

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 4TH APRIL 2006

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

Apologies: None

805/06 Minutes of previous meeting held on 7th March 2006 were confirmed and signed.

806/06 No other matters for consideration

807/06 Councillor Holt has a personal interest in one the planning applications due for discussion.

808/06 **POLICE LIAISON**

No crime figures available as PC Coales has been on leave.

There have been no more problems with youngsters causing mischief reported to PC Coales so hopefully this problem has been cleared up.

There have been two cars broken into. Members of the public should be reminded to remove any valuable items from their cars.

Councillor Davall reported that there had been a report of two people trying the doors on the Pavilion but no damaged has been caused.

From 1st April 2006 the new policing structure started. At present there are only 4 Community Beat Officers instead of 9. The next Community Support Officer should be allocated to the rural beat. Wisbech Inspector to be invited to attend a meeting. PC Coales does keep a diary of how many hours she is taken away from the rural beat to deal which incidents in the town.

809/06 **GARY GARFORD PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON OFFICER**

Did not attend meeting, it was agreed at the last meeting that he would attend alternately unless specifically asked to attend.

810/06 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Commemorative Plaque for VJ Day**

Councillor Mrs Hall will place an order for one very similar to the existing ones that are in safe keeping of Mr Howlett.

(2) **Fly Tipping**

Chairman went around the village with Martin Brookes a Fenland DC officer to show him all the problem areas. Since that date some of the rubbish has been cleared away but unfortunately there is still a lot left. Some of this is down to a health and safety problem as operatives are not allowed to retrieve rubbish from the bottom of drains.

811/06 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Fred Harwick instructed a SWAT crew to attend Wolf Lane and repair all carriageway and edge of carriageway potholes. Unfortunately it looks as if they ran out of materials before they got to the worse ones in Halifax's gateway. Clerk will advise Mr Hardwick of this situation.

With reference to the problem with rain water in Back Road, a R & R bid was made for a new surface water system for Back Road but was not successful, will try again for next years bids.

(2) **Twigden Homes**

Clerk had a phone message from Glen Cavilia the site manager. The clearing of the dyke at the rear of Churchill Road is in hand. Also he has visited No 8 Richmond Green to inspect the work that has been carried out and is satisfied that it is up to the highest standard.

(3) **Streetlights High Road**

The one opposite Richmond Green has now been replaced with a column which hopefully should be lit up in about 6 weeks time.

Alan Hitch from Cambs CC Streetlight Division is meeting with a representative from Ringways to try to find a solution to the problem of the light outside 33-35 High Road.

Faulty lights to be reported near the Pocket Park on Cattle Dyke and the one at West End.

(4) **Village Welcome Pack**

Chairman will discuss this with John Timms once the Parish Plan is nearing completion.

(5) **Parish Plan Update**

A copy of the questionnaire is just about complete and has been circulated to a few people to see what they think of it and find out how long it takes them to fill it in. The committee is still short of members. Councillor Mrs Hunns was asked if should would like to become a member. Took away a copy of the questionnaire to look at.

(6) **Village of the Year Competition**

Chairman has had no response to his article in the News Letter so it was agreed that there would be no entry this year.

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CORRESPONDENCE

30 mph Speed Limit

The proposal was advertised in the Local Press on 29th March 2006 and the closing date for objections was 24th April, 2006

The order is to reduce the existing speed limit through Gorefield to a 30 mph. Extend the existing 30 mph speed limit in Gote Lane 135 metres. Extend the 30 mph speed limit in Cattle Dyke to include Greylands and Gorefield House. Implement a 30 mph speed limit the whole length of West End.

To be asked if the 30 mph could be extended in Wolf Lane to include the two new houses.

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

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PLANNING MATTERS

Planning applications received:

Application No F/YR06/0246/F – Erection of a 4 bed detached house with attached single garage – Land north of Corn Mill Back Road – no objections

Councillor Holt left the room before any discussion took place on the following item

Application No F/YR06/0307/0 – Erection of a dwelling involving demolition of existing ground floor annex – land west of Quo Vadis Back Road – Object to the application because it is not in keeping with the existing street scene and it lacks parking and amenity space for the plot and the adjoining property

Applications Approved:

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

Applications No F/YR05/1388/F – Erection of single storey extension to existing kennels – Kelva High Side Parson Drove

Application No F/YR06/0005/F – Erection of a 3 bed detached chalet bungalow and conservatory involving demolition of the existing bungalow – 176 High Road

Application No F/YR05/1434/F - Erection of a building for use as hairdressing salon – East View Gote Lane

Application No F/YR06/0019/F – Conversion of garage loft to form 1 bed self contained annex – Beechwood 101 Cattle Dyke

Application Refused:

Application No F/YR06/0038/0 – erection of a bungalow with garage – land east of Idaho High Road

As nothing still has been done about all the unauthorised developments which were reported to Nigel Brown when he attended a meeting the Chairman is going to e-mail him a list once again to see if any progress can be made.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

Clerk authorised to issue the following cheques:

Cambs CC Contribution towards Jointly funded minor improvement scheme of £1.00 per electorate £905.00

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£202.35
Business Premium Account	£3,398.73
High Interest Account	£4,207.76
	<u>£7,808.84</u>

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REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Query whether people living in unauthorised developments pay council tax as it appears they have their rubbish taken away for them.

Health and Safety – Best Kept Village Sign is becoming overgrown by the Leylandi hedge. Oak tree is not growing again. A suggestion was made that it be replaced by a Horse Chestnut. All the benches are OK. Light opposite St Paul’s Close may be obscured by a tree when the leaves begin to grow again.

New footpath – Councillors are being questioned about the amount of money being spent on the new footpath. This was financed through a grant from Cambridgeshire County Highways from a special budget that only covers new footway and it was only allocated to this project and if the path had not been constructed the village would not have benefited in any other way. This money would have been allocated to another project in another village. This path will benefit people who live in Leverington and Gorefield and will make it much safer for those people who regularly walk along this road.

Councillor Davall queried that fact that some people in Leverington were being allocated black liners for their wheelie bins. Chairman did not think this was happening but will make enquiries with the appropriate department at Fenland DC.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 2nd May 2006

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