

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

**HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2011**

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

Mr & Mrs Harvey

**Apologies:** Councillor Tierney and PCSO Bogunovic

89/11 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public had anything they wish to discuss

90/11 Minutes of previous meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011 were confirmed and signed with the proviso that the item on rural transport was deleted as not relevant to this matter.

91/11 None

92/11 Councillor Holt declared a personal interest in planning application no F/YR11/0728/F and will take no part in the decision making process

93/11 **POLICE LIAISON**

PCSO Bogunovic unable to attend the meeting but had e-mailed a report to the clerk. Reported crimes since the last meeting Wolf Lane sports pavilion damaged by spray graffiti., Back Road door bell stolen and High Road catalytic converter stolen from motor vehicle. Incidents – Cattle Dyke youth reported riding a dune buggy – vehicle seized for having no insurance, High Road youths reported messing about in property under renovation no damage caused, Wolf Lane youths on pavilion roof, Wolf Lane youth on playing field carrying a crowbar – no person found by police, Black Lane – poaching, Wolf Lane – ASB noisy youths on the playing field at 2200 hrs, High Road suspicious vehicle reported asking for scrap metal.

94/11 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

**(1) Highway Matters**

Seven pot holes have been reported. Occupiers of Chiltern House have cut back the hedge but it is still obscuring the junction. Matthew Pickering Cambs CC will contact the owners once again. Still have not received any answer to complaint about how pot hole was repaired in Back Road. Contact Highways once again copy of Councillor Tierney.

**(2) Rural Transport**

Bid has been put in for finance to help with Fact Bus. Results from the survey carried out in the village will be circulated to Councillors by the Chairman.

### (3) **Play Equipment**

Information received from Landscape Group who do the play equipment inspections for Fenland DC. Have quoted £170 + VAT per annum to undertake weekly inspections. Clerk to query with them what they mean by make safe as necessary. Will they cover other items in the village. Make final decision at the next meeting. Items outstanding from previous inspection: roundabout - . Playing Field Committee to sort this out, top soil which is required will be done in the Spring, Streetpride are to remove the conifer from the Pocket Park and then the bench can be cleaned up. Chairman has an Oak tree to plant in the Pocket Park.

### (5) **New Pavilion**

Councillor Carroll and Ridley attended a funding meeting held at Chatteris organised by our MP Steven Barkley. Funders included Football Foundation and Living Sport attended. The MP was very helpful and is to arrange a further meeting with Parish Councillor and funders. Bid is being made to Fenland DC for a further £50,000 from Rural Fund. Application can be made to Wren in November for £40,000 for internal finishing. Chairman and Councillors Carroll and Carroll met today to prepare details for application form. They also invited Barry Hunt to attend. He is to look into the matter of VAT on the new building. Proposed Councillor Mrs Hall and seconded by Councillor Holt that a confidential item be put on the next agenda to formalise acceptance of one of the tenders for the new build. Peggs Construction to be asked to give details of changes they have made to their revised offer.

### (6) **Parish Plan**

Chairman wished it to be noted that John Timms was the Chairman of the former Parish Plan Committee not as stated in the previous minutes. This committee is no longer active.

Meeting held at the School to discuss safety outside the school. Speed Watch to be used to check the speed of vehicles passing the school. Zig zags are already as long as they can be. Another meeting has been organised for 8<sup>th</sup> November.

### (7) **Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

The second meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September was very poorly attended, therefore it did not seem viable to form a committee to organize an event for the village. A note has been put in the next addition of Village Voices telling everyone what is happening and to ask people to apply to the Parish Council if they wish to organise any event. Janet Ward has approached Councillor Mrs Hall with a suggestion that the Village Hall Committee may be interested in organising a tea party for people in the village who were born before 1952. This would probably be on the Sunday following a service in the church.

## 95/11 **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Land rear of 21-31 Churchill Road**

E-mail received with reference to draft tenancy agreement. Need to confirm that the Parish Council is happy to commence agreement from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011. It would be better if it commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011.

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

**PLANNING MATTERS****Applications received:**

**F/YR11/0727/F** – Removal of condition 2 of planning permission F/YR10/0850/F in relation to associated business – Mill Lane Pet Centre Tyrell Mill Lane - in view of its rural location the formation of a separate business would not be acceptable.

**F/YR11/0728/F** – Erection of 2 x 3 storey 5/6 bed dwellings with detached double garage/store and 1 x 3 storey 5/6 bed dwelling with attached garage/store – south of Gorefield House Cattle Dyke - this is outside the development area boundary but in light of the leader's statement the Parish Council supports the application.

**Planning Enforcement**

Stationing of 2 mobile homes at Annexe The Bungalow Hassockhill Drove – no breaches of planning control on this site

To be reported: Mobile home on land adjacent to the Bungalow Hassockhill Drove, Blacksmith's High Road being used for living purposes

**FINANCIAL MATTERS****Annual return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011**

This has now been completed with no cause for concern except a note added to say that recommendations made by the internal auditor should be considered and changes made as are considered appropriate

**Parish Council Budget**

Copies circulated the Councillors showing actual spend for 6 months. Most are in line with forecast except for insurance which has increased because of the taking over as trustees of the playing field.

**Bank Reconciliation**

Copies circulated to Councillors

**Accounts to be paid:**

HM Revenue and Customs (clerk's tax)	£36.60
Moore Stephens (External Audit)	£501.60
Cambs C C (playing field grass cutting)	£916.99
N Carroll (travel expenses)	£43.20

**Balance of Accounts**

Current Account	£2,753.31
Business Premium Account	£5,152.79
High Interest Account	£72,528.62
	<u>£80,434.72</u>

**REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Clear glass recycling bin has been removed – glass can now be put in wheelie bins

Street light FPC1 in Back Road in not working

Remembrance Sunday – wreath required

Councillor Ridley has been asked to report to the Council the condition of the trees overhanging the High Road in the Church Yard. Some of the branches are dead and could cause problems in high winds. Clerk to write to the Church wardens.

West End/Woodford Gardens small area of undeveloped land needs tidying up. Clerk to write to the developer.

The property owner at The Gote has asked Councillor Ridley to find out for him the ownership of the street signs etc around his property. These are not the responsibility of the Parish Council they are the property of Cambridgeshire CC. Clerk to write and give contact information for Highways and Councillor Tierney.

Request has been received for a rail across the end of the footbridge onto Back Road to stop children biking straight out. This is not really feasible as it would stop disabled people using the footbridge.

Request for a donation to help with the replacement of the school swimming pool. This will be discussed at the donation meeting.

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011

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