

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3rd February 2009

- Present** Cllrs R Westlake (Chair), T Adey, A Hutchin, L Stephenson, C Turl, S Tapp, C King & District Cllr McCord. Resident Mr P Collier.
- 3219** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs B Tite, G Crisp.
- 3220** 2. **Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest:
Cllrs King and Westlake declared an interest in Agenda item 5.1a and Cllr King declared an interest in Agenda item 6.1g.
- 3221** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 The Minutes of Meeting held 6.1.09 were agreed/signed as a correct record. It was noted that Cllr Turl, not Cllr Adey, gave the report on the Recreation Centre.
- 3.2 **Matters Arising:** None.
- 3222** 4. **Open Forum:** Comments attached.
- 3223** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 Applications received:
Cllr Stephenson took the Chair for this item -
- a) S/2009/0039/P, Church of St Leonard, High Street. Iron gates to the north porch. Cllrs had 'no observations.'
- 5.2 Amendments:
- a) S/2008/1659/LB, 7 Moorend Road. Replacement of 2 ground floor windows to the front and 2 ground floor windows to the rear elevation, replacement of rear door and the replacement of the rear thatched roof with combed wheat straw. New red-line.
- b) S/2008/1660/P, 7 Moorend Road. Detached garage to rear. New red-line.
- c) S/2008/1551/P and S/2008/1552/CA. 28-30 Moorend Road. Demolition of existing cottage and construction of new two storey house. Supporting information. Paperwork placed on circulation.
- 5.3 Applications granted: None.
- 5.4 Applications refused: None.
- 5.5 Applications withdrawn: None.
- 5.6 Outstanding applications/Other planning. Cllr Westlake noted the granting of outline planning permission for residential development in Poundfield Road, Potterspurty. Paperwork placed on circulation.
- 3224** 6. Finance:
- 6.1 **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Clerk's salary Jan 09 £352.38 (001677).
- b) Clerk's expenses Jan 09 £10.14 + .39p VAT = £10.53 (001678).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Jan 09 £61.44 + £9.22 VAT = £70.66 (001679).
- d) Mr Macdonald – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – Jan 2009 – £50.00 (001680).
- e) Society of Local Council Clerks membership subscription 2009 £82.00 (001681).
- f) Anglian Water – Allotment water charge 12.7.08 – 13.1.09 £47.67 (001682).
- g) Yardley Gobion Village Hall – rent for use of Hall for PC Meetings £214.50 (001683).
- 6.2 **PAYMENTS RECEIVED:**
- a) A & L Henson – Horse Field rent - £30.00.
- b) Allotment Rent - £342.00.
- 6.3 **TRANSFERS:**
- a) Scottish Widows to Nat West - £500.00.
- 6.4 **OTHER:**
- a) The Old Mail – donation. A letter had been received by the Clerk which explained that cheque no 001676 in the sum of £400.00 had been lost/possibly shredded. The Clerk had taken advice from the PC's internal auditor who advised that the original cheque should be stopped and a replacement issued once the stop had gone through, unless hardship would be caused to the organisation concerned. It was agreed that the Clerk should arrange the necessary paperwork to stop the cheque.
- b) Progress on change of bank to LloydsTSB – the account is now open. Cllrs King and Westlake signed a letter to Scottish Widows requesting the new details be added to the PC's account with them.
- 3225** 7. **Committee Reports**
- 7.1 **HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING**
- a) NCC/MGWSP – Parish Satisfaction questionnaire. Cllr Westlake explained that he had not had enough experience of dealing with the new partnership since April 2008 to enable him to reply.
- b) Mowing Contract 2009 – tenders had been received from N J Blackwell, Nicenstripy, Cartwright Landscapes and Allseasons. Cllr Westlake had drawn up a costings spreadsheet and after this had been reviewed by Cllrs, Cllr Stephenson proposed that N J Blackwell be re-engaged to continue with the Mowing Contract for 2009. Seconded by Cllr Tapp. All in favour. Cllr Stephenson proposed thanks to Cllr Westlake for preparing the tender specifications.
- c) Cllr Westlake had formulated a reply to Smithsgore regarding the flooding in Eastfield Crescent/Hesketh Road which had been sent, and a response was awaited.

- 7.2 PLAYING-FIELD/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES
- a) Cllr Westlake was still awaiting authority from MGWSP to arrange for the proposed work to the trees on the two village greens to be carried out.
 - b) Play Area improvements – quotations for fencing and path. Cllr Westlake had supplied the Clerk with specifications for both the fencing and the path, which had been sent out, and the quotations for these were expected to be available before the next PC meeting.
 - c) Monthly play-area inspection report. Mr Macdonald’s report, which indicated that apart from litter, the only problems were with standing water in the Recreation Centre field, and moles in the Coffee Pot field, was read out to the meeting by Cllr Westlake.
 - d) Pocket Park - Mr Macdonald’s report, which indicated that there were no apparent problems, was read out to the meeting by Cllr Westlake.
 - e) Mole problem in Coffee Pot playing field. Two further quotations had been received and after discussion it was proposed by Cllr King and seconded by Cllr Turl that Rentakeeper be engaged to remove the moles for a worst case scenario cost of £190.00 + VAT.
 - f) Cllr Westlake was waiting to hear what corrective action Salcey Arborcare planned to take to repair the resident’s fence which had been damaged, but in the meantime it was proposed by Cllr Hutchin and seconded by Cllr Stephenson that they (Salcey Arborcare) be asked to quote for the replacement of the May trees at the entrance to the village that had been removed, and asked to proceed if the figure was less than £100.00 per tree.
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS
- a) Work on the allotment hedge was progressing. An independent condition check of allotments had been carried out and the Clerk was asked to send ‘non-cultivation’ letters to 3 allotment holders.
 - b) Items from the Allotment Holders Annual meeting - Messrs Pye and Dimmock had offered to install a new water trough at the allotment site and Councillors gave permission for this subject to the plans being discussed with either Cllr Tite or Cllr Westlake and approved.
 - c) Mr Smith had advised the Clerk that some sheds appeared to have been tampered with. Cllr Westlake offered to check the site and advise the Clerk accordingly so that affected plottolders could be notified. RW
- 3226 8. Y G VILLAGE HALL & Y G RECREATION CENTRE
- a) Y G VILLAGE HALL (CK) Nothing to report.
 - b) Y G RECREATION CENTRE (CT) A new steward had been appointed on a trial basis and the Club was continuing to do well.
A letter had been sent to the PC asking about insurance for the forthcoming May Fair. The Clerk was asked to check with the PC’s insurers to find out if the event could be covered under their policy.
- 3227 9. COMMUNITY ITEMS
- 9.1 Repairs to War memorial - Cllr Westlake was still working on obtaining a third quotation in order that Cllr Stephenson could finalise the PC’s application for a grant to assist with the work. RW
LS
 - 9.2 Letter from Miss R Weston re the safe storage of village documents – this was discussed and the Clerk was asked to respond that whilst the PC stores most of its records in metal filing cabinets with the Clerk, some documents are lodged with solicitors and banks. It was generally agreed that most of the village organisations’ paperwork was probably being stored in lofts or spare rooms and that one central storage area was a good idea. The church was suggested as a secure central location for storage and the PC was willing to contribute towards the cost of a safe or cabinet/s.
 - 9.3 Neighbourhood Watch – a letter had been received from Mr Collier, Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator.
Mr Collier enters.
The Clerk was asked to respond to clarify some points raised.
- 3228 10. CORRESPONDENCE - Literature for circulation – action required.
- a) NCC- Draft Council Plan and Budget consultation – closing 10th February.
 - b) NCC- Standard Application Form – draft ‘local list’ for planning applications. Closing 20th February. Cllr Westlake agreed to look at this form on the website. RW
 - c) Communities and Local Government – Communities in Control – closing 12th March. Cllr Crisp was to be asked to respond on behalf of the PC. GC
- 3229 11. **Date of next meeting:**
- a) **3rd March 2009, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.**
Meeting closed 10.00pm.

Open Forum

District Cllr McCord advised that 3 new Cabinet members had been appointed – Cllrs Digby, Hill and Wilby. He reported that work on the Customer Contact Centre was ongoing – he asked if anyone experienced long delays in the SNC telephone being answered to let him know. The Council had improved to 28th nationally in recycling – a figure of 47.9%. The Budget for 2009/10 had been set, an interesting and difficult task due in part to the loss of investment income, and it was acknowledged that the Council faces big challenges in the future.