Hall, Great Houghton.
- c) SNC - Letter and village survey forms for affordable housing in the village – comments required. Cllrs comments were to be passed on to SNC.
- d) carillion-URS – notification of A5 Potterspurty pedestrian crossing improvements to be carried out from 12th May. Further to this Cllr Westlake advised that the A508 was to be closed for 3 weekends commencing 16/6/08 between Grafton Regis and YG for resurfacing work. It was agreed that residents should be notified of this proposed closure.

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- 10. **Date of next meeting:**
 - a) **3rd June 2008 8pm in the Village Hall**
Meeting closed 10.35pm.