

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 1st July 2008

- Present** Cllrs R Westlake (Chair), C Turl, T Adey, C King, Ms L Stephenson, A Hutchin & Mrs S Tapp
County Cllr Walker and District Cllr McCord, resident Mr B Tite.
- 3142** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr G Crisp.
- 3143** 2. **Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest: Cllr Tapp declared an interest in Agenda item 7.3..
- 3144** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 The Minutes of Meeting held 3.6.08 were then agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 Matters Arising: None.
- 3145** 4. **Open Forum:** Comments attached.
- 3146** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 Applications received:
- a) S/2008/0815/P, Six Acre Paddock, Mount Pleasant Farm, Moorend Road.. Stables, hay barn and tack room. Cllrs had the following comments 'We would like to see confirmation of the position of the proposed hedge, and ensure the track is built to a satisfactory condition to allow vehicular access. Additionally the line of the public footpath should be preserved through the development'.
- b) S/2008/0848/P, 19 High Street. Single storey rear extension. Cllrs had 'no observations.'
- c) S/2008/0849/LB, 19 High Street. Single storey rear extension. Cllrs had 'no observations.'
- 5.2 Amendments: None.
- 5.3 Applications granted:
- a) S/2008/0681/AG, Land at south west side of A508, Yardley Gobion. General purpose agricultural building. 5 conditions. Placed on circulation.
- b) S/2208/0730/P, Mount Pleasant Farm. 2 No portacabins for temporary office use for 12 months. (Retrospective.)
- 5.4 Applications refused:
- a) S/2008/0683/P, Isworth Farm, Northampton Road, Cosgrove.
- 5.5 Applications withdrawn: None.
- 5.6 Other:
- a) S/2008/0683/P, Isworth Farm, Northampton Road, Cosgrove. Construction of a 30 berth canal marina. To minute response to SNC from Planning Committee, which was as follows 'Councillors do not have any particular issues with the marina as such, but ask whether one parking space for every two berths would be practical. Kingfisher Marina (Yardley Gobion)regularly has 30 to 40 vehicles on site. Their main concern is the access in and out of the site from the A508. Whilst the architect has demonstrated that a 90 metre visibility splay is available – this entranceway is on the inside of a 'shallow' bend on an extremely fast section of the road. There needs to be a widening of the carriageway to provide a safe turning zone – along with suitable road markings/islands etc, along with full advance warnings. Additionally the first section of the entrance track would require widening and passing bays created along the whole length'.
- 3147** 6. **Finance:**
- 6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a) Clerk's salary June 08 £343.94 (001618).
- b) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service June 08 £61.44 + £10.75 VAT (001619).
- c) N J Blackwell Garden Services – contract mowing June 08 £446.11 + £78.06 VAT (001620).
- d) ABB – Public lighting maintenance charges q/ended 30.6.08 £224.73 + £39.33 VAT (001621).
- e) Mr Perry – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – June 2008 – £50.00 (001622).
- f) Mrs A M Ratcliffe – contribution for use of telephone 16/01/08 – 15/04/08 £34.26 (001623).
- 6.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED:
- a) A & L Henson – Horse Field rent - £30.00.
- b) Allotment deposit and rent - £262.00.
- c) Scottish Widows – interest to 1.4.08 - £359.43.
- 6.3 TRANSFERS:
- a) Scottish Widows to Nat West - £1,200.00.
- 3148** 7. **Committee Reports**
- 7.1 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING
- a) ABB – quotation for replacement of street lamps. It appeared that the maintenance charges for the new lamps would be £3.67 per quarter – Cllr Westlake would attempt to ascertain the energy charges for them. In addition ABB had quoted £218.23 + VAT each for replacing the 15 previously identified lamps. **RW**
- b) e.on – receipt of new unmetered supply certificate. Cllr Westlake agreed to check the details were correct. **RW**
- 7.2 PLAYING-FIELD/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES
- a) Cllr Stephenson advised that County Cllr Walker had offered to make a contribution towards the new play area equipment, and she had a meeting with him on 2nd July. It was agreed that quotations should be obtained to resurface the path from the Recreation Centre to School Lane field entrance to make it suitable for disabled access.
- b) Cllr Stephenson reported that the new play equipment would be installed during the second

- week of July, and the old and obsolete equipment required removal before that.
- c) Monthly play-area inspection report. Mr Perry's play area inspection report was read out to the meeting by Cllr Westlake, which indicated few problems in both playing fields.
 - d) Pocket Park - Mr Perry's inspection report was read out to the meeting by Cllr Westlake which indicated no problems.
 - e) Letter from resident regarding trees in the Coffee Pot field. After much discussion, Cllrs agreed to view the site in question and formulate the options available. However, there were numerous trees and all affected residents would need to be consulted prior to any action being taken. It was agreed that Cllrs Turl, Tapp and Westlake form a working group to initially meet with the residents concerned.
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS**
- a) Cllr Tapp reported that an allotment holder wished someone to shoot the rabbits and pigeons which were eating their crops. The Clerk was asked to find out from NCALC the PC's legal position on this matter.
 - b) The Clerk had obtained the necessary paperwork to enable the PC to dispose of the asbestos guttering left on a plot and Mr Perry had quoted £30.00 to take it to the Northampton Waste Transfer Station in Northampton. The cost of disposal to the PC would be £33.00 + VAT. Cllr Turl proposed that Mr Perry be asked to remove the asbestos and take it to the Northampton Waste Transfer Station. Cllr Stephenson seconded the proposal. All in favour.
- 3149 8. Y G VILLAGE HALL & Y G RECREATION CENTRE**
- a) Y G VILLAGE HALL (CK) Report from PC representative. – Nothing to report.
 - b) Y G RECREATION CENTRE (CT) Report from PC representative – The hall floor would be resurfaced w/commencing 18th August. Also Ms Green had been in contact with the RC regarding the use of a room for the youth club she discussed in last month's Open Forum.
- 3150 9. COMMUNITY ITEMS**
- a) Details of flooding experiences in Eastfield Crescent/Hesketh Road. Cllr Westlake agreed initially to survey the area concerned to see if technical information could be provided to the owners of the land which would enable them to carry out procedures to attempt to rectify or alleviate the problem of flooding. **RW**
- 3151 10. CORRESPONDENCE - Literature for circulation – action required.**
- a) Yardley Gobion C.E.Primary School – invitation to Open Morning 4th July commencing at 9.10am. **ALL**
 - b) Northamptonshire Environmental Forum – Improving Your Patch awards – closes 20th July. Placed on circulation.
 - c) WN Joint Planning Unit – Parish Councils Survey – Rural Issues for Core Strategy & DPDs – closing date 31st July. Cllrs Stephenson, Tapp and Westlake indicated an interest in completing this with Cllr Crisp.
 - d) SNC – Parish and Town Council's Planning Forum – Thursday 24th July at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber. The Clerk was asked to book places for Cllrs Stephenson, Westlake and Crisp.
- 3152 11. Date of next meeting:**
- a) **5th August 2008 8pm in the Village Hall**
Meeting closed 10.10pm.

Open Forum

County Cllr Walker advised that he had instigated work on moving the 30 mph sign in Moorend Road. He was interested in the PC's suggestion regarding a mobile speed camera for use in his ward, and would take the idea forward. He had a meeting with Cllr Stephenson on 2nd July to finalise his contribution to the new play area equipment. He noted that the new road surfacing had been carried out on the A508 between Grafton Road and Grafton Regis and appeared to be very satisfactory. Also he had very much enjoyed the recent May Fayre held in the village and the Clerk was asked to convey the PC's thanks to the Recreation Centre committee for the planning and running of the Fayre, which was an event where the whole village could take part and enjoy themselves.

District Cllr McCord advised that SNC's Performance Plan was with the printers and would be available shortly. He commented that SNC's view on rubbish bins and their contents and collection was not as draconian as reported on TV and in the press recently. Council committees had also recently been re-appointed.