

## MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2008

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), R Westlake, C Turl, C King, Ms L Stephenson, A Hutchin & Mrs S Tapp residents Ms S Green and Mr Gillett-Toone..
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- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr T Adey.
  - 2. Council Matters:**
    - a) Declaration of Interest: None.
  - 3. Previous Meeting:**
    - 3.1** The Minutes of Meeting held 6.5.08 were then agreed/signed as a correct record.
    - 3.2** Matters Arising: None.
  - 4. Open Forum:** Comments attached.  
8.10pm Ms Green leaves, Mr Gillett-Toone enters.
  - 5. Planning:**
    - 5.1** Applications received:
      - a) **For information only**, S/2008/0681/AG, Land at south west side of A508, Yardley Gobion. General purpose agricultural building. Cllrs asked the Clerk to ascertain if they could comment on this application – if so they wished to comment as follows ‘we strongly object to this application. It appears to be the beginning of development and there is no agricultural justification for it, or any stock at present. This barn would be visible from footpaths SH33 and SH27. It would ruin the view across the valley in a special landscape area. Additionally, it is outside the village envelope.’
      - b) S/2008/0566/TR, Payphone, High Street. Removal. A letter had been received from SNC confirming that the payphone had been used 46 times in the past year and therefore Cllrs felt they could not make any comments on this proposal.
      - c) S/2008/0643/P, The Homestead Centre, Watling Street. Hardstanding for vehicle turning and parking. Cllrs agreed to wait for the paperwork to arrive from SNC.
      - d) S/2008/0683/P, Isworth Farm, (Cosgrove parish). 30 berth marina. Cllrs agreed to wait for the paperwork to arrive from SNC.
      - e) S/2208/0730/P, Mount Pleasant Farm. 2 No portacabins for temporary office use for 12 months. (Retrospective.) Cllrs observed had no objections to the application but requested ‘that a condition be imposed that the Portacabins must be removed after 12 months at the latest.’
    - 5.2** Amendments: None.
    - 5.3** Applications granted:
      - a) S/2008/0448/P, 18 Brownsfield Road. Two storey side, single storey rear and single storey front extensions. 2 conditions. Cllr Crisp read these to the meeting.
    - 5.4** Applications refused:
      - a) S/2008/0463/PT, 99 Hesketh Road. Remove three lime trees.
    - 5.5** Applications withdrawn: None.
  - 6. Finance:**
    - 6.1** ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
      - a) Clerk’s salary May 08 £343.94 (001611).
      - b) Clerk’s expenses May 08 £27.22+ £4.01 VAT (001612).
      - c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service May 08 £61.44 + £10.75 VAT (001613).
      - d) N J Blackwell Garden Services – contract mowing & strimming in Pocket Park May 08 (001614).
      - e) Mrs Pettifer – refund for relinquishment of allotment £10.00 (001615).
      - f) Mr Perry – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – May 2008 – £50.00 (001616).
      - g) Weedwise – applying selective herbicide to School Lane playing field £425.00 + £74.38 VAT (001617).
    - 6.2** PAYMENTS RECEIVED:
      - a) A & L Henson – horse field rent - £30.00.
    - 6.3** TRANSFERS:
      - a) Scottish Widows to Nat West - £1,800.00.
    - 6.4** OTHER:
      - a) To Minute formal acceptance of Insurance Quotation from Norwich Union via Came & Co - £864.93 if a 3 year agreement is signed. Cheque no 001610 issued as approved previously.
      - b) LloydsTSB – details of bank accounts for Parish Councils. These were reviewed and it was agreed that the application form be completed to change from NatWest.
      - c) Annual Return 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008. Accounts year ending 31/3/08 – Both sections of the Annual Return (the Statement of Accounts and the Statement of Assurance) were fully discussed. Cllr Stephenson proposed that they be noted and approved. Seconded by Cllr Westlake. Approved by all Cllrs.  
Cllr Crisp as Chairman and the Clerk then signed the Statement of Accounts on behalf of the PC.  
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  - 7. Committee Reports**
    - 7.1** HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING
      - a) County Cllr A Walker – extension of 30mph limit, Moorend Road. This was discussed at

length and eventually Cllrs decided that this amount of money (in the region of £4,000.00 due to the cost of the Traffic Regulations Order) would be better spent on more worthwhile village projects as it was cost-prohibitive, and they felt the expenditure was inappropriate. The subject of traffic speed warning signs was then discussed and Cllrs considered the possibility of contributing to the cost of a mobile speed deterrent, which could be used in all the villages in County Cllr Walker's ward.

- b) Recommendations regarding replacement street lamps. Cllr Westlake indicated on a map of the village where the identified 15 lamps would be replaced by new SON white lights and it was agreed to ask for a formal quotation from ABB for the work to be carried out in September/October and to ascertain the difference in energy costs between the old and new lights, and also the new maintenance costs as the new lights may be on a different tariff.
- c) It was noted that PL61 in Hesketh Road was obscured by overhanging vegetation and the Clerk was asked to write to the householder accordingly. Additionally, 72 Hesketh Road was to be served with an overhanging vegetation notice.
- d) Formal thanks were recorded to Mrs Clark for the cultivation of the verge outside 11 High Street.

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

- a) Cllr Stephenson advised that an order had been placed with Monster Play Systems Ltd and the new play equipment would be installed during the second week of July. A working party needed to be arranged prior to this to remove and dispose of the old and obsolete equipment. The play area advisory group agreed to meet to arrange this and discuss the provision of fencing for the area. RW  
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- b) Moles were still evident in both playing fields and the Clerk was asked to contact Keepers Pest Control to find out what work had been carried out.
- c) Monthly play-area inspection report. Mr Perry's play area inspection report was read out to the meeting by Cllr Crisp, which indicated few problems in both playing fields. Cllr Westlake had inspected the cradle seat swing in the Coffee Pot field and recommended its replacement. Cllr Stephenson agreed to speak to Monster Play Systems Ltd to obtain a quotation for supply and fixing of a new seat. LS
- d) Pocket Park - Mr Perry's inspection report was read out to the meeting by Cllr Crisp which indicated no problems.
- e) Cllr Turl advised that there were two dead hawthorns along the High Street entrance to the village, one 8<sup>th</sup> in and the other the 1<sup>st</sup> in. It was agreed to put the decision regarding replacement trees on the September agenda, together with any TPO trees that had been removed and not replaced..
- f) Cllrs had noted that a TPO tree at the Lime Road entrance to School Lane had been replaced but had since died and the Clerk was asked to contact Ian Lorman at SNC for his advice. Additionally, she was asked to report the tree in Brownsfield Road to the Street Doctor.

## 7.3 ALLOTMENTS

- a) The Clerk reported one plot holder who had not paid their rent and she was asked to serve notice on them. The matter of asbestos guttering left on a plot was discussed and Cllr Westlake agreed to look at the plot in question and report his findings back to the Clerk who had already spoken to SNC about disposal procedures for asbestos. RW

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

8.1 Y G RECREATION CENTRE (CT) Report from PC representative – there had been a break in at the Club, which had necessitated the purchase of a new alarm system.

## 9. COMMUNITY ITEMS

- a) Cllr Crisp introduced the idea of providing a youth shelter. Cllr Turl suggested a youth worker run a club in the village. It was agreed that Ms Green's idea (see Open Forum) was excellent and the PC would fully support her in her endeavours to start a youth club in the village. Cllr Crisp agreed to discuss the matter with PC Wallace – what was available and what could be done to help. GC

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE - Literature for circulation – action required.

- a) **SNC – Parish and Town Council's Planning Forum – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber. CANCELLED.**
- b) Yardley Gobion C.E.Primary School – invitation to Open Morning 4<sup>th</sup> July commencing at 9.10am.
- c) NCC – details of closure of A508.

## 11. Date of next meeting:

- a) **1st July 2008 8pm in the Village Hall**  
Meeting closed 10.15pm.

### Open Forum

Ms Green spoke about starting a youth club in the village. She planned for it to begin during the school holidays or early in the autumn term and it would be for years 5 and 6 at Yardley school and year 7 at Kingsbrook. It would be run by an experienced youth worker. The PC considered this a very good idea and agreed to fully support the venture in whatever way they could.