

## MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2009

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), R Westlake, Ms L Stephenson, A Hutchin (who arrived at 8.20pm), C Turl, T Adey, B Tite & Mrs S Tapp.
- 3265** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr C King & County Cllr Walker.
- 3266** 2. **Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest: Cllr Stephenson declared an interest in agenda item 5.1 (b).
- 3267** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 The Minutes of Meeting held 5.5.09 were then agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 Matters Arising: None.
- 3268** 4. **Open Forum:** None.
- 3269** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 Applications received:
- a) S/2009/0390/P, 66 Moorend Road. New velux window in front elevation and two metre high close boarded fence to side. Cllrs had no objections in principle to this application but would mention conditions specified in previous permissions – S/2007/0351/PO condition 4 and S/2007/1647/PR condition 7 – regarding the existing hedge.
- b) S/2009/0413/P, 17 Moorend Road. Replace cellar window. Cllrs had ‘no observations.’
- 5.2 Amendments:
- a) 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. New red line, details of proposed lighting. Awaiting paperwork from SNC with regard to the details of proposed lighting. Once this had arrived it was agreed that the Planning advisory group meet to formalise the PC’s response to SNC. **PAG**
- 5.3 Applications granted:
- a) S/2009/0272/P, The Old Pack Horse, 1 High Street. First floor extension – renewal of S/2004/0002/P. 5 conditions. Cllr Crisp read these out to the meeting.
- b) S/2009/0273/LB, The Old Pack Horse, 1 High Street. First floor extension – renewal of S/2004/0003/LB. 5 conditions.
- 5.4 Applications refused: None.
- 5.5 Applications withdrawn: None.
- 5.6 Outstanding Applications/Other planning.
- a) S/2208/1276/P – Land at Springfields Farm – opportunity to attend Development Control Committee. The PC’s views had been stated previously and would be taken into account. Cllr Hutchin enters 8.20pm.
- b) SNC’s Interim rural housing policy. The Planning advisory group had met and after discussion Cllr Turl proposed that the PC support District Cllr McCord’s proposal, along with his combination 1 option, which was as follows –  
7.5% in Tier 1 – 383 units a reduction of 127 from the 10% proposal  
3.75% in Tier 2 – 317 units a reduction of 99 from the 5% proposal  
3.75% in Tier 3 – 233 units spread more evenly in the district  
Yardley Gobion is included in Tier 2.  
Seconded by Cllr Westlake. All in favour.
- 3270** 6. **Finance:**
- 6.1 URGENT ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a) Broker Network Ltd for Came & Co Insurance Consultants – PC Insurance due 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009 £905.97 (000027). Payment authorised as per Standing Orders and listed separately.
- 6.2 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a) Clerk’s salary May 09 £353.40+ back pay from April 08 £13.26 = £366.66 (000028).
- b) Clerk’s expenses May 09 £24.51 + £2.44 VAT = £26.95 (000029).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service May 09 £64.56 + £9.68 VAT = £74.24 (000030).
- d) Mr Macdonald – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – May 2009 – £50.00 (000031).
- e) Rentakeeper – annual contract for mole control works on playing fields £234.00 + £35.10 VAT = £269.10 (000032).
- f) N J Blackwell Garden Services – mowing May 09 £740.51 + £111.08 VAT = £851.59 (000033).
- 6.3 PAYMENTS RECEIVED:
- a) A & L Henson – horse field rent - £30.00.
- 6.4 TRANSFERS:
- a) LloydsTSB to Scottish Widows - £6,000.00 (cheque no 000034).
- 6.5 OTHER:
- a) Bank balances as at last statements – NW - £1,155.58 (8.5.09), LTSB - £9,770.41 (15.5.09) SW - £11,564.33 (8.4.09).
- b) Annual Return 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009. Accounts year ending 31/3/09 – Both sections of the Annual Return (the Statement of Accounts and the Statement of Assurance) were fully discussed. Cllr Stephenson proposed that they be noted and approved. Seconded by Cllr Westlake. Approved by all Cllrs.  
Cllr Crisp as Chairman and the Clerk then signed the Statement of Accounts on behalf of the PC.  
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- PC.  
Cllr Westlake proposed thanks to the Clerk for preparing the accounts.
- 3271**      **7. Committee Reports**
- 7.1 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING**
- a) Overhanging vegetation had recently become a problem and the Clerk was asked to deliver notices to various properties in the village reminding householders of their obligations to fellow residents.
- b) The Clerk was asked to report to the Street Doctor the demise of the two bollards at the Grafton Road junction with the A508.
- 7.2 PLAYING-FIELD/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES**
- a) Weekly play-area inspection report. Monster Play had been alerted to a problem with the bars over the slides and had been to inspect the equipment. They would be rectifying the fault as soon as possible. Cllr Stephenson agreed to monitor the situation. Mr Macdonald's play area inspection report was read out to the meeting by Cllr Crisp, which indicated some litter, (which he had removed) in the School Lane field play area, and that there was continuing bird mess on the swing seat in the Coffee Pot field play area. Cllr Tite had investigated this and removed it but as it was caused by pigeons nesting above it was a continual problem. **LS**
- b) Pocket Park - Mr Macdonald's inspection report was read out to the meeting by Cllr Crisp which indicated that the paths were becoming overgrown, but had been cleared by 31<sup>st</sup> May. **BT**
- c) Cllr Crisp had responded to residents concern regarding unauthorised pruning of the protected trees at 99 Hesketh Road. He had made two calls to Ian Lorman, the SNC Arboriculturalist, but had no response. The Clerk was asked to ask District Cllr McCord to take up the matter on the PC's behalf.
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS**
- a) As a result of the independent inspection 2 plots were noted as not improving since the last inspection, and 4 others required work. Letters had been sent to these ploholders and the condition of these plots would be reviewed at the next PC meeting. Mr Cave was expected to burn the remainder of the hedge debris in the near future.
- b) Horse Field update – Mr N Schumacher was interested in using the field for market gardening activities and was still working on his proposals. Cllrs agreed that the field should be advertised on the village notice board.
- 3272**      **8. Y G VILLAGE HALL (CK) – No report.**
- 8.1 Y G RECREATION CENTRE (CT) Report from PC representative - from May meeting.**  
Work had been carried out on the driveway, and monthly turnover did not seem to have been adversely affected by the re-opening of the Coffee Pot.
- 3273**      **9. COMMUNITY ITEMS**
- a) Village War Memorial – a grant had been approved in the sum of £1,606.00.
- b) Neighbourhood Watch. Mr Collier was now back in the UK on a more permanent basis and advised that someone would attend the next PC meeting to give a progress report.
- c) Refurbishment of seat outside St Leonard's church. Cllr Westlake advised that this was in progress – unfortunately there had been a delay in the delivery of the wood. **RW**
- d) Matters arising from Annual Village Assembly 2009. These were as follows –
- a) Pocket Park – it was agreed that this requires work. After discussion it was decided to make this an agenda item at the next PC meeting, mention it in the Old Mail article, and in the meantime Cllrs Stephenson and Tapp agreed to provide a poster for the village notice board. **ST**  
**LS**
- b) Youth Club – unfortunately Ms Green had failed to obtain enough volunteers to run the proposed Youth Club – this was acknowledged as a great shame, especially as there was a room available at the Recreation Centre. c) Litter bin moved to Lime Road end of School lane playing field – this would be carried out when the play area fence was constructed. d) Football club litter left after matches – Cllr Turl agreed to mention this at the next Recreation Centre meeting. **CT**
- e) Sheltered Housing – was not covered by the recent housing needs survey as it was felt that the need for sheltered housing could be met on the open market – but not for those who wished to remain in Yardley Gobion. f) Wharf Lane R.O.W. – Cllr Westlake had passed details of the website link to County Cllr Walker, who had agreed to take the matter up on behalf of the PC. g) Parish Path Warden role – Cllr Adey indicated an interest in this role and the Clerk was asked to obtain the necessary paperwork. **TA**
- e) Request from Police for contact for Northamptonshire Community Messaging. It was agreed that this was a Neighbourhood Watch role.
- f) Village Directory. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Hutchin circulate a master copy of the Directory for Cllrs to proof read and amend as necessary. **AH**
- 3274**      **10. Date of next meeting:**
- a) 7th July 2009, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 10.00pm.