

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2007**

**Present:** Councillors Humphrey, Holt, Davall, Carroll, Mrs Hunns and Mrs Hall

PC Coales

**Apologies:** Councillor Cooke

23/07 Minutes of previous meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2007 were confirmed and signed.

24/07 No additional items to be considered

25/07 No Councillors had a personal or prejudicial interest in any of the items to be discussed

26/07 **POLICE LIAISON**

There were no crime figures available. There has been a break in at the Bowls Club but nothing was taken. Motorbikes reported going round the village late at night with no lights on. Public should be encouraged to report any incidents on the free phone number. 30 mph speed limit now in force along the High Road.

27/07 **JOHN DUBBER PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON OFFICER**

Did not attend

28/07 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**Fallen tree in Churchill Road**

Most of it has now been removed. Councillor Davall will check to see if has all been cleared away.

**Twigden Homes – Highfields Official Opening**

Councillor Carroll deputised in the absence of the Chairman due to illness.

29/07 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

30 mph speed limit now in force but two illuminated signs still not turned on. Chairman has e-mailed Peter Vale with this information plus asking for extra 30mph roundels from the Church towards West End.

(2) **Streetlight**

Quotation received from EDF for the disconnection of the old light and the connection of a new column outside the Post Office. £900 + VAT for this plus approximately £350 + VAT for the column. Decided not to go ahead with this at the moment. Clerk to report existing light to streetlight maintenance. Streetlight at West End is not working.

(3) **Access to the Chapel Grave Yard**

Telephone message received from the Rev Warren. The gate has been locked from 4 pm to 10 am because of vandalism. But access is always available through the gate of the adjacent bungalow belonging to the Rev Warren.

(4) **Christmas Tree**

Position has been agreed with the Church. One of the old Fir trees is to be removed and replaced with a small container grown Christmas Tree. A Large sawn off tree will be provided each year until the proper tree is big enough.

(5) **Youth Shelter**

Councillor Holt has compiled some information – cost will be £8,000 to £10,000. Youth in the village should be consulted as to whether they wish to have a shelter and where it should be situated. Some of this information should be available from the Parish Plan outcomes. Sources for a grant to cover the cost should be investigated. Nene Housing who will be taking over the social housing on the new development should be approached and possibly Twigden Homes.

30/07 **CORRESPONDENCE**

(1) **Cambs & Peterborough Community Life Awards 2007**

This replaces the Village of the Year competition. Literature will be circulated with the other correspondence.

(2) **Revised Model Code of Conduct**

To be circulated with correspondence.

(3) **Standards Board**

Copy of letter given to each Councillor. No discussion took place

**All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors**

31/07 **PLANNING MATTERS**

**Planning application received:**

**Application No F/YR07/0083/F** – Conversion of barn to 4 bed dwelling and erection of single storey rear extension and detached garage – no objections to

the extension but like to see an Environmental study carried out on the mature pond situated on the site.

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**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Clerk authorised to issue the following cheques:

R Gagen (Clerk's salary 6 months)	£1,131.00
R Gagen (Clerk's expenses 6 months)	£65.40
Office Key (Printer cartridge)	£30.46
Gorefield School (Hire of hall 12 months)	£192.00

**Balance of Accounts**

Current Account	£106.15
Business Premium Account	£2,983.04
High Interest Account	<u>£6,267.89</u>
	<u>£9,357.08</u>

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**Reports from Councillors**

Wolf Lane very large pot holes appearing, will be reported to Cambs CC Highways.

Pocket Park – evidence of bonfire being lit. Chairman will visit the site.

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2007 (Annual Assembly)

Signed ..... Date.....