

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

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), R Westlake, Ms L Stephenson, C King & Mrs S Tapp; District Cllr McCord and residents Mr N Schumacher, Mr Richard Weston, Mrs Mumford & Ms Aldridge.
- 3275** **1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr C Turl, T Adey, A Hutchin, B Tite & County Cllr Walker.
- 3276** **2. Council Matters:**
- a)** Declaration of Interest: Cllr Stephenson declared an interest in agenda item 7.2 (e), Cllr King declared an interest in agenda item 7.2 (a), Cllr Tapp declared an interest in agenda item 6.1 (e) and Cllr Westlake declared an interest in agenda item 6.1 (j).
- 3277** **3. Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1** The Minutes of Meeting held 2.6.09 were then agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2** Matters Arising: None.
- 3278** **4. Open Forum:** Comments attached.
Mrs Mumford & Ms Aldridge leave 8.25pm.
- 3279** **5. Planning:**
- 5.1** Applications received: None.
- 5.2** Amendments: None.
- 5.3** Applications granted:
- a)** S/2009/0413/P, 17 Moorend Road. Replace cellar window. 3 conditions. Cllr Crisp read these out to the meeting.
- 5.4** Applications refused: None.
- 5.5** Applications withdrawn:
- a)** S/2009/0390/P, 66 Moorend Road. New velux window in front elevation and two metre high close boarded fence to side.
- 5.6** Outstanding Applications/Other planning.
- a)** S/2009/0135/P, Badgers Farm, Northampton Road, Cosgrove. Twenty chalet boarding cattery - (Cosgrove Parish). Approved.
District Cllr McCord leaves 8.40pm.
- 3280** **6. Finance:**
- 6.1** ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a)** Clerk's salary June 09 £353.40. (000035).
- b)** Clerk's expenses June 09 £5.82+ £.13p VAT = £5.95 (000036).
- c)** A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service June 09 £80.70 + £12.11 VAT = £92.81 (000037).
- d)** Mr Macdonald – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – June 2009 – £50.00 (000038).
- e)** NCALC – Cllr Tapp to Code of Conduct course 10th July £29.00 (000039).
- f)** N J Blackwell Garden Services – mowing June 09 £691.83 + £103.77 VAT = £795.60 (000040).
- g)** e.on UK Energy Services street lighting quarterly maintenance £224.73 + £33.71 VAT = £258.44 (000041).
- h)** Yardley Gobion United Reformed Church – hire of chapel for annual meeting 26.5.09 £10.00 (000042).
- i)** Enterprise Inns – Coffee Pot field rent to 30.9.09 - £10.00 + £1.50 VAT - .50p overpayment of VAT = £11.00 (000043).
- j)** Mr R Westlake – materials for refurbishment of seat outside St Leonard's Church £206.38 + £30.95 VAT = £237.33 (000044).
- 6.2** PAYMENTS RECEIVED:
- a)** NatWest - £1,163.36 – closure of bank account – includes deduction of £32.22 for bank charges & closure of account.
- b)** Grant of £1,000.00 from Yardley Gobion Kids Zone towards the School Lane play area fencing. The Clerk was asked to acknowledge this very generous contribution and Cllrs were asked to consider if there was a future for the charity.
- 6.3** TRANSFERS:
- a)** Scottish Widows to LloydsTSB - £1,000.00.
- 6.4** OTHER:
- a)** Bank balances as at last statements – NW - £nil (8.5.09), LTSB - £7,834.39 (15.6.09) SW - £17,564.33 (16.6.09). (£6,000.00 cheque from LTSB to SW not shown as cashed by LTSB, but in SW account).
- 3281** **7. Committee Reports**
- 7.1** HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING
- a)** Report from PC Representative. Cllr Westlake reported no issues about the village mowing, but mentioned overhanging vegetation was still a problem. The Clerk was asked to deliver further notices to various properties in the village reminding householders of their obligations to fellow residents.
- b)** The Clerk was also asked to follow up the report of the damaged street light bracket outside Moorend Manor.
- c)** NCC/MGWSP – Parish Enhancement Gangs. Placed on circulation for Cllrs' opinions.
- d)** Appointment of Parish Path Warden. Cllr Tina Adey had been appointed Parish Path Warden – Cllrs wished her well in her new role.
- 7.2** PLAYING-FIELD/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES
- a)** The future of the Pocket Park. This was discussed at length, but as Cllrs were unsure what was

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included in the quotations they had received it proved impossible to make any decisions. (See also Open Forum notes.)

- b) Monthly play area and pocket park inspection reports. 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.
- c) Pocket Park - Mr Macdonald's inspection report was read out to the meeting by Cllr Crisp which indicated that apart from some litter the park was relatively tidy.
Mr Macdonald had tendered his resignation from the end of August as he was leaving the village. The Clerk was asked to record thanks to him for his work over the past 18 months. Mr Schumacher agreed to take on the caretaker role from 1st September.
- d) Request from Mr & Mrs Richard Weston to use Coffee Pot field for car parking for wedding at Chestnut Road Chapel on 22nd August. Permission proposed by Cllr Stephenson and seconded by Cllr Westlake subject to the usual conditions of hire. All in favour..
- e) Approval of grant application for fence around School Lane play area. Discussed and approved by all Cllrs. Signed by Cllrs Crisp and Stephenson on behalf of the PC.
- f) Request from the Management Committee of Yardley Gobion C of E Primary School to permit the construction of a new gate from the school playing field onto the drive up to the Recreation Centre to allow emergency access. After discussion the Clerk was asked to reply as follows 'The Recreation Centre, as lessees of the land in question, should be consulted, and a copy of the letter has been passed to them for consideration. In principle the Council has no objections to the creation of a gate to enable the children to leave the school premises, but they would like to see where it would be sited and how a fire engine would access the site without damaging Recreation Centre property. Cllrs plan to have a site meeting and liaise with the Recreation Centre committee, and with yourselves in order to bring this important issue to a speedy conclusion.'

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Mr Weston leaves 9.25pm.

7.3 ALLOTMENTS

- a) Report from PC representative. No report.
- b) Request to erect a shed on plot 38. Approved.
- c) Proposal to use road shavings to improve pathway through allotments. Discussed and approved in principle – Cllr Crisp to discuss further with Mr Grace.
- d) Proposals for use of horse field, including use as market garden. Mr Schumacher outlined his proposals for the use of the horse field – namely growing and supplying fruit and vegetables to residents and local businesses – and Cllrs were supportive of this, however, matters such as rent, possible planning permission and whether a change of use of the land was required, still needed investigating. Mr Schumacher's proposal was put on circulation for discussion at a future meeting, and in the meantime the Clerk was asked to advertise the field for rent on the village notice board.

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Mr Schumacher leaves 10.00pm.

3282 8. Y G VILLAGE HALL (CK) – The VH Committee is actively thinking of improving the car parking.

3283 8.1 Y G RECREATION CENTRE (CT) No report.

9. COMMUNITY ITEMS

- a) Neighbourhood Watch. A letter had been received from Mr Collier of Neighbourhood Watch, which Cllr Crisp read out to the meeting. He noted that there had been problems with the Community Messaging Service, which informs about incidents and reports of crime and anti-social behaviour in the immediate area. He also hoped to arrange presentations to the W.I. and the Chestnut Club.
- b) Refurbishment of seat outside St Leonard's church – formal thanks to be recorded to Cllr Westlake. Cllrs thanked Cllr Westlake for an excellent job.
- c) Car Boot sales at Springfields Farm, Moorend Road. SNC had decided not to take action about the advertising sign along the A5, but the posts and ropes dividing parking lanes on site were discussed as these should only be there on sale days, and, as part of his monitoring of the site, Patrick Burke at SNC would like to be advised if these are being retained. Cllr Crisp had spoken with Cllr Parkin, Chair of Potterspurty PC, and it was felt it would be useful if the two PC's liaised on the issue of the car boots as they affect both YG and Potterspurty.

32845 d) Village Directory. Deferred.

10. CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION REQUIRED.

- a) CarillionWSP – Highways Area Service Provider – Change of Area advice & Customer Satisfaction survey. Read out and placed on circulation.
- b) Northampton Environment Forum – Improving Your Patch awards 2009. Placed on circulation. West Northamptonshire JPU – Emergent Joint Core Strategy for West Northamptonshire. Placed on circulation.
- c) East Midlands Regional Assembly – Regional Plan Partial Review. Placed on circulation.

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3285 11. **Date of next meeting:**

- a) 4th August 2009, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 10.25pm.

Open Forum

Mrs Mumford and Ms Aldridge, who live near the Pocket Park, felt that it was currently not used as a park facility, but they did not want it to be abandoned. However, there were ongoing problems during the holidays, weekends and evenings. It was suggested that they and their neighbours should write to the PC with their comments so that their views could be taken into account during deliberations on the Park's future. YG's Park was unusual in that it was in the centre of the village – most were on the outskirts. The PC had asked for quotations from contractors to either clear the Park except for the mature trees, or prepare and maintain the Park on an ongoing basis. Historically the site was used as allotment gardens, which were successful, with some 6 or 8 plots. Mr Schumacher suggested clearing the shrubs to make an open orchard.

District Cllr McCord mentioned that the SNC arboriculturalist considered the work carried out to the trees at 99 Hesketh Road to be of a high standard, but Cllrs felt that retrospective permission should be sought, as otherwise it was unfair to other residents with a TPO tree. He also mentioned SPLAT and the children's activities in August in Yardley Gobion.

The Towcester Masterplan had been unveiled and the Emerging Core Strategy published. The Interim Housing policy would be debated at Council on 29th July.