

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

**HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009**

**Present:** Councillors: Humphrey (Chairman) Mrs Hunns, Holt, Cooke, Davall, Carroll and Mrs Hall

P C Coales Natalie Rowlands and Mr & Mrs Harvey

**Apologies:** None

291/09 Minutes of previous meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009 were confirmed and signed.

292/09 No extra items to be discussed

293/09 Chairman and Councillor Carroll declared an interest in item 7 (Playing Field) to be discussed later in the meeting

294/09 **POLICE LIAISON**

Crimes reported: Theft of garden ornament  
Children have been caught playing on building site. This matter has now been dealt with. PC Coales has not seen any vehicles parking outside Chiltern House. Oxfield Drive has still to be adopted, so nothing can be done about the parking situation until then. Speeding continues to be a problem in all the villages. PC Coales will be putting an article in the next addition of Voices and in the local press explaining about speed watch. This is the scheme being set up for volunteers to learn how to use speed monitoring equipment. Only villages with volunteers will be able to participate in the scheme.

295/09 **NATALIE ROWLANDS NOMINATED OFFICER FOR FENLAND DC**

Big improvements have been made in the way Fenland DC's financial resources are used. Dog fouling reported at previous meeting, Environmental team have visited the village. Three tier system progressing very well.

296/09 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

E-mail received from Fred Hardwick – Wolf Lane pot holes that fall within the emergency criteria have been repaired. The other potholes will be repaired by the small works crew after April 2009. The gullies at Wolf Lane/Back Road corner and Gote Lane/High Road are to be cleaned out and the laterals jetted. Mr Hardwick has declined the invitation to attend a meeting but will meet Councillors in the village any time during the day.

He has contacted the builder with reference to the pavement outside No 35 High Road.

(2) **Streetlight**

Clerk has been investigating the possibility of installing a solar powered bollard at Chapel Lane. The price for a 6" dia x 33" high one is £575.00 + VAT. Will find out if a similar one has been erected locally so one can be seen working

(3) **Play Equipment**

Cambridgeshire Play Pathfinder has 16 x £50,000 grants available. Information compiled by Acre will be used to apply for one of these grants. A further consultation is to be carried out by Jo Fitzpatrick.

(4) **Parish Plan**

Strategic Partnership is now making some progress with information gathered from Parish Plans. Chairman will be putting an article in the next edition of Voices to try to make contact with those people who volunteered their services through the Parish Plan survey.

(5) **Memorial Bench**

The relatives of Bill Bailey who recently passed away have contacted the Chairman to ask if they can put a bench in the village. The suggestion was made that the seat be put in the Church Yard. The Chairman will let them know who to contact.

(6) **Village of Year 2009**

Does your community relish a challenge?

Is your community open to new ideas?

Is it thriving?

Does your village need a boost?

Communities are invited to enter the annual Calor Village of the Year competition.

Entry form to be in by 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009. Chairman will put an article in next addition of Voices to see if anyone is interested in help to put together an entry.

(7) **Playing Field**

Chairman and Councillor Carroll declared an interest in the following item due to their positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman on the Management Committee for the Sports and Amenity Centre Project and left the meeting

Councillor Holt explained that at a meeting held with Parish Council members, Playing Field committee members and the Sports and Amenity Centre committee members and Phillip Peacock from Cambs Acre it was agreed that as the Lottery bid had not been successful the money raised added to that promised by Fenland DC should be used to replace the pavilion on the Playing Field. Mr Peacock explained that the best way forward to achieve this would be for the finances to be held by the Parish Council and for them to oversee the building project. This making it possible for VAT to be reclaimed and rate relief to be claimed once the building is in use.

Unfortunately those Councillors left to discuss this matter were unable to attend the meeting. They invited the Chairman to return to the meeting to answer questions.

Who would be responsible for the running of the building? This would be done by a management committee. This could be all set out in a Memorandum of Understanding before any building work is undertaken.

Chairman left the meeting

Proposed by Councillor Cooke and seconded by Councillor Mrs Hall that the Parish Council would support the project in principle but would wish to establish what responsibilities the Parish Council would have. Wish to invite Phillip Peacock from Cambs Acre to attend the next Parish Council meeting to give more information.

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### **CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

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### **PLANNING MATTERS**

**F/YR09/0151/F** – erection of 3/4 bed agricultural dwelling – land south of Little Acre Fendyke Lane – no objections if use can be justified

**F/YR09/0139/F** – erection of a dwelling in connection with applicant's adjacent business – land south of R T Motors Hassockhill Drove – no objections

**F/YR09/0170/O** – erection of a dwelling involving demolition of existing bungalow – Windy Nook Mill Lane Leverington Common – no objections

**F/YR09/0192/F** – erection of single storey link extension to form offices, waiting area, staff and group rooms at Gorefield Primary School – no objections

**F/YR09/0224/F** – erection of 2 x 4 bed detached houses with attached single garages – land south west of Magnolia 2 Cattle Dyke – no information was available at the meeting but agreed that still have concerns about the access to the site

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### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **Account to be paid:**

Dell Computers (Laptop for use by clerk) £496.48

#### **Balance of Accounts**

Current Account	£292.77
Business Premium Account	£7,654.04
High Interest Account	£5,087.81
	<u>£13,034.62</u>

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### **Reports from Councillors**

Luncheon Club held today, 30 attended. Lunch cost £6.00 each and was very good

Councillor Carroll suggested that the Parish Council become members of Cambs Acre. Clerk to find out details for next meeting.

Councillor Carroll proposed and seconded by Councillor Mrs Hall that the Parish Council will pay £200 per year for a full page every quarter in Village Voices.

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2009 (Annual General Meeting)

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