

## MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 4<sup>TH</sup> August 2009

- Present** Cllrs R Westlake (Chair), C Turl, Mrs T Adey, A Hutchin, Ms L Stephenson, C King & Mrs S Tapp; District Cllr McCord and residents Mr N Schumacher, Mr & Mrs Mumford & Ms Aldridge.
- 3286** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr G Crisp & B Tite.
- 3287** 2. **Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest: Cllr King declared an interest in agenda item 7.2 (a).
- 3288** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 The Minutes of Meeting held 7.7.09 were then agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 Matters Arising: None.
- 3289** 4. **Open Forum:** Comments attached.  
Mr & Mrs Mumford & Ms Aldridge leave 8.30pm.
- 3290** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 Applications received: None.
- 5.2 Amendments: None.
- 5.3 Applications granted:
- 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. 12 conditions. Paperwork placed on circulation.
- 5.4 Applications refused: None.
- 5.5 Applications withdrawn: None.
- 5.6 Outstanding Applications/Other planning.
- a) Unauthorised erection of stable on land at Mount Pleasant Farm. Cllrs were concerned to hear that stables had been allegedly erected on land at Mount Pleasant Farm without permission. District Cllr McCord offered to take the matter up with Ken Vaughan, SNC Enforcement Officer.
- 3291** 6. **Finance:**
- 6.1 ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a) Clerk's salary July 09 £353.40. (000045).
- b) Clerk's expenses July 09 £13.45+ £2.02 VAT = £15.47 (000046).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service July 09 £64.56 + £9.68 VAT = £74.24 (000047).
- d) Mr Macdonald – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – July 2009 – £50.00 (000048).
- e) N J Blackwell Garden Services – mowing July 09 £784.56 + £117.68 VAT = £902.24 (000049).
- f) e.on UK Energy Services call out to PL1 – pole bracket accident damage £60.00 + £9.00 VAT = £69.00 (000050).
- g) Mrs A M Ratcliffe – contribution to telephone bill 15.11.08 – 15.1.09 £27.38 (000051).
- h) e.on UK Energy Services street lighting quarterly charge £14.99 + £0.79p VAT = £15.74 (000052).
- i) Anglian Water – allotment water charge 14.1.09 – 1.7.09 £58.64 (000053).
- j) Mr G Crisp – mileage to West Northants Housing Market Area Workshop – 16 miles at 58.7p per mile = £9.39 (000054).
- 6.2 PAYMENTS RECEIVED: None.
- 6.3 TRANSFERS:
- a) Scottish Widows to LloydsTSB - £1,500.00.
- 6.4 OTHER:
- a) Bank balances as at last statements – LTSB - £2,834.37 (15.7.09) SW - £16,564.33 (8.7.09).
- 3292** 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 at 2 properties in particular. The Clerk was asked to deliver further notices to various properties in the village reminding householders of their obligations to fellow residents. Cllr Westlake then read out a letter concerning Parish Enhancement Gangs and suggested some work in the village that they could carry out. Cllrs agreed to consider what needed doing and compile a list for MGWSP. Cllr Westlake had filled in a customer satisfaction survey for CarillionWSP and advised that an open meeting for Highway Reps would be held later in the year. **ALL**
- b) PL 1 Moorend Road – report on accident damage. Cllr Stephenson had provided a template for the Clerk to use in writing to the insurance company to lodge the PC's claim for a replacement pole bracket, and a response was awaited.
- 7.2 PLAYING-FIELD/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES
- a) The future of the Pocket Park. This was discussed at length. (See 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 Westlake, which indicated that matting was sticking up around the base of the aeroplane spring toy, and some litter, (which he had removed) in the School Lane field play area. Cllr Westlake volunteered to investigate the problem. **RW**  
Unfortunately there were still bird droppings on the swing seat in the Coffee Pot field play area – no solution had been found to this problem.  
Pocket Park - Mr Macdonald's inspection report was read out to the meeting by Cllr Westlake which indicated that apart from some litter the park was relatively tidy.

- c) 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. The Clerk had responded to this request and Cllr Westlake had spoken with Mrs Gleeson at the school, who indicated that a response in September would be acceptable. Copies of the paperwork were passed to Cllr Turl to discuss the matter with YGRC. **CT**
- d) Parking on grass verges. Complaints had been received about parking on, and driving across, grass verges in Warren Road and the Clerk was asked to take the matter up with NCC, as technically the grass verges are their responsibility.
- e) Replacement of May trees at entrance to village. Cllr Westlake had researched the cost of new trees and advised that they should not be more than £25.00 each, and would be ready September/October time. Cllr Stephenson proposed that Cllr Westlake go ahead with the purchase of 3 trees provided the cost did not exceed £25.00 per tree. Seconded by Cllr Tapp. All in favour. **RW**
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS**
- a) Report from PC representative. No report.
- b) Complaints from allotment holders. In response to complaints from allotment holders regarding the non cultivation of plots it was agreed that formal procedures be commenced.
- c) Proposals for use of horse field, including use as market garden. The Clerk had had no interest shown in the advertisement about the field for rent on the village notice board. Mr Schumacher had previously outlined his proposals for the use of the field – namely growing and supplying fruit and vegetables to residents and local businesses – and Cllrs were happy with these. It was agreed that the tenancy agreement required re-working; however in the interim it was proposed by Cllr King that Mr Schumacher could commence clearing the field immediately and the rent would be waived for the first month. Seconded by Cllr Hutchin. All in favour. This would give the PC time to take advice regarding the tenancy agreement and consider such issues as the water supply and the responsibility for the maintenance of the boundary. **ALL**  
Mr Schumacher leaves 10.00pm.
- 3293 8. Y G VILLAGE HALL (CK) – Nothing to report.**
- 3294 8.1 Y G RECREATION CENTRE (CT) Nothing to report.**
- 9. COMMUNITY ITEMS**
- a) Neighbourhood Watch. No report.
- b) Village Directory. Deferred. Cllr Hutchin asked if anyone had a copy of the previous Village Directory and Cllrs agreed to check at home. **ALL**
- c) Safe'n'Sound – South Northants Volunteer Bureau was holding an event for residents to find out about groups and services available in the village on 29<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall and would appreciate it if the PC could be involved. Cllrs indicated an interest in supporting the event and the paperwork was placed on circulation to enable the matter to be discussed at the next PC meeting.
- 3295 10. CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION REQUIRED.**
- a) SNC - Presentation on Strategic Policy Matters – Council Chamber 10<sup>th</sup> August 6.30pm – 9pm. Cllrs noted the date and time.
- b) West Northamptonshire JPU – Emergent Joint Core Strategy for West Northamptonshire. Consultation paperwork placed on circulation. **ALL**
- 3296 11. Date of next meeting:**
- a) 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 10.10pm.

### Open Forum

Mr & 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. YG's Park was unusual in that it was in the centre of the village – most were on the outskirts. Historically the site was used as allotment gardens, which were successful with some 6 or 8 plots, and one suggestion was to revive these. Securing the area was night was also discussed. A letter had been received from residents willing to take responsibility for tidying the Park. The general consensus was that an open (not a PC) meeting should be held – in the Park if possible, otherwise in the Church – when all interested parties could discuss the matter, and the Pocket Parks Officer be asked to attend and give their views and answer questions. District Cllr McCord offered to chair the meeting. Early in September was suggested – depending on the availability of the Pocket Parks Officer. **IM**

District Cllr McCord advised that the Interim Housing Policy had been approved by Council and Cabinet on 29<sup>th</sup> July and would be used for judging planning applications in the future.