

MINUTES OF YARDLEY GOBION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 7th February 2023

- Present** Cllrs L Stephenson (Chair), R Weston, I McCord, J Hill, T Robinson, J Thorne, L Llewellyn & A Curtis & resident Mrs H Westlake.
- 4983** 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr N Wickens
- 4984** 2. **COUNCIL MATTERS**
- a) **Declaration of Interest:** Cllr Weston declared an interest in Agenda item 7.2a), Cllr Curtis declared an interest in Agenda item 8.1h), Cllr Llewellyn declared an interest in Agenda item 5.
- b) Venue for Council meetings - the VH Booking Clerk had suggested that the PC move their meeting from 7.15pm to 7.30pm to facilitate the vacation of the Hall by the previous hirer. As Cllrs had already moved the meeting from 7.00pm to 7.15pm to facilitate the previous hirer, they felt this was an unreasonable request and the Clerk was asked to respond accordingly to the Hall Booking Clerk.
- c) Decision re Council Wordpress website. The original website could either be deleted or retained for reference by the PC. Cllrs considered that it should be retained for the time being as the annual cost had only been minimal.
- d) Training Statement of Intent – As NCalc had indicated that this was a requirement Cllr Stephenson proposed that it be adopted. Seconded by Cllr Robinson. Cllr Hill voted against; Cllr McCord abstained. All other Councillors in favour.
- 4985** 3. **Previous Meeting:**
- 3.1 Agreement as a true record: The Minutes of Meeting held 11.1.23 were approved by all Cllrs and agreed/signed as a correct record.
- a) Matters arising: None.
- 4986** 4. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION:** Opened 7.42pm. Closed 8.10pm. Notes attached.
- 4987** 5. **Community Items:**
- a) Consideration of future burial arrangements for the village. The PC did not have any land suitable for a burial ground. Cllrs asked how much space was available and how many years that would last. It was felt that as the land adjacent to the current graveyard had been donated as a burial ground then that is what it should be used for. However, the idea of a joint working party between the PC and the PCC was agreed, with Cllrs Stephenson, Hill & Weston volunteering to take part.
- b) A resident had asked if the road off the High Street known as ‘Old School Lane’, which is a dead end, could be signed accordingly as numerous couriers following satnavs drove up the road and then found they had nowhere to turn around. The Clerk would contact WNC.
- 4988** 6. **New Projects:** Cllr Wickens had held a Play Area Consultation meeting on 28th January where new play area designs were exhibited. Cllrs wished to formally record their thanks to Cllr Wickens for the work that he had put into this project.
- 4989** 7. **PLANNING MATTERS** - Cllr McCord took no part in discussions.
- 7.1 Applications received:
- a) WNS/2023/0029/FUL – 101 Hesketh Road. Single storey rear extension with pitched roof, side extension of existing front garage with installation of pitched roof. Cllrs had no objections to the application but requested that any concerns raised by neighbours be addressed.
- b) WNS/2023/0125/FUL – Kingfisher Marina. Demolition of existing barn and replacement with a Marina manager’s residential flat and office building. Cllrs had no objections to the application but requested that any concerns raised by neighbours be addressed.
- 7.2 Applications approved:
- a) WNS/2022/1662/FUL – 5 Vicarage Close. Demolish existing PVCU conservatory & construct 2 storey side extension with a single storey rear projection. 3 conditions.
- 7.3 Applications refused:
- a) WNS/2022/2098/ADV – The Coffee Pot Tavern. Installation of replacement illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building.
- 7.4 **Other Planning:**
- a) Potterspury Road Solar Farm – Nothing further.
Mrs Westlake leaves 8.30pm.
- 4990** 8. **Finance Matters**
- 8.1 **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:**
- a) Clerk’s salary Jan 23 = £533.50 (001579).
- b) PAYE Tax = £133.40 (paid by direct debit)
- c) Correction to PAYE Tax Oct 22 = £122.28 (paid by direct debit)
- d) Clerk’s expenses – postage = £7.65 (001580)
- e) BT Broadband = £34.40 (paid by direct debit)
- f) Mrs Schumacher – caretaking of play areas – Jan 23 = £50.00 (001581).
- g) DNH Contracts – dog bins Jan 23 - £66.00 + £13.20 VAT = £79.20 (001582)
- h) Yardley Gobion Village Hall – room hire for Play Area event - £30.00 (001583)
- i) Glasdon UK Ltd – grit bin - £175.50 + £35.10 VAT = £210.60 (001584)
- j) Yardley Gobion United Reformed Church – hire of Chapel = £18.00 (001585)
- k) Miss L Ratcliffe – contribution to telephone = £21.99 (001586)
- l) Wave (Anglian Water) – allotment water = £330.81 (paid by direct debit)
- m) NCalc – VAT recovery process = £47.00 (001587)
Proposed by Cllr Stephenson and seconded by Cllr McCord.
- 8.2 Receipts:
- a) Allotment rent = £650.00

- b) YGRC – field rent = £52.00
- c) YGRC mowing cont = £910.00
- d) Scottish Widows interest = £2.29

8.3 OTHER

- a) Bank balances as at last statements – Lloyds - £30,685.15 (13.1.23) SW - £2,092.62 (1.1.23).
- b) Goat Field lease – Signed on behalf of the PC and awaiting completion.
- c) Bank reconciliation 1/10/22 – 31/12/22 - This had been checked by Cllr Weston. Noted & approved.
- d) Internet Banking – The Clerk and the Chair had signed the necessary paperwork and further information was awaited.
- e) Review of Risk Assessment – to be sent out to Councillors for any observations.
- f) Review of Financial Regulations – Cllr Stephenson proposed they be approved with no changes. Seconded by Cllr McCord. All in favour.
- g) Review of Asset Register – approved.
- h) Review of Code of Conduct - to be sent out to Councillors for any observations.
- i) Acknowledgement of grant from The Old Mail, Warks & N'hants Air Ambulance & Willen Hospice.
- j) To correct Minute no 4950 6.1 h) – direct debit for £15.30 was not claimed.

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9. Councillor Reports:

- a) Street Lighting – Awaiting invoice for the final tranche of lighting refurbishment which had been carried out. The street light outside 60B Moorend Road had been reported as damaged. Cllr Weston asked that when it was repaired it was raised higher up the column.
- b) Village Trees – Awaiting work on the Norwegian maple tree in School Lane field, and provision of the village tree survey.
- c) Allotments – Cllr Curtis reported that good work had been done on some allotments, but 2 or 3 had had no work done any were causing concern. He noted that the hedge required trimming on the inside and a post & rail fence had been damaged. Cllr Weston would look at repairing the fence.
- d) Village Hall – Repair work on the Hall had been completed, and the Committee were looking at revamping the interior.
- e) Recreation Centre – Nothing much to report.
- f) Playing fields – no problems to report.
- g) Highways – The new grit bin had arrived and once grit had been obtained it would replace the damaged bin by the school which had failed when a vehicle ran into it.
- h) Mowing – Cllr Thorne would be asked to liaise with the mowing contractor to arrange the dates for commencement of the 2023 mowing contract.

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10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- a) **Tuesday 7th March 2023 – 7.15pm in the Village Hall**

Meeting closed 8.55pm.

PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

Mrs Westlake spoke of her concerns regarding future burial arrangements for the village. There had been more applications for reserved spaces, and she considered that there was only enough space left for the next 5 or 6 years. She spoke of the possibility of forming a joint working party between the PCC and the PC.

Cllr McCord advised that the Cabinet would discuss the budget, but felt that the £55 costs for green bins & the 5% rise in Council Tax would be approved. A 3 week cycle for bins was proposed. There was a consultation on taxi licensing, and other reports had been submitted for AL5, the Furtho Pit site, including a traffic report. There had been an increase in flytipping, which he was reporting. Cllr Hill could not see that increasing the cost of green bins would raise revenue and Cllr McCord said he planned to revisit the issue.

