

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 7th April 2009

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), R Westlake, A Hutchin, L Stephenson, T Adey, S Tapp, C King & District Cllr McCord & County Cllr Walker.
- 3241** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs C Turl & B Tite.
- 3242** 2. **Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest:
Cllr Westlake declared and interest in Agenda item 6.1 j).
- 3243** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
The Minutes of Meeting held 3.3.09 were agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.1 **Matters Arising:** Cllr Crisp had provided a flash drive for the Clerk to use. Cllr King had responded to a consultation on the bus service and the paperwork was to be placed on circulation.
- 3244** 4. **Open Forum:** Comments attached.
Cllr Hutchin enters 8.10pm.
- 3245** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 Applications received:
- a) S/2009/0248/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 ‘The construction entrance/exit via the A508 requires adequate road signing and facilities for removing mud from vehicle’s wheels. Councillors 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. They would also like the disposal of the foul and surface water from the site addressed adequately to avoid effluent flowing onto the road.’
- b) S/2009/0135/P, Badgers Farm, Northampton Road, Cosgrove. Twenty chalet boarding cattery. Cllrs objected as follows ‘Whilst the attached plans do show some major highway improvement works for the A508 we are not sure if such works will alleviate all traffic movement problems, and safety of vehicular access is of the utmost importance along this very busy and dangerous route. We understand there has already been at least one accident when a vehicle has been waiting to turn into this farm.’ Cllrs also asked the Clerk to mention to SNC the large blue roadside sign advertising alpacas for sale, which they understood required permission.
- c) S/2009/0272/P, The Old Pack Horse, 1 High Street. First floor extension – renewal of S/2004/0002/P. Cllrs had ‘no observations.’
- d) S/2009/0273/LB, The Old Pack Horse, 1 High Street. First floor extension – renewal of S/2004/0003/LB. Cllrs had ‘no observations.’
- 5.2 Applications granted:
- a) S/2009/0039/P, Church of St Leonard, High Street. Iron gates to the north porch. 1 condition. Cllr Crisp read this out to the meeting.
County Cllr Walker enters 8.45pm.
- b) 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. 4 conditions. It was noted that the consent referred to the ‘replacement of the rear thatched roof’ – whilst work has been carried out to the rear roof it was actually the front roof that was re-thatched. The Clerk was asked to raise this point with SNC. Paperwork placed on circulation.
- c) S/2008/1660/P, 7 Moorend Road. Detached garage to rear. 4 conditions. Paperwork placed on circulation.
- 5.3 Applications refused: None.
- 5.4 Applications withdrawn: None.
- 5.5 Outstanding applications/Other planning. Interim rural housing policy – District Cllr McCord
- a) briefly explained that SNC does not have a 5 year housing approvals land bank to fulfill government requirements. He asked Cllrs to study the consultation document and e-mail their responses to him.
- 3246** 6. **Finance:**
- 6.1 **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Clerk’s salary Mar 09 £352.38 (000007).
- b) Clerk’s expenses Mar 09 (£13.90 + £2.09 VAT) = £15.99 (000008).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Mar 09 (£76.80 + £11.52 VAT) = £88.32 (000009).
- d) Mr Macdonald – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – Mar 2009 – £50.00 (000010).
- e) CPRE – Annual membership subscription £29.00 (000011).
- f) e.on – Public lighting maintenance charges q/ended 31.3.09 (£224.73 + £33.71 VAT) = £258.44 (000012).
- g) Rentakeeper – mole control works on playing field (£176.00 + £26.40 VAT) = £202.40 (000013).
- h) Mr P Collier – Neighbourhood Watch – £200.00 (000014).
- i) N J Blackwell Garden Services – mowing (£333.33 + £50.00 VAT) = £383.33 (000015).
- j) Westlake Surveys Ltd – photocopying – (£35.85 + £5.38 VAT)= £41.23 (000016).
- k) G Cave – laying of allotment hedge – £750.00 (000017).

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- l) Enterprise Inns – Coffee Pot field rent 1.4.09 – 30.6.09 (£10.00 + £1.50 VAT)= £11.50 – PAID BY STANDING ORDER.
District Cllr McCord leaves 9.10pm.
- 6.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED:**
- a) A & L Henson – Horse Field rent - £30.00.
b) HM Revenue & Customs – VAT Refund £740.45.
- 6.3 TRANSFERS:**
- a) Scottish Widows to LloydsTSB - £1,000.00.
- 6.4 OTHER:**
- a) Bank balances as at last statements – NW - £1,127.79 (27.3.09), LTSB - £2,086.33 (13.3.09) SW - £12,543.69 (4.3.09).
b) Receipt of Certificate of Public Liability Insurance 1.3.09 – 1.3.10 – N J Blackwell Garden Services. Checked and approved and minuted accordingly.
c) A H Contracts, risk assessment and Certificate of Registration under the Control of Pollution (Amendment) Act 1989. Checked, approved and noted.
d) NatWest bank charges debited 27/2/09 £17.28.
- 3247 7. Committee Reports**
- 7.1 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING**
- a) A H Contracts – Controlled Waste Transfer Note to be signed. The Clerk had taken advice from the Environment Agency prior to the meeting and the note was signed by Cllr Crisp on behalf of the PC.
b) Request from MGWSP for details of local farmers willing to assist during poor weather. It was agreed that the letter be passed to local farmers for them to make contact if they wished, and for MGWSP to be advised accordingly.
- 7.2 PLAYING-FIELD/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES**
- a) Play Area improvements – quotations for fencing and path. The advisory committee had met and discussed the following quotations for the fencing – REJ (using Jackson’s fencing products) - £11,837.50 + VAT, Steelway - £8,527 + VAT, PDG - £11,459 + VAT, Jackson’s - £13,291 + VAT & Fount Maloney - £11,277. The committee preferred Jackson’s fencing as it was the best quality and most vandal resistant. £1,000 towards the cost of the fencing had been promised from the KidsZone village charity. With regard to the pathway quotations had been received as follows – PDG - £10,648 + VAT, Raybell £6,631 + VAT, F J Morris £8,940 + VAT and Fount Maloney £6,727.60. Cllr Stephenson proposed that the quotations from REJ and Raybell be accepted. Seconded by Cllr Westlake. Cllr Adey asked why local contractors were not used – Cllrs preferred to use a company approved by SNC and NCC. All in favour.
b) Monthly play-area inspection report. Mr Macdonald’s report, which indicated that, apart from litter, there were no apparent problems, was read out to the meeting by Cllr Crisp.
c) Pocket Park - Mr Macdonald’s report, which indicated that, apart from litter, there were no apparent problems, was read out to the meeting by Cllr Crisp.
d) Mole problem in Coffee Pot playing field. The contractor, Rentakeeper, had forwarded a copy of his annual contract for controlling moles – the Clerk was asked to ascertain the cost of ad hoc visits and query some wording on the contract with regard to equipment. Cllr Westlake agreed to check if moles were in evidence in School Lane field prior to making a decision about the contract. **RW**
e) The proposed work to the trees on the two village greens had been carried out after approval from Rob Payne at NCC.
f) Salcey Arborcare’s quotation for the replacement of the May trees at the entrance to the village was £145.00 + VAT per tree. Cllrs had attempted to locate trees at a better price, but it appeared that the planting/growing season had ended and none would be available until September.
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS**
- a) Work had been completed on the allotment hedge and the Clerk was asked to thank Mr Cave for a fantastic job. Positive comments had been received from ploholders. Messrs Pye and Dimmock had installed a third trough as mentioned at the Allotment Holders meeting and the Clerk was asked to record the PC’s thanks to them for their work.
b) Request to erect a shed on plot 16. Cllrs approved this request.
- 3248 8. Y G VILLAGE HALL & Y G RECREATION CENTRE**
- a) Y G VILLAGE HALL (CK) The Village Hall committee are looking into re-surfacing the car park.
b) Y G RECREATION CENTRE (CT) Nothing to report.
- 3249 9. COMMUNITY ITEMS**
- a) Repairs to War Memorial - Cllr Stephenson was about ready to submit the PC’s application for a grant to assist with the work. **LS**
b) Neighbourhood Watch – Two village incidents had been noted.
c) Refurbishment of seat outside St Leonard’s church. Cllr Westlake mentioned that various slats were broken on the seat and advised that like for like replacement slats would cost c£104.00 + VAT, 45mm slats would cost c£180.00 + VAT. Cllr Stephenson proposed that Cllr Westlake proceed with the heavier duty slats. Seconded by Cllr Tapp. All in favour. **RW**
d) Annual Village Assembly 2009 and Annual Meeting of the Council 2009. Cllr Crisp advised that he would be tendering his apologies for meetings held on 5th May – the Clerk was to take

- advice re possible dates for these. (See Minute No 11 a) below.)
- 3250** **10.** **CORRESPONDENCE - Literature for circulation – action required.** **CK**
- a)** SNC – new dog control orders. Cllrs noted that these were now in force and Cllr King would indicate this in his Old Mail article. Paperwork placed on circulation. The Clerk was asked to ascertain if SNC still had a Dog Warden, and if so, how they could be contacted.
- b)** CPRE – 2009 Planning Roadshow – 21st April 6pm at Parsons Memorial Hall, Great Houghton. Interested Cllrs to see the Clerk.

- 3251** **11.** **Date of next meeting:**
- a)** **5th May 2009, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.(This will be the Annual meeting of the Council, followed by the Council meeting itself.) The Clerk is to take advice regarding possible dates for the Annual Village Assembly.**
Meeting closed 10.25pm.

Open Forum

District Cllr McCord asked that Cllrs give serious thought to their response to the Interim Rural Housing Planning Policy consultation, which he had circulated where he could. He was asked why the PC's percentage of the Council Tax had risen, even though the precept remained the same. He agreed to find out why.

County Cllr Walker mentioned the County Council elections being held on 4th June. He also noted MGWSP had recently carried out a survey and the results were awaited. He had been elected Chair of Governors at Kingsbrook School, and a new Head Teacher with a proven track record had been appointed recently.