

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION ANNUAL MEETING & PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 5th May 2009

ANNUAL MEETING

- Present** Cllrs R Westlake (Chair), C King, Ms L Stephenson, A Hutchin, B Tite, Mrs S Tapp & County Cllr Walker, residents Mr & Mrs C Wallace.
- 3252 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs G Crisp, C Turl, T Adey & Dist Cllr McCord.
- 3253 2. **Council Matters:**
- a) Minutes of Annual Meeting held 6 .05. 08 were agreed/signed as a correct record.
- b) Election of Chair and Vice Chair. Cllr Crisp had indicated his willingness to stand again as Chair. Cllr King proposed that Cllr Crisp be Chair, Cllr Ms Stephenson seconded, all Cllrs voted in favour. Cllr Westlake indicated his willingness to stand again as Vice Chair. Cllr Ms Stephenson proposed that Cllr Westlake be Vice Chair, Cllr King seconded, all Cllrs voted in favour.
- c) Committee Membership and Representatives. Following discussion, it was agreed:
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| Planning | - | Cllrs: Westlake (L), King, Ms Stephenson and Crisp |
| Finance & GP | - | Cllrs: King, Westlake, Turl, Ms Stephenson and Crisp
(A leader to be appointed as Cllr King indicated he would like to relinquish the role). |
| Highways & Environment, | | |
| Street lighting & mowing | - | Cllrs: Westlake (L) and Ms Stephenson |
| Playing fields, play areas, | | |
| village trees & Pocket Park | | Cllrs: Turl (L), King & Crisp |
| Allotments | - | Cllr Tite |
| YGRC/YGVH | - | Cllrs: Turl, Adey, Tapp and King |
| Village Directory | - | Cllr Hutchin |
| Parochial Charities | - | Cllr Westlake |
| Canal Partnership | - | Cllr Westlake |
| Tree Warden | - | Cllr Turl |
| Old Mail Correspondent | - | Cllr King |
| Webmaster | - | Cllr Hutchin |
| Emergency Planning Officer | - | Cllr King |
- Those Councillors who were absent would confirm their places at the next available meeting.
- d) Re-appoint Responsible Financial officer - The Clerk was re-appointed as the Responsible Financial officer.
- e) Review of Standing Orders. The current Standing Orders were reviewed and it was agreed that a copy of the model Standing Orders be obtained and then the matter reviewed at a future meeting.
- f) Review of Risk Assessment. The risks to the PC with regard to the play areas, the pocket park, the mowing and the dog bin emptying had been identified and addressed and the document would be reviewed at a later meeting.
- g) Review of Asset Register. The updates to this were noted and approved.
- Meeting closed 8.10pm

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- Present** Cllrs R Westlake (Chair), C King, Ms L Stephenson, A Hutchin, B Tite, Mrs S Tapp & County Cllr Walker, residents Mr & Mrs C Wallace.
- 3254 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs G Crisp, C Turl, T Adey & Dist Cllr McCord.
- 3255 2. **Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest: None.
- 3256 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 The Minutes of Meeting held 7.4.09 were then agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 Matters Arising: None.
- 3257 4. **Open Forum:** Comments attached.
- 3258 5. **Planning:**
- a) Applications received: None.
- b) Amendments:
S/2209/0248/P, 21 High Street. Replacement of a derelict barn and cattery with a riding manege and stable block for private use. New blue line to application site to encompass extra paddocks. FOR INFORMATION ONLY.
- c) Applications granted: None.
- d) Applications refused: None.
- e) Applications withdrawn: None.
- County Cllr Walker leaves 8.20pm
- f) Outstanding Applications/Other planning.
Interim rural housing policy. Cllr Westlake outlined the background to this document, which

Mr & Mrs Wallace leave 8.35pm.

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- 6. Finance:**
- 6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Clerk's salary April 09 £352.38 (000018).
 - b) Clerk's expenses Apr 09 £9.00 + £.08 VAT = £9.08 (000019).
 - c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Apr 09 £64.56 + £9.68 VAT = £74.24 (000020).
 - d) N J Blackwell Garden Services – mowing April 09 £1018.87 + £152.83 VAT = £1171.70 (000021).
 - e) e.on – village lighting q/ended 31.3.09 £30.81 + £3.12 VAT = £33.93 (000022).
 - f) Mr Macdonald – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – Apr 2009 – £50.00 (000023).
 - g) Salcey Arborcare & Forestry Ltd - tree works to Elm Green and Chestnut Green £245.00 + £36.75 VAT = £281.75 (000024).
 - h) NCALC - Membership Subscription y/e 31.3.10 (£244.69), Internal Audit Service y/e 31.3.10 (£167.58) + Local Council Review subscription (£13.50) = £425.77 (000025)
 - i) Mr R Taylor – refund of part allotment rent £5.00 (000026).
- 6.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED:**
- a) SNC - First half of precept - £11,400.00
 - b) A & L Henson – horse field rent - £30.00.
 - c) Allotment deposit and rent - £20.00.
- 6.3 TRANSFERS: None.**
- 6.4 OTHER:**
- a) Closure of NatWest bank account. It was agreed that the Clerk write to close the account.
 - b) Bank charges 31.1.09 – 27.2.09 £10.49 debited 31.3.09.
 - c) Clerk's final salary scales 08/09 and NALC recommendation. The new pay scales were noted and the Clerk was asked to record the hours she worked during the month.
 - d) Bank balances as at last statements – NW - £1,147.33 (9.4.09), LTSB - £1,767.54 (15.4.09) SW - £11,564.33 (8.4.09).
 - e) Scottish Widows interest to 1.4.09 - £20.64.

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7. Committee Reports

7.1 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING

- a) Cllr Westlake advised that the new mowing season had begun and there had been no known problems. The contractor was to be asked to trim the footpaths and alleyways and carry out maintenance as agreed in the Pocket Park as soon as possible. Cllr Westlake also noted the new village sign showing the 30mph limit was in place in Moorend Road and thanked County Cllr Walker for arranging this. The Grafton Road sign looked tired in comparison and Cllrs wondered if this could be upgraded as well.

7.2 PLAYING-FIELD/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES

- a) Weekly play-area inspection report. Mr Macdonald's play area inspection report was read out to the meeting by Cllr Westlake, which indicated some litter, (which he had removed) in the School Lane field play area, and that there was bird mess on the swing seat in the Coffee Pot field play area. Cllr Tite agreed to investigate this and ensure it was removed if necessary.
- b) Pocket Park - Mr Macdonald's inspection report was read out to the meeting by Cllr Westlake which indicated significant litter and broken glass(which he had removed),and that the paths were becoming overgrown.
- c) The moles had re-appeared in the Coffee Pot field and it was proposed by Cllr Tite that Rentakeeper be contracted to remove them at an annual cost of £234.00 + VAT. This amount to be reviewed annually dependent on the number of visits required to the site. The School Lane field would also be covered by this contract. Seconded by Cllr Stephenson. All in favour. Cllr Westlake signed the contract on behalf of the PC.

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7.3 ALLOTMENTS

- a) Cllr Tite did not have a great deal to report – there was nothing untoward apart from a couple of untidy allotments which would be noted in the forthcoming independent inspection. The Clerk was asked to send letters to these plottolders after the inspection had been carried out. Cllr Tite also reported that the hedge looked fantastic and lightened up the whole area. Plottolders had mentioned the condition of the path at their meeting in January and Cllr Tite re-iterated that hardcore was required, not bricks.
- b) Horse Field update – Cllr Westlake advised that he had spoken to the tenant, who wished to relinquish the field. However, Mr N Schumacher had indicated an interest in using the field for market gardening activities and Cllrs were eager to hear his proposals for this project.

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8. Y G VILLAGE HALL (CK) Report from PC representative. – Nothing to report.

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9. CORRESPONDENCE - Literature for circulation – action required.

- a) A free event for the over 50's – 20th May, 1pm – 4.30pm at Towcester Leisure Centre. Paperwork placed on circulation.

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10. COMMUNITY ITEMS

- a) Village War Memorial – progress on grant application. The paperwork was with the War Memorials Trust and a decision was awaited.
- b) Neighbourhood Watch. Nothing to report.
- c) Refurbishment of seat outside St Leonard's church. Cllr Westlake advised that this was in

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hand, but had not yet been carried out.

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11. Date of next meeting:

- a) **Annual Village Assembly – 26th May 2009, 8pm in Chestnut Road Chapel.**
- b) **Parish Council - 2nd June 2009, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.**

Meeting closed 9.35pm.

Open Forum

County Cllr Walker reported the Moored Road 30mph sign had now been re-sited further out of the village by the water tower. The County Council elections would be held on 4th June. He advised that the new Head of Kingsbrook School would commence her duties officially in September, but planned to attend parents evenings in June.