

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 7TH MARCH 2006

Present: Councillors Humphrey, Davall, Cooke, Carroll, Holt and Mrs Hall
PC Coales, Gary Garford and Mrs Jackie Hunns

Apologies: None

795/06 Minutes of previous meeting held on 7th February 2006 were confirmed and signed.

796/06 No other matters for consideration

797/06 No members had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

798/06 **POLICE LIAISON**

Crimes reported since last meeting:

Several domestic issues
Robbery small amount of cash stolen

If people see anything suspicious in village please let the police know straight away. A group of youngster are being a nuisance in the village at the present time. PC Coales has been speaking to some of the youngsters and will keep an eye on the situation. The new development off High Road it is envisaged that there will be a problem at the new road junction once the houses are occupied. PC Coales will speak to Cambs CC Highways with a view to getting double yellow lines put opposite the junction. An Environmental Study was undertaken with the clerk and a representative from Fenland DC. The biggest problem on the surrounding roads is fly tipping which if on private property Fenland DC cannot do anything about. The Chairman has taken photographs of the areas affected and sent them to Councillor Murphy the Portfolio holder for environmental issues but as yet has received no response. Gary Garford will contact PC Coales to see if anything can be done.

799/06 **GARY GARFORD PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON OFFICER**

Suggested that if any projects arise from the Parish Plan they could be funded through the Precept which is not capped as the Fenland DC budget is. He is now involved with Community Regeneration and is currently looking into the setting up of a team to help with community projects.

800/06 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Reference Gote Lane – these works are controlled in accordance with the New Road and Street Works specifications and are inspected by Cambs CC trench inspectors.

(2) **Streetlight High Road**

Unable to have a streetlight column erected between Nos 33-35 High Road due to the overhead electricity cables. Clerk has arranged a meeting with Cambs CC street lighting on Friday to discuss the problem. Also query the replacement of damaged light opposite Richmond Green.

(3) **Parish Plan Update**

Questionnaire is nearly completed. Still a bit short of committee members.

(4) **Village Welcome Pack**

To be discussed further at the next meeting

(5) **Rat Infestation Gote Lane**

Clerk has spoken to Fenland DC but they only act as enforcement officers. It is the responsibility of the land owner to take measures to get rid of the rats, but she is of the opinion that the rats have been disturbed by the road works and could disappear once these are finished. Will visit the site at a later date if necessary.

(6) **Co-Option of Parish Councillor**

Mrs Jackie Hunns attended the meeting and Mr Brian Davies has sent a letter stating his wish to be considered. As there are two candidates for the position it was agreed that each should be asked to do a written submission both answering the same set of questions. Chairman and clerk to compile something by the end of the week.

801/06 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Options Fenland Newsletter circulated to all Councillors
Copies of CALC Bulletin circulated to Councillors.
Stock Transfer – Most frequently asked questions and Answers circulated to Councillors

(1) **Richmond Green**

Copies of letters sent by a Richmond Green resident to Twigden Homes and Breheneys with reference to the new development were discussed. Clerk will write to Twigden Homes reiterating the concerns of this resident.

(2) **Letter of Thanks**

Received from: St Paul's Church PCC
East Anglian Air Ambulance
Victim Support
Fenland Citizens Advice Bureau
Fenland Assoc for Community Transport

(3) **Calor Cambs and Peterborough Village of the Year 2006**

Written submission has to be in by 15th May 2006. Chairman will put a piece in the News Letter asking for help

(4) **Fenland DC Liaison Officer**

Letter received from the Chief Executive asking if wish our liaison officer to continue attending meetings and if so how regularly. Agreed that this is very useful and he should continue to attend alternate meetings.

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

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PLANNING MATTERS

Two letters received from the Enforcement Officer:-

Anglian Water Pumping Station, Gote Lane – Non-compliance with pre-conditions – enforcement officer has written to them.

Bona Lane – unauthorised change of use of land – occupiers have been asked to submit a planning application.

Planning applications received:

Application No F/YR06/0121/F – Erection of a 3 bed detached house with detached garage – land east of Edelweiss Back Road – no objections

Application No F/YR06/0116/0 – Siting of a mobile home for residential use in association with existing business (temporary for 3 years) – Land east of Hassock Hill Drove - Outside DAB do not think this is a viable enterprise considering the size of the parcel of land

Application No F/02002/06/CW – Extension of scrapyard including installation of sealed run-off storage tank, erection of portacabin office and retention of 2.4 m high corrugated steel sheet panel fence – Land at rear of 674 Leverington Common – no objections

Application No. F/YR06/0155/F – Erection of a single storey side extension and conversion of garage to living accommodation to existing dwelling – 40 St Marks Road - no objections

Application No. F/YR06/0148/F – Erection of a 2 storey side extension to existing dwelling – Christmas Cottage Goredike Bank – no objections

Fenland Local Development Framework

This document has been circulated to all Councillors with the correspondence. It was agreed that no comments were necessary.

FINANCIAL MATTERS**Donation**

Cheque for £220 has been received from the Gorefield Show Committee towards the gravel supplied on the Playing Field

Clerk authorised to issue the following cheques:

R Gagen (Clerk's salary 6 months)	£1,038.70
R Gagen (Clerk's expenses 6 months)	£61.68
Cambs CC (Hire of School Hall 12 months)	£176.00

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£107.35
Business Premium Account	£4,398.73
High Interest Account	£4,207.76
	<u>£8,713.84</u>

REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Flooding outside Andora Back Road still a problem.

Pot holes in Wolf Lane especially at Halifax's gateway.

Concerns about lorries turning into Turners when the new path is completed.

In the letter to Twigden Homes to be asked what is to be done about the drain at the rear of the Churchill Road properties which has been blocked with garden waste and rubbish. Also write to the Fenland DC Housing officer.

Chairman invited to the official opening of the Village Hall extension but he is unable to attend due to a prior engagement. Councillor Mrs Hall will attend in his place.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 4th April 2006 (Annual General Meeting)

Signed Date.....