

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 1st December 2009

- Present** Cllrs G Crisp (Chair), Mrs T Adey, A Hutchin, Ms L Stephenson, R Westlake, C King & Mrs S Tapp; residents Mr P Roberts, Ms S Green, Mr G Haigh & District Cllr McCord.
- 3330** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr C Turl.
- 3331** 2. **Council Matters:**
- a) Declaration of Interest: Cllr King declared an interest in agenda item 7.2 (a).
- 3332** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1** The Minutes of Meeting held 3.11.09 were then agreed/signed as a correct record.
- 3.2** Matters Arising: Cllr Crisp mentioned that he had researched deposit account rates, updated the horse field lease and sent it to Linda Mason, and obtained new quotations for work on the Pocket Park – all of which would be discussed during the meeting.
- 3333** 4. **Open Forum:** Comments attached.
Mr Roberts leaves 8.07pm.
- 3334** 5. **Planning:**
- 5.1** Applications received: None.
- 5.2** Amendments:
- a) S/2009/1127/TCA – 9 High Street. Felling of an apple tree. FOR INFORMATION ONLY.
No other paperwork was available.
- 5.3** Applications granted:
- a) S/2009/0971/LBC – 19 High Street. Front porch.
- 5.4** Applications refused: None.
- 5.5** Applications withdrawn:
- a) S/2009/0952/FUL – 1 High Street. Detached dwelling.
- 5.6** Outstanding Applications/Other planning:
- a) Land at Springfields Farm. Sunday market and car boot sale – letter from SNC enforcement officer. Cllr Crisp read out the letter to Cllrs, which asked if the PC had any comments about the level of traffic in the village when the events are taking place, and the effect the traffic has on amenity and road safety. This was discussed at length and the Clerk was asked to respond as follows ‘The major concern expressed was about traffic congestion onto and off the A5 from people trying to enter and exit the boot sale, which prevents residents trying to get into and out of the village. Presumably emergency vehicles would be able to force their way through if necessary, but some form of traffic management to deal with the increased flow of traffic along Moorend Road and its junction with the A5 (mostly before 9am and after 12 noon) would be appreciated.’
- 3335** 6. **Finance:**
- 6.1** ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:
- a) Clerk’s salary Nov 09 £367.12 (000080).
- b) Clerk’s expenses Nov 09 (£7.14 + £0.26 VAT) = £7.40(000081).
- c) A H Contracts – dog bin emptying service Nov 09 (£64.56 + £9.68 VAT) = £74.24 (000082).
- d) Mr Schumacher – caretaking of play areas and pocket park – Nov 2009 – £50.00 (000083).
- e) N J Blackwell Garden Services – contract work Nov 09 (£99.02 + £14.85 VAT) = £113.87 (000084).
- 6.2** PAYMENTS RECEIVED:
- a) £645.31 – HM Revenue & Customs – VAT refund.
- b) £777.40 – Co-Operative Financial Services Ltd – insurance claim for PL1.
- 6.3** TRANSFERS: None.
- 6.4** OTHER:
- a) Bank balances as at last statements – LTSB - £12,633.65 (13.11.09) SW - £8,064.33 (7.10.09).
- b) Requests for grant aid. The review of donations was read out to the meeting by Cllr Crisp. After discussion, and proposed by Cllr King and seconded by Cllr Westlake, the Council, in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, agreed to incur the following expenditure which, in its opinion, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure – (i) British Legion - £100.00 (001660), (ii) Willen Hospice - £250.00 (001661), (iii) MacMillan Cancer Relief - £250.00 (001662), (iv) Warks & N’hants Air Ambulance - £250.00 (001663). All in favour. With regard to The Old Mail, Cllrs Westlake and Hutchin had attended a recent meeting with the advertising manager and treasurer of The Old Mail and gave a brief report of their discussion. As a result of this Cllr Hutchin proposed and Cllr King seconded that the Council in accordance with its powers under Section 142 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, was in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and would benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure – a donation of a maximum of £800.00 to The Old Mail, with £600.00 being paid in January 2010 and the balance of £200.00 available in July 2010 if cost savings had been implemented to the satisfaction of the PC – all in favour. The Clerk was asked to request that the PC be kept in touch with what was happening and reassured that efficiencies were being implemented – perhaps by obtaining competitive quotations for the printing and reconsidering the way that the material was presented. The request from YGRC for £200.00 towards the fireworks would be formally minuted once the PC had been advised that the firework site was clear.

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| | c) | Possible change from Scottish Widows deposit account. Cllr Crisp advised that he had researched interest bearing deposit account suitable for the PC and recommended the LloydsTSB 'Easy Saver' acct. Cllr Westlake proposed that the PC open an 'Easy Saver' account. Seconded by Cllr Adey. All in favour. | |
| | d) | Precept 2010/2011 – The F & GP advisory group agreed to meet prior to the next PC meeting to recommend the precept for the coming year. | F&GP |
| 3336 | 7. | Committee Reports | |
| | 7.1 | HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/MOWING | |
| | a) | Report from PC Representative - Cllr Westlake reported that the unauthorised reversing mirror on the lamp post in Moorend Road mentioned last month had been removed | |
| | b) | NCC – request for survey of village road signs and markings – Cllr Westlake was in the process of completing this report. | RW |
| | c) | Highway Representative Annual Day Conference 9 th December 11am-3pm at the Sargeant Memorial Hall, Brafield-on-the-Green. Cllr Westlake would be attending. | RW |
| | 7.2 | PLAYING-FIELD/POCKET PARK/VILLAGE TREES | |
| | a) | A specification for the work in the Pocket Park had been prepared and 4 quotations had been received. Cllr Crisp read these out to the meeting, but it was suggested that the figures be put on a spreadsheet for ease of interpretation. The advisory group would then meet to discuss the quotations in full. A letter had been written to the PCC to discuss certain areas of the lease that are affected by the proposals being considered, and this would be discussed at their meeting on 7 th December. | PPark Group |
| | 9. | Cllr Stephenson asked if Agenda items 9 e & f could be discussed next – Cllr Crisp agreed. | |
| | e) | Cllr Stephenson had attended the recent police community panel meeting and had circulated a report to Cllrs prior to the meeting. She mentioned the use of cards for residents to note their concerns, and the possible use of speedwatch in the village. | |
| | f) | Parish Representative on Board of School Governors – current term of office ending. Cllr Stephenson indicated her willingness to continue in this role – Cllr Hutchin proposed that she should and this was seconded by Cllr Tapp. All were in favour and the Clerk was asked to confirm this to Mrs Gleeson at the school. 10.30pm – Cllr Stephenson & District Cllr McCord leave. | |
| | 7.2 | 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 a loose handle on one of the spring toys in the School Lane play area, and that there had been a small amount of litter over the month. Cllr Westlake agreed to investigate the problem with the spring toy and advise whether it required action by the installers. He had inspected the mushroom seating mentioned previously and felt that it was stable. | RW |
| | b) | Cllr Westlake had discussed with Mr Geoff Dickens a method of keeping the bags in litter bins and he would report back to the meeting in due course. 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 one week. | RW |
| | c) | Replacement of May trees at entrance to village. Now at Buckingham Garden Centre awaiting collection – Cllr Westlake mentioned that he planned to plant them on 5 th December at 11 o'clock. | RW |
| | 7.3 | ALLOTMENTS | |
| | a) | Report from representative. All allotments were now being worked, with the exception of no 15 which was overgrown. The Clerk would contact the plot holder concerned. | |
| | b) | Horse field update. Cllr Crisp had sent the tenancy agreement to Linda Mason, the PC's solicitor, who had confirmed safe receipt. Once she had checked this the final copy would be circulated to all Cllrs. | |
| | c) | Allotment holders rent review. Cllrs agreed that the rent per plot should remain at £10.00 for 2010. | |
| 3337 | 8. | Y G VILLAGE HALL (CK) – Cllr King reported that they were investigating the possibility of resurfacing the car park, and mentioned the improved lighting in the Village Hall.. | |
| 3338 | 9. | COMMUNITY ITEMS | |
| | a) | Neighbourhood Watch. A letter had been received from Mr Collier Village Co-Ordinator, advising that he would attend the next PC meeting. This was read out to the meeting by Cllr Crisp.. | |
| | b) | Village Directory. Cllr Hutchin advised that he was making progress and should be able to circulate some paperwork in the near future. | AH |
| | c) | The Old Mail – discussed previously under Minute No 3335 6.4b). | |
| | d) | 'The Bus'. Paperwork passed to Ms Green to investigate the possibility of utilising it in YG. | |
| 3339 | 10. | CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION REQUIRED. | |
| | a) | SNC – Invitation to South Northamptonshire Local Strategic Partnership Workshop – A Sustainable Rural Economy? 10 th December at Seawell Valley Conference and Training Centre. Cllr Crisp indicated an interest in attending on behalf of the PC. | GC |
| | b) | SNC – Invitation to Parish Council Reception 7.30pm Wednesday 16 th December. Interested Cllrs to contact the Clerk. | |
| | c) | South Northamptonshire Economic Development Strategy – consultation closing 11 th January | |

2010. Paperwork placed on circulation.

- d) South Northants Homes had sent an invitation to Cllrs to join their representatives on a walk around the village on 9th December. Cllr Crisp indicated an interest in attending on behalf of the PC.

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11. Date of next meeting:

- a) 5th January 2010, 8.00pm in the Village Hall, preceded by the Annual Allotment Holders Meeting at 7pm..

Meeting closed 11.04pm.

Open Forum

Mr Roberts asked how plans for the Pocket Park were progressing. Cllrs advised that they had drawn up the specification 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, and received 4 quotations, which would be discussed later in the meeting.

District Cllr McCord advised that SNC were attempting to balance the budget – voluntary redundancies would be considered, but the aim was not to cut front line services.