

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

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), B Tite, T Adey, A Hutchin, L Stephenson, S Tapp, C King, R Westlake & District Cllr McCord, resident Ms S Green.
- 3197** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr C Turl and County Cllr Walker.
- 3198** 2. **Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest: None.
- 3199** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 The Minutes of Meeting held 4.11.08 were agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 **Matters Arising:**
Cllr Crisp had attended the Northampton Larger Councils Partnership meeting on 12th November at Towcester Town Hall and advised that he would circulate the presentation paperwork. GC
- 3200** 4. **Open Forum:** Comments attached.
Ms Green leaves 8.05pm.
District Cllr McCord leaves 8.30pm.
- 3201** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 Applications received:
- a) S/2008/1482/P, 21 High Street. Replacement of a derelict barn and cattery with a riding manege and stable block for private use. Cllrs observed as follows 'we have concerns regarding the use of the description 'riding school', the number of stables proposed and the lighting for the manege and suggest strict conditioning to ensure the application is not used for commercial purposes. The construction entrance/exit via the A508 requires adequate road signing and facilities for removing mud from vehicle's wheels. We would also ask how the foul sewage is to be disposed of and where it is coming from – the 'other' box is ticked and they wonder why a description of 'other' is not required. Horse manure is dealt with on another part of the application.'
- b) S/2008/1493/P, Old Wharf, Yardley Gobion. Extension to existing marina basin to include 20-25 new moorings and associated car park. Cllrs observed as follows 'There is a proposed increase of depth of landfill above the UK oil pipeline which has not been mentioned. The Planning Application item 20 shows no existing or proposed employees, but the Design and Access statement page 2 last paragraph mentions 'our existing workforce' which will 'increase by at least two part time posts'. Also item 16 which asks if there are there trees or hedges on land adjacent to the proposed development site that might be important as part of the local landscape character has the 'no' box ticked. Regarding the removal of the embankment across the northern end of the existing marina – whilst the hedge will still act as a screen for the Grafton Regis area this could be cut at any time making the whole site very visible from Grafton Regis. We suggest strict conditioning with regard to the landscaping of the site to ensure this is carried out and suitably maintained.'
- c) S/2008/1542/P, Land adjacent to A508 Grafton Road, Yardley Gobion. Farm track road to existing barn and widening of access (Retrospective.) Cllrs had 'no observations.'
- d) S/2008/1551/P, 28-30 Moorend Road. Demolition of existing cottage and construction of new two storey house. Cllrs observed as follows 'Councillors have concerns regarding the on site vehicle parking and turning provision. The designated provision for parking is not practical and on site turning must be provided. Perhaps negotiations could be carried out with the Highway authority to make better use of the wide pavement to create an off street parking lay-by? Councillors also request that any concerns raised by neighbours be addressed – especially concerning the building process i.e. delivery of materials, hours of working etc. as the only access is onto Moorend Road itself, a busy, narrow, village thoroughfare.'
- e) S/2008/1552/CA, 28-30 Moorend Road. Demolition of existing cottage. As above.
- 5.2 Amendments: None.
- 5.3 Applications granted:
- a) S/2008/0609P, 1 High Street. One detached dwelling – complete redesign. 17 conditions.
Paperwork placed on circulation.
- 5.4 Applications withdrawn: None.
- 5.5 Outstanding applications/Other planning. None.
- 3202** 6. **Finance:**
- 6.1 **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Clerk's salary Nov 08 £352.38 + back pay from April 08/Oct 08 £59.08 = £411.46 (001664).
- b) Clerk's expenses Nov 08 £20.41 + £3.57 VAT = £23.98 (001665).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Nov 08 £61.44 + £10.75 VAT = £72.19 (001666).
- d) N J Blackwell Garden Services – pocket park, footpaths & ditches Nov 08 £99.02 + £17.33 VAT = £116.35 (001667).
- e) Mr Macdonald – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – Nov 2008 – £50.00 (001668).
- 6.2 **PAYMENTS RECEIVED:**
- a) A & L Henson – Horse Field rent - £30.00.
- 6.3 **TRANSFERS:** Scottish Widows to Nat West - £650.00.
- 6.4 **OTHER:**
- a) Bank charges 30/8/08 to 03/10/08 - £14.51.
- b) Acknowledgement of donations from (i) Willen Hospice and (ii) Warks & N'hants Air

	Ambulance.	
	c) Review of donation to The Old Mail. Accounting information had been received from The Old Mail and in light of this Cllr King proposed and Cllr Hutchin seconded that the Council in accordance with its powers under Section 142 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, was in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and would benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure – a donation of £400.00 to The Old Mail – all in favour.	
	d) Precept 2009/2010. The F & GP Committee agreed to meet prior to the next PC meeting to recommend the precept for the coming year. Cllr King requested the Clerk provide him with the YTD accounting information.	F& GP
	e) Progress on change of bank to LloydsTSB and confirmation of signatories on new acct. The paperwork had been received by the Bank and they required confirmation that Cllrs G Crisp, C King, R Westlake and the Clerk, Miss L Ratcliffe, be authorised signatories for the account. All Cllrs in favour.	
3203	7. Committee Reports	
	7.1 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING	
	a) NCC/MGWSP – Urban Highway Grass Mowing 2009 – 136 Agreements. Cllr Westlake confirmed that the requirements were the same as previous years. He had nearly finished preparing the documentation for the 2009 mowing contract and asked if anyone knew of any other contractors who may be interested in quoting for the work.	RW
	7.2 PLAYING-FIELD/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES	
	a) Cllr Westlake was still 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. He had been advised that the person concerned was off sick at present.	RW
	b) Play Area improvements – quotations for fencing and path. Research was still ongoing but it was agreed that the Play Area Improvement advisory group should meet to compile a specification and then ask for re-quotes on this.	PAI
	c) Monthly play-area inspection report. Mr Macdonald’s report, which indicated that there were no apparent problems, was read out to the meeting by Cllr Crisp.	
	d) Pocket Park - Mr Macdonald’s report, which indicated that there were no apparent problems, was read out to the meeting by Cllr Crisp.	
	e) Mole problem in Coffee Pot playing field. One quotation had been received (the Clerk had asked 3 contractors to quote) but after discussion Cllrs felt this was too open ended and the Clerk was asked to speak to the Pest Control officer at SNC for advice.	
	f) Authority from SNC to carry out proposed work on trees on Chestnut and Elm greens. This was read out to the meeting by Cllr Crisp. Unfortunately authority was still awaited from NCC/MGWSP.	
	g) Work on village trees at entrance to village and in Coffee Pot field. The willow tree and the may trees had been removed satisfactorily, but a resident’s fence had been damaged and Cllr Westlake was waiting to hear what corrective action Salcey Arborcare planned to take. He reported that the footpath was now open and clear.	RW
	7.3 ALLOTMENTS	
	a) Allotment hedge. Progressing; Cllr Westlake was awaiting a written quotation in the sum of £750.00 and the result of enquiries with MGWSP regarding the verge (see above).	RW
3204	8. Y G VILLAGE HALL & Y G RECREATION CENTRE	
	a) Y G VILLAGE HALL (CK) Nothing to report.	
	b) Y G RECREATION CENTRE (TA) Nothing to report.	
3205	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 now received two quotations and would be comparing them prior to the next meeting.	RW
	b) Freedom of Information Act changes – Cllr King proposed that the PC adopt and publish the Guide to Information as proposed by the Clerk and Cllr Hutchin. Seconded by Cllr Stephenson. All in favour.	AH
	c) Neighbourhood Watch – the Clerk had written to Mr Collier, village co-ordinator, and Cllr Crisp read this letter out to the meeting. It was noted that there was an article in the new issue of The Old Mail.	
	d) Trading Standards advice for all residents. Further to problems in the village caused recently by block paving contractors Cllr Crisp suggested circulating residents with details of how to deal with doorstep traders. He had a meeting arranged with Trading Standards and would report back to the PC.	GC
3206	10. CORRESPONDENCE - Literature for circulation – action required.	
	a) SNC – Dog Control Orders, amended – closing 5 th December. Cllr Crisp agreed to complete this on behalf of the PC.	GC
	b) SNC – Meet the Directors, 6.30pm – 9pm 3 rd December at Brackley Town Hall. Cllrs Crisp and Westlake to attend on behalf of the PC.	GC RW
	c) Communities and Local Government – Codes of conduct for local authority members – consultation closes 24 th December. Cllrs did not wish to comment on this.	

11. Date of next meeting:

- a) **6th January 2009, 8.00pm in the Village Hall, preceded at 7.00pm by the Annual Allotment Holders meeting.**

Meeting closed 10.45pm.

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Open Forum

Ms Green advised that whilst there had been a few hiccups with the planned youth club it would soon be up and running and affiliated with the Northampton Association of Youth Clubs. The committee had already had one meeting.

District Cllr McCord reported that the SNC budget work was ongoing, but that it was challenging and in addition the income from search fees and investments had been reduced significantly. Fortunately no money had been invested in Iceland. There was a freeze on recruitment and non-essential spending. He advised that the planning backlog was starting to be resolved.