

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 4th November 2008

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), C Turl, T Adey, A Hutchin, L Stephenson, S Tapp, C King, R Westlake & County Cllr Walker; residents Mr R French & Mr W Keeves.
- 3186** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr B Tite.
- 3187** 2. **Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest: Cllr Stephenson declared an interest in Agenda items 5.1d) and e) and 5.4 a) and b).
- 3188** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 The Minutes of Meeting held 2.10.08 were agreed/signed as a correct record, with the correction of an address to 30 Moorend Road (from 39).
- 3.2 Matters Arising: None.
- 3189** 4. **Open Forum:** Comments attached.
- 3190** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 Applications received:
- a) S/2008/1393/P, Yardley Gobion Sports and Social Club. Smoking shelter. Cllrs had 'no observations.'
- b) S/2008/1427/P. 12 Highcroft Close. Two storey side extension. Cllrs commented as follows 'there is concern about the possible over development and in-balance with no 11 Highcroft Close. Additionally the proposed rear 2 storey extension is not shown on the 'proposed rear elevation.' The windows along the side look directly onto the next door garage – suggest moving the dining room window to rear to break up ugly rear elevation. The side hall window overlooks the house and garden at no 13 Highcroft Close.
- c) S/2008/1445/PT, 47a Moorend Road. 25% crown reduction on 2 no. sycamores. Cllrs had 'no observations.'
- d) S/2008/1461/LB, Rose Cottage, 37 Moorend Road. Single storey side extension, two storey rear extension and the conversion of a single storey flat roof outbuilding into habitable accommodation. The conversion works include a replacement roof and the creation of a new window opening. Cllrs had no objections but commented as follows 'There were two errors in the Design and Access Statement – Scale – says roof over new study will be 'dual pitched' to match kitchen. Kitchen (and drawing of new study roof) show hip roof. Landscaping – says 'two storey side extension' whereas it should be two storey rear extension.
- e) S/2008/1462/P, Rose Cottage, 37 Moorend Road. Single storey side extension, two storey rear extension and the conversion of a single storey flat roof outbuilding into habitable accommodation. See above comments.
- f) S/2008/1477/P, Potterspurty Lodge School. Extension to the gymnasium for changing, store and classroom. Cllrs had 'no observations.'
- g) S/2008/1482/P, 21 High Street. Replacement of a derelict barn and cattery with a riding manege and stable block for private use. As the paperwork had not arrived from SNC this was deferred for the Planning Committee to review.
- 5.2 Amendments:
- a) S/2008/0609P, 1 High Street. One detached dwelling – complete redesign. Cllrs observed as follows 'the exit and entrance are still considered to be an issue. Construction materials must be in keeping with surrounding properties. It is a site of historic interest and some watching brief should be taken on the excavation with archaeologists given a an opportunity to view the site. Neighbours concerns must be taken into account.'
- Mr French leaves.
- b) For information only. S/2008/1209/P, 19 Warren Road. Single storey front and rear extensions (RETROSPECTIVE). Correct discrepancy in height of porch as shown on elevations. Corrected rear dormer on existing rear windows and detail of openings shown as built.
- 5.3 Applications granted:
- a) S/2008/0848/P, 19 High Street. Single storey rear extension. 6 conditions. Placed on circulation.
- b) S/2008/0849/LB, 19 High Street. Single storey rear extension. 6 conditions. Placed on circulation.
- c) S/2008/1118/P, Moorend Manor. Conversion of barn to single storey dwelling. 9 conditions. . Placed on circulation.
- d) S/2008/1146/PT, 60a Moorend Road. Pruning work to TPO lime tree. 2 conditions. Cllr Crisp read these out to the meeting.
- e) S/2008/1209/P, 19 Warren Road. Single storey front and rear extensions (RETROSPECTIVE). 1 condition. Cllr Crisp read this out to the meeting.
- 5.4 Applications refused:
- a) S/2008/1222/P, 28-30 Moorend Road. Demolition of existing cottage and construction of new two storey house. Placed on circulation.
- b) S/2008/1223/CA, 28-30 Moorend Road. Demolition of existing cottage. Placed on circulation.
- 5.5 Applications withdrawn: None.
- 5.6 Outstanding applications/Other planning.
- a) Cllrs Crisp and Westlake had attended a forum at SNC to discuss the Council's development implementation service with the new Director of Service Delivery, Steven Shuttleworth.

Mr Keeves leaves 8.50pm.

6. Finance:

6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:

- a) Clerk's salary Oct 08 £343.94 (001652).
- b) Clerk's expenses Oct 08 £8.42 + £14p VAT = £8.56 (001653).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Oct 08 £61.44 + £10.75 VAT = £72.19 (001654).
- d) N J Blackwell Garden Services – contract mowing Oct 08 £774.20 + £135.49 VAT = £909.69 (001655).
- e) Mr Macdonald – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – Oct 2008 – £50.00 (001656).
- f) e.on – public lighting maintenance charges to 30/9/08 £708.96 + £124.07 VAT = £833.03 (001657).
- g) Mrs A M Ratcliffe – contribution for use of telephone 16/04/08 – 15/07/08 £26.19 (001658).
- h) BDO Stoy Hayward LLP – audit charges for y/e 31/3/08 - £285.00 + £49.88 VAT = £334.88 (001659).

6.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED:

- a) A & L Henson – Horse Field rent - £30.00.
- b) Allotment rents/deposits – £26.00.

6.3 TRANSFERS: Scottish Widows to Nat West to - £3,200.00.

County Cllr Walker enters 9.00pm.

6.4 OTHER:

- a) Annual Return 31/3/08 – External auditor's certificate and opinion. Auditor's Report for Annual Return year ending March 2008 – Their opinion was that the information contained was in accordance with the Audit Commission's requirements and no matters came to their attention giving cause for concern.
 - b) AH Contracts – notification of increase in price from April 2009 to £2.69 per bin for emptying and servicing dog waste bins.
 - c) AH Contracts – receipt of employer's liability insurance to 14.10.09. Noted.
 - d) Clerk's interim salary scales 08/09 and NALC recommendation. Cllr King proposed that the Clerk's salary scale be adjusted from 1st April 08 in accordance with the new revised scales as recommended by NALC and SLCC. Seconded by Cllr Westlake. All in favour.
 - e) Bank charges 31/5/08 to 29/8/08 - £37.59. It was agreed that the proposed PC current account move to LloydsTSB be instigated.
 - f) At the previous meeting the Council, in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, had agreed to incur the following expenditure which, in its opinion, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure –
(i) British Legion - £100.00 (001660), (ii) Willen Hospice - £100.00 (001661), (iii) MacMillan Cancer Relief - £200.00 (001662), (iv) Warks & N'hants Air Ambulance - £250.00 (001663).
 - g) Review of donation to The Old Mail. The Clerk had obtained details of other donations to The Old Mail and it was agreed that whilst Councillors were mindful to continue to support The Old Mail they would like to see a copy of the latest accounts in order to consider perhaps adjusting the amount of the donation.
- County Cllr Walker leaves 9.20pm.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING

- a) Response from land agents to PC's letter regarding flooding in Eastfield Crescent/Hesketh Road. The Clerk had spoken to Smiths Gore who advised that whilst they had spoken to the farm tenant they had not yet visited the site and would respond further when they had done so.
- b) NCC/MGWSP – Urban Highway Grass Mowing 2009 – 136 Agreements. Passed to Cllr Westlake to check. He also asked if he should start preparing the paperwork for the 2009 mowing contract, and all Cllrs were in favour of this. **RW**

7.2 PLAYING-FIELD/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES

- a) Cllr Westlake was trying to arrange a meeting with a representative of MGWSP to discuss the proposed work to the trees on the two village greens, and the allotment hedge and adjacent verge. **RW**
- b) Play Area improvements – quotations for fencing and path. Cllrs had viewed a fence at Higham Ferrers which appeared vandalproof, and was therefore more expensive. However, research was still ongoing but it was hoped that the Play Area Improvement advisory group would be able to present a full proposal to the December PC meeting. **AG**
- c) Monthly play-area inspection report. Unfortunately Mr Macdonald's written report had not been received but he had indicated verbally that there were no problems apparent.
- d) Pocket Park - Unfortunately Mr Macdonald's written report had not been received but he had indicated verbally that there were no problems apparent.
- e) Concern was shown by Cllrs about the moles in the Coffee Pot field and the Clerk was asked to obtain quotations and method statements for dealing with them, which would be studied by Cllrs.

7.3 ALLOTMENTS

- a) Allotment hedge. Cllr Westlake was awaiting a further quotation and Cllr Turl proposed and Cllr Stephenson seconded that if this was lower than the two previous quotes then work to lay **RW**

the hedge and clear the verge should go ahead as soon as possible, subject to enquiries with MGWSP (see minute no 3192 7.2 a) above) All in favour..

- 3193** **8.** Y G VILLAGE HALL & Y G RECREATION CENTRE
- a)** Y G VILLAGE HALL (CK) The would be a VH meeting in two weeks.
- b)** Y G RECREATION CENTRE (CT) Report from PC representative – The AGM took place on 24th October and a new Committee had been formed. The bonfire was now to be on 5th November due to bad weather on 1st. He also advised that a Senior Citizen’s Christmas party was planned.
- 3194** **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. Cllr Westlake had one quotation and was actively working on obtaining another. **RW**
- b)** Housing needs survey –The Clerk was awaiting details of a convenient date for a further meeting.
- c)** Freedom of Information Act changes – Cllr King proposed that the PC adopt the Model Publication scheme. Seconded by Cllr Westlake. All in favour. Cllr Hutchin agreed to investigate with the Clerk’s assistance how the model publication requirements could be achieved and if any documents could be displayed on the website, and report back to the next meeting. **AH**
- d)** Neighbourhood Watch – a letter had been received from Mr Collier, village co-ordinator, asking for permission to attach signs to village lampposts. The Clerk was asked to respond as follows – ‘Thank you for the work you and Herb Dippenaar are currently doing in progressing the village Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Parish Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 8pm in the Village Hall and Councillors would be very interested to hear from either you or Herb at these meetings. It was also suggested that maybe an article in The Old Mail would help raise the profile of the scheme. Finally, the Council has no objections to Neighbourhood Watch signs being placed on various village lampposts, with the proviso that e.on do require access to these on occasions.’ Cllr Crisp reminded Cllrs to encourage everyone to report any incidents to the police.
- 3195** **10.** CORRESPONDENCE - Literature for circulation – action required.
- a)** NCALC – Northampton Larger Councils Partnership – 12th November 7pm – 9pm at Towcester Town Hall. Cllr Crisp indicated an interest in attending and the Clerk was asked to book a place for him. **GC**
- b)** NCC-Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework – publication of the Core Strategy for the MWDF – closing 20th November.
- c)** NCC-Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework – Control & Management of Development – closing 20th November. Cllr Crisp agreed to complete on behalf of the PC. **GC**
- d)** Communities and Local Government – the making and enforcement of byelaws – closing 20th November.
- e)** SNC – Meet the Directors, 6.30pm – 9pm 3rd December at Brackley Town Hall. Cllrs Crisp and Westlake indicated an interest in attending and the Clerk was asked to book a place for them, and Cllrs were asked to provide them with any suitable questions. **GC**
RW
- f)** Communities and Local Government – Codes of conduct for local authority members – consultation closes 24th December. Placed on circulation.
- 3195** **11.** **Date of next meeting:**
- a)** **2nd December 2008 8pm in the Village Hall**
Meeting closed 10.32pm.

Open Forum

Mr French commented about the planning application for No 1 High Street – his major concern was with the access.

County Cllr Walker advised that the new NCC highways partners MGWSP had adopted a positive approach. He touched on the problems experienced in SNC’s Planning Department, the usage of the concessionary fare scheme, and the invitation to Meet the Directors (see above), which he recommended attending.