

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2010

Present: Councillors: Humphrey (Chairman), Holt, Mrs Hunns, Ridley and Carroll
Mr & Mrs Harvey, Natalie Rowlands

Apologies: Councillors Cook, Mrs Hall and Tierney and P C Coales

12/10 Minutes of previous meeting held on 5th January 2010 were confirmed and signed.

13/10 No additional items for discussion

14/10 None of the Councillors had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

15/10 **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Coales unable to attend meeting.

16/10 **NATALIE ROWLANDS NOMINATED OFFICER FOR FENLAND DC**

Gave information on the following topics:

Wisbech Transport Study underway considering A47 bus routes. Fenland Strategic Partnership cohesion strategy

Shaping Fenland – public services brief making better use of public resources

New dry recycling contracts – increase in trade recycling through Green Business Club

Wisbech Gets Physical – community coaches going around local Primary School

Hudson refurbishment going ahead.

Raising aspirations in Wisbech – teachers getting together to promote career opportunities

Homeless Team giving help with financial problems.

Mike Jupp heading up a Safer Fenland Team

16/10 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Request for a grit bin has been passed onto Winter Maintenance Manager. Area Supervisor will need to authorise a safe location.

Cambs CC Highways Department has a website for reporting pot holes and other highway issues www.fixmystreet.com

(2) **Play Equipment**

Through the hard work undertaken by Councillor Carroll formal agreement has now been received from Cambs Play Pathfinder for a grant of £40,000. Part of the scheme must incorporate natural play opportunities which the Parish Council will

be responsible for seeing completed. There are still some additional actions to be completed for the grant. A sub committee of Chairman, Councillors Carroll, Holt and clerk will meet on Thursday 4th February to go through the agreement documents receive from Cambs Play Pathfinder and the contract from the supplies of the equipment so the project can get underway as it must be useable by 31st March 2010.

An application has been submitted to Tesco for further funding for Under 5's and adult equipment.

(3) **Parish Plan**

Chairman and clerk have a meeting arranged for 8th March 2010 with Hetty Thornton to discuss Parish Plans

(4) **Playing Field**

The transfer deed is being prepared along with the Declaration of Trust.

It was agreed that as the playing field is to be owned by the Parish Council then the insurance of the field and the play equipment should be added to the Parish Council insurance policy. Clerk to find out extra cost. The present insurance ceases in March.

(5) **Replacement Pavilion**

There are still insufficient funds available and it is proving very difficult to find any other funding. To qualify for Fenland DC funding building must have some community space.

(6) **Councillor Training**

Six Councillors have agreed to attend all the sessions and one 2 and 3. Tydd St Giles Councillors are not interested in any training. Have not heard from any other Councils as yet. Will discuss further at next meeting.

(7) **New Street Naming**

Woodford Gardens has been suggested as the name for the development at 93 High Road and Land east of Elm Have West End. Agreed that this was appropriate

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CORRESPONDENCE

Buckingham Palace Garden Party

Tuesday 22nd June 2010. 3 nominated persons plus their accompany guests are invited through CPALC. Nominations are required by 8th March but only Councillors who have not previously attended a Garden Party can be nominated. This rules out the Chairman and Councillor Carroll. Councillor Mrs Hall to be asked if she wishes to attend.

Community Payback

E-mail received from Cambridgeshire Probation Service asking for projects for supervised work groups to carry out. Clerk to find out what sort of projects they are looking for. Will discuss further at next meeting.

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

18/10

PLANNING MATTERS

Application approved:

F/YR09/0821/F – erection of single storey side extension to existing dwelling – Willow House Fendyke Lane – not in keeping with existing dwelling

Appeal Decision

Site adjacent to R T Motors Hassock Drove – erection of bungalow in connection with the adjacent business premises – appeal dismissed

Enforcement Matters

Business premises in Cattle Dyke has been registered and will be investigated

Mobile home in Hassock Hill Drove – enforcement officer has promised to visit the site again but according to the Fenland DC web site he has already dismissed this case. Will ask him again to look at it.

Mobile home has arrived at property in Chalk Road.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts to be paid:

Councillor Carroll (travel expenses + postage)	£15.69
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Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£2,170.53
Business Premium Account	£15,146.56
High Interest Account	<u>£64,004.83</u>
	<u>£81,321.92</u>

Donations

In previous years have made donations to:

Citizens Advice
Air Ambulance
Victim Support
Fenland Association Community Transport
Shrievalty Trust

This year received a request from Cambridgeshire Regiment Association to help put a memorial to the County Regiment at the National Memorial Arboretum. Clerk to ask for further information as to how much they need to raise.

Final decisions on donations to be made at the next meeting

20/10 **Reports from Councillors**

Bench in Pocket Park needs repairing. Chairman to ask Steve Mann.

St Paul's Close road sign needs repairing. Also needs another cul-de-sac sign putting up on opposite side.

Hypodermic needles found on the Playing Field near the children's play area. PC Coales at be informed.

Asbestos dumped on the grass verge in Chalk Road

Chairman reported the death of Councillor Les Simms. He will be sadly missed in the village as he has been involved with numerous village activities over the years.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 2nd March 2010

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