

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2nd September 2008

- Present** Cllrs R Westlake (Chair), C Turl, T Adey, C King, B Tite, A Hutchin & Mrs S Tapp, County Cllr Walker and residents Mr & Mrs Dale Skinner and Ms S Green.
- 3164** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs G Crisp & Ms L Stephenson & District Cllr McCord.
- 3165** 2. **Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest: Cllr Tite declared an interest in Agenda item 7.2c).
- 3166** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 The Minutes of Meeting held 5.8.08 were then agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 Matters Arising: None.
- 3167** 4. **Open Forum:** Comments attached.
8.25pm – Mr & Mrs Dale Skinner and Ms Green leave.
8.30pm County Cllr Walker leaves.
- 3168** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 Applications received:
- a) S/2008/1118/P, Moorend Manor. Conversion of barn to single storey dwelling. Cllrs had ‘no observations.’
- b) S/2008/1133/P, Land off Moorend Road. 2 stables and hay barn. Cllrs observed as follows ‘Development in this area has already caused complaints to the Parish Council concerning site access and parking and Councillors would request that suitable conditions be imposed regarding this issue. They also consider that the stables should only be for private use, not commercial or business purposes, and the subject of disposal of animal waste be covered in any permission granted.’
- c) S/2008/1146/PT, 60a Moorend Road. Pruning work to lime tree. Cllrs had ‘no observations.’ Amendments:
- d) S/2008/1069/AG, Springfields Farm, Moorend Road. General purposes steel framed building. FOR INFORMATION ONLY – Cllrs commented as follows ‘We have received the above application paperwork as a Parish Council Re-consultation (Amended Plans), but can find no trace of the previous application, and the Council are therefore making comments upon it as it appears to be a new application. Councillors **STRONGLY object** to the application for the following reasons: There appears to be no justification for the proposal, including the size and proposed positioning of the building and it is therefore considered to be unjustified and unsightly development in the open countryside. They consider the development would be out of place in terms of the scale and height and the size seems excessive for the stated purpose. Councillors would like more details of its actual use as they consider that this may be a new enterprise entirely which together with the PYO polytunnels and the car boot sales intensifies the use of such a small site. It will also have an unfavourable impact on the small established wood to the south and would therefore spoil the visual amenity of the area.’
- 5.2 Applications granted:
- a) S/2008/0815/P, 6 Acre Paddock, Mount Pleasant Farm. Stables, hay barn and tack room. 11 conditions. Cllr Westlake read these out to the meeting.
- 5.3 Applications refused: None.
- 5.4 Applications withdrawn: None.
- 5.5 Outstanding applications/Other planning.
- a) S/2008/0566/TR, Removal of public payphone 2Pco High Street. SNC - No objections.
- b) S/2008/0643/P, The Homestead Centre, Watling Street. Hardstanding for vehicle turning and parking. Cllrs had been waiting since the June meeting for the paperwork to arrive from SNC. Cllrs had ‘no observations.’
- 3169** 6. **Finance:**
- 6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a) Clerk’s salary Aug 08 £343.94 (001635).
- b) Clerk’s expenses Aug 08 £4.52 + 13p VAT (001636).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service July 08 £61.44 + £10.75 VAT (001637).
- d) N J Blackwell Garden Services – contract mowing Aug 08 £740.61+ £129.61 VAT (001638).
- e) Mr Macdonald – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – Aug 2008 – £50.00 (001639).
- f) Close Invoice Finance Ltd for Monster Play Systems Ltd – grass matting for School Lane play area £379.92 + £66.49 VAT (001640).
- g) Mr R Weston – removal of obsolete and dangerous equipment from play area £25.00 (001641).
- h) Mr P Neal t/a Keepers Pest Control – treatment of playing fields to remove moles £350.00 (001633). Cllrs had discussed payment of this invoice at length at the last meeting and the Clerk’s letter to Mr Neal had elicited a response which was disputed by some Cllrs – however, it was felt that the company had attended on numerous occasions and had treated the 2 playing fields, albeit with limited success, and therefore the cheque was passed for payment.
- i) Northants CALC – Cllr Crisp to Insurance & Risk Assessment course £29.00 (001642).
- j) Mr M Bowyer – refund of allotment deposit for plot 38 £10.00 (001643).
- 6.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED:
- a) A & L Henson – Horse Field rent - £30.00.
- b) NCC via County Cllr A Walker - £1,324.00 grant towards refurbishment of play area. Formal thanks to be recorded to County Cllr Walker.
- 6.3 TRANSFERS: None.

- 6.4 OTHER:**
- a) Details of how Parish Council could apply for loan. The Clerk had obtained the necessary paperwork, which was to be placed on circulation.
- 3170 7. Committee Reports**
- 7.1 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING**
- a) Report concerning investigation into flooding experiences in Eastfield Crescent/Hesketh Road – Cllr Westlake presented his report to the meeting and the Clerk was asked to write accordingly to Cluttons, the college’s agents, with copies to the affected village residents.
- b) NCC – Proposed 30mph speed limit extension – Moorend Road. Cllrs fully supported this proposal and awaited developments.
- c) County Cllr Allen Walker – re details of roads requiring repair. Cllrs identified Moorend Road, the High Street outside no 21 and the road leading up to 6a, 6b and 6c High Street.
- d) Rights of Way - Cllr Westlake indicated that the Parish currently had no Path Warden. This was an NCC appointment and anyone interested was to be urged to contact them.
- 7.2 PLAYING-FIELD/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES**
- a) Play Area improvements – quotations for fencing and path. Three quotations for replacing the path across the field to the Recreation Centre had been received, but did not appear to be like for like and required investigation. One written quotation for the fencing had been received and it was understood that Cllr Crisp had others and was still carrying out his research. It was agreed that there was insufficient information to enable a decision to be made – however, in view of the cost involved Cllr King proposed that the PC consider taking out a loan of up to £20,000.00. Seconded by Cllr Turl. All in favour. (See Minute No 3169 6.4 a) above.) **GC**
- b) Monthly play-area inspection report. Mr Macdonald’s play area inspection report was read out to the meeting by Cllr Westlake, which indicated dog fouling problems in both playing fields, which was disappointing. Concern had been expressed about younger children being prevented from using the new play equipment. Cllrs agreed to monitor the situation over the coming weeks.
- c) Pocket Park - Mr Macdonald’s inspection report was read out to the meeting by Cllr Westlake which indicated some broken glass but no other problems.
- d) Trees in the Coffee Pot field – response from affected residents to PC survey. Cllr Westlake reported that issues had been raised and considerable information had been provided by affected residents as a result of the survey. Cllrs Turl and Westlake would be reviewing the results and may be recommending some action. **CT RW**
- e) Quotations for work on various trees in village had been received from Salcey Arborcare and Cllr Westlake read these out to the meeting. They would be reviewed with the above item.
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS**
- a) Cllr Westlake advised that no allotments were causing problems.
- b) Allotment hedge – it had been agreed at the Allotment Holder’s meeting in April that this would be dealt with in the autumn, and the Clerk was asked to obtain quotations for creating a suitable manageable height for the hedge.
- 3171 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 floor had been resurfaced albeit with a few problems that were being addressed. The AGM was scheduled for 24th October and family subscriptions of £5.00 were due on 1st August.
- 3172 9. COMMUNITY ITEMS**
- a) Yardley Gobion Parochial Church Council - Condition report on village War Memorial. A 5 year inspection report had been carried out which indicated that the bed joint to the top section was broken and the top ‘rocked’ when pushed. Additionally the brass plate recording the names of the Canadian airmen required refixing. One person had been approached and was unable to assist, however, Cllr Westlake had spoken with another who had shown interest but had not come back to him. **RW**
- b) Housing needs survey – The results of the survey were discussed and it was agreed that there was a proven need for affordable housing in the village. Various sites in the village had been proposed but Cllrs felt that these were not suitable. The paperwork was placed on circulation for Cllrs to consider further.
- c) SNC – Dog Control Orders. Papers passed to Cllr Crisp to respond on behalf of the PC. **GC**
- d) Neighbourhood Watch – P C Wallace had been in touch with a resident who was interested in leading the village Neighbourhood Watch, and was looking at holding a village meeting. Cllrs agreed that this would be of great benefit to the village and would give whatever support they could.
- 3173 10. CORRESPONDENCE - Literature for circulation – action required.**
- a) Northamptonshire ACRE – Ways to tackle Climate Change – 10th September 6.30 – 8.30pm at The Guild Hall, Northampton. Cllr Adey indicated an interest in attending. **TA**
- b) NCALC – Insurance & Risk Assessment – 10th September 7.00 – 9.00pm at Hunsbury Hill Centre, Northampton. Cllr Crisp or Cllr Westlake to attend. **RW**
- c) Northamptonshire Primary Care Trust – AGM 22nd September at Kettering Conference Centre. No interest.
- d) South Northamptonshire Forum – Community Speed Watch programme 25th September 4 – 6pm at Syresham Village Hall. Placed on notice board.

- e) CPRE – Lost Villages of Northamptonshire, Great Houghton Village Hall 2nd October at 7.00pm. Placed on circulation.
- f) NCC-Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development – Locations for Waste Development DPD:Supplementary preferred options. (Cllr Walker had indicated that the proposed sites were in Kettering and Irthlingborough). Placed on circulation.

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11. Date of next meeting:

a) 7th October 2008 8pm in the Village Hall

Meeting closed 11.07pm.

Open Forum

County Cllr Walker was formally thanked for his contribution of £1,324.00 towards the new play equipment. He advised that the proposed sites for Waste Development were in Kettering and Irthlingborough. He also discussed the proposed 30mph speed limit extension in Moored Road and asked for details of village roads requiring repair.

Mrs Dale Skinner was concerned about the possible construction of more stable blocks in the Mount Pleasant Farm site. She mentioned parking issues, waste removal and the protection of the 'special landscape' area. The PC was also concerned about development on the site, but had few powers unless there was a breach of planning rules. If there was evidence of unacceptable development then the PC would take up the issue.

Ms Green gave an update on the proposed Youth Club – she had permission to use the snooker room in the Recreation Centre with no charge and asked if the PC would consider contributing to the decoration of this room. Cllrs confirmed that they would look favourably on assisting with the cost, but required quotations prior to making a final decision.