

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3rd November 2009

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), Mrs T Adey, A Hutchin, Ms L Stephenson, R Westlake, C King & Mrs S Tapp; residents Mr Hayes, Ms S Green, Ms Aldridge, Mr Roche and Mr N Schumacher.
- 3319** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr C Turl.
- 3320** 2. **Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest: Cllr King declared an interest in agenda item 7.2 (a). Cllr Tapp declared an interest in agenda item 5.3 (c).
- 3321** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 The Minutes of Meeting held 6.10.09 were then agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2 Matters Arising: None.
- 3322** 4. **Open Forum:** Comments attached.
Cllr Hutchin enters 8.05pm.
Mr Hayes, Ms Aldridge and Mr Roche leave 8.19pm.
- 3323** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1 Applications received:
- a) S/2009/0952/FUL – 1 High Street. Detached dwelling. This application provoked a great deal of discussion. Whilst Cllrs acknowledged that approval had been previously granted for a dwelling on this site they voiced the following concerns about this new application – the mixture of stone and red brick building materials, roof heights and the dominance over nos 2 and 4 Grafton Road and the proposed new access, and requested an archaeological survey on the site.
Mr Schumacher leaves 8.30pm.
- b) S/2009/0971/LBC – 19 High Street. Front porch. Cllrs commented as follows ‘there are no dimensions shown for the porch and plinths on the plan provided and only approximate dimensions are included in the Design and Access statement. The type of thatch and finish of timber supports should be specified and should match the existing type.’
- c) S/2009/1035/FUL – The Granary, Moored Road. Convert tack room into a kitchen, replace windows, roof and rooflights. Insert a new window to front elevation. Cllrs were not sure about the conditions which applied when this barn conversion was first agreed and deferred a response. The Clerk later researched application no S/1996/0329/P and found the only comments concerned parking. Therefore Cllrs had ‘no observations.’
- 5.2 Amendments: None.
- 5.3 Applications granted:
- a) S/2009/0739/FUL – 9 Mount Pleasant. First floor rear extension. 3 conditions. Cllr Crisp read these out to the meeting.
- b) S/2009/0773/FUL – Mount Pleasant Farm, Moored Road. Hay store – retrospective. 5 conditions. Cllr Crisp read these out to the meeting.
- c) S/2009/0813/FUL – 80 Hesketh Road. Two storey side and single storey front extensions. 4 conditions. Cllr Crisp read these out to the meeting.
- d) S/2009/0831/FUL – Yardley Court, Grays Lane. Proposed garage/store and two storey extension to rear. 7 conditions. Paperwork placed on circulation.
- Applications refused:
- e) S/2009/0738/FUL – 20 Mount Pleasant. Two storey rear extension and single storey extension to side. Paperwork placed on circulation.
- 5.4 Applications withdrawn: None.
- 5.5 Outstanding Applications/Other planning.
- a) APP/Z2830/A/09/2115219/NWF – Land at Springfields Farm. New agricultural workers dwelling. Appeal against refusal of planning permission. Paperwork placed on circulation.
- b) CPRE database for updates on planning matters. Cllrs Crisp and Westlake volunteered to be added to this database.
- 3324** 6. **Finance:**
- 6.1 **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Clerk’s salary Oct 09 (£367.12) + back pay from April 09 (£82.32) = £449.44 (000071).
- b) Clerk’s expenses Oct 09 (£5.85 + £0.88 VAT) = £6.73 (000072).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Oct 09 (£64.56 + £9.68 VAT) = £74.24 (000073).
- d) Mr Schumacher – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – Oct 2009 – £50.00 (000074).
- e) N J Blackwell Garden Services – mowing Oct (£579.05 + £86.86 VAT) = £665.91 (000075).
- f) e.on UK Energy Services – repairing damaged street light PL1 (£676.00 + £101.40 VAT) £777.40 (000076).
- g) e.on UK Energy Services revised street lighting charges 1.7.09 – 30.9.09 (£267.84 + 13.9 VAT) = £281.23 (000077).
- h) Mrs A M Ratcliffe – contribution to telephone bill 16.1.09 – 16.4.09 £28.70 (000078).
- i) e.on UK Energy Services – repairing damaged street light PL56 (£23.47 + £3.52 VAT) = £26.99 (000079).
- 6.2 **PAYMENTS RECEIVED:**
- a) £11,400.00 – SNC second half of precept.
- b) £999.00 – grant towards School Lane play area fencing (County Cllr A Walker empowering Cllrs fund).
- 6.3 **TRANSFERS:** None.

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- 6.4 OTHER:
- a) Bank balances as at last statements – LTSB - £14,378.38 (15.10.09) SW - £8,064.33 (7.10.09).
 - b) Requests for grant aid. The review of donations paperwork was placed on circulation.
 - c) Possible change from Scottish Widows deposit account. The Clerk advised that no interest was payable at present on the deposit account – Cllr Crisp agreed to ascertain if there were any interest bearing telephone operated accounts available, which were suitable for the PC. GC
7. **Committee Reports**
- 7.1 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING
- a) Report from PC Representative - Cllr Westlake reported that the mowing season had more or less finished, apart from some tidying up by the contractor.
 - b) He mentioned the reversing mirror that had been placed on a lamppost belonging to the PC opposite no 51 Moorend Road. This was considered dangerous and the Clerk was asked to formally request that it be removed by the residents concerned.
 - c) PL 1 Moorend Road – report on accident damage to this street light near Moorend Manor. The invoice had been received for the replacement pole bracket from e.on and the insurance claim would be made in the next few days.
 - d) Political slogans had been noted previously on fences/stiles along local bridleways and R.O.W. Cllr Adey had reported these to the R.O.W. department, but there was little they could do as the stiles/fences were the responsibility of the landowner concerned. Cllrs Hutchin and Westlake agreed to look at the sites concerned. AH
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- 7.2 PLAYING-FIELD/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES
- a) Cllr King passed to the meeting confirmation that the Pocket Park Management Committee had been dissolved and the responsibility for the Park had been passed to the PC. Cllr Crisp had met Ian Lorman, SNC’s arboriculturalist, who had looked at the trees in the Pocket Park and confirmed which could be removed. The next step would be to obtain quotations for the removal of the arena and a general tidy up of the park. The possibility of laying the hedge along by the old school was discussed. A letter was to be written to the PCC to discuss certain areas of the lease that are affected by the proposals being considered. GC
 - b) Monthly play area and Pocket Park inspection reports. Mr Schumacher’s play area inspection reports were read out to the meeting by Cllr Crisp, which indicated that in both School Lane and Coffee Pot field play areas the equipment was fine apart from a problem with the mushroom seating in the School Lane play area, and there had been a small amount of litter over the month. Cllr Westlake agreed to investigate the problem with the seating and advise whether it required action by the installers. RW
 - c) Mr Schumacher had asked if the PC could look into a method of keeping the bags in litter bins – Cllr Westlake agreed to discuss the matter with Mr Geoff Dickens to try and find a solution to the problem. RW
 - d) Pocket Park - Mr Schumacher’s inspection report was read out to the meeting by Cllr Crisp which indicated that again the park was relatively tidy apart from a small amount of litter and a few bottles.
 - e) Independent play area inspection – The Clerk advised that some companies wanted to offer maintenance contracts as well as inspections – Cllrs agreed that they were only interested in the inspections and would pay for maintenance issues as necessary.
 - f) Replacement of May trees at entrance to village. In hand – waiting for notice that they have arrived.
 - g) Overhanging Vegetation - Cllrs were happy that some action had been taken to remove vegetation which was obscuring public lights. An overhanging rose bush in Moorend Road was mentioned and Cllr Hutchin agreed to speak to the residents concerned. AH
- 7.3 ALLOTMENTS
- a) Report from representative. Apart from recently let allotments, which were now being worked, plot 9 was still overgrown despite a warning letter being sent. Cllrs decided to serve notice on the plotholder concerned.
 - b) Horse field update. Linda Mason, the PC’s solicitor, had studied the tenancy agreement prepared by Cllr Westlake, and had advised that a first draft would be with the PC in the near future. Cllrs Crisp and Westlake agreed to meet with Linda Mason to discuss points she had raised in an e-mail which Cllr Crisp read out to the meeting.. GC
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8. Y G VILLAGE HALL (CK) – Nothing to report.
9. COMMUNITY ITEMS
- a) Neighbourhood Watch. No report.
 - b) Village Directory. Cllr Hutchin advised that he was making progress and should be able to circulate some paperwork in the near future. AH
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10. **CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION REQUIRED.**
- a) NCC – consultation to the proposal by NCC to operate a permit scheme in accordance with the traffic management permit scheme (England) regulations 2007 on its highway network. Cllrs generally were in agreement concerning this proposal, and Cllr Crisp agreed to complete the paperwork on behalf of the PC. GC
 - b) Letter from PPC Andrea Leadsom asking if PC would consider arranging a ‘Hustings’ to which the candidates from all political parties might be invited. Cllrs agreed that this was not something the PC should be involved in as a non-political organisation. The Clerk agreed to speak to Mrs Leadsom accordingly.

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11. Date of next meeting:

- a) 1st December 2009, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 10.17pm.

Open Forum

Mr Hayes asked how plans for the Pocket Park were progressing. Cllrs advised that they were in the process of drawing up the specifications for quotations for 1) the removal of the arena and the raised bed, clearing shrubs, brambles and trees (apart from those specified), and 2) clearing the hedge boundaries, and possibly removing one of the fences, although the costs involved in replacing any missing fencing at the end of the lease would have to be taken into account.