

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 6TH APRIL 2010

Present: Councillors: Humphrey (Chairman), Mrs Hunns, Ridley, Cooke and Carroll
Mr & Mrs Harvey, PC Coales and Natalie Rowlands

Apologies: Councillors Holt, Mrs Hall and Tierney

31/10 Minutes of previous meeting held on 2nd March 2010 were confirmed and signed.

32/10 No additional items for discussion

33/10 None of the Councillors had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

34/10 **POLICE LIAISON**

Crimes since last meeting – shed burglary, wheelie bin set alight and criminal damage to sports pavilion. Unfortunately no evidence has been found at the pavilion. Crime Buster Bus will be in the village on Tuesday 13th April from 8.30 am outside The Woodmans. The Rural Crimes Issues meeting held at Gorefield was very well attended.

35/10 **NATALIE ROWLANDS NOMINATED OFFICER FOR FENLAND DC**

Attendance at Community Fairs has improved. Budget of £500,000 has been allocated for Community projects. Hetty Thornton is the contact for this.

36/10 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Request for Bus Stop signs

Passenger Transport is the contact for these. Clerk will make enquiries with them and then ask if hard standings could be put with them.

Gorefield Bowls Club

Have erected safety fencing on the pavilion roof. The chairman has been advised that planning permission would be required for this and if applied for would not receive permission because of the visual impact. Bowls Club to be informed.

37/10 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Fred Hardwick to be asked to look at all the roads in the village for pot holes.

(2) **Councillor Training**

CPALC have confirmed that the cost of the training is £350 per session and as only one other Council have registered an interest in attending it is not viable.

(3) **Playing Field**

In a letter to the Chairman David Ball has had confirmation from the Charity Commission that there is no need to have separate Charities. He has also contacted Fields in Trust regarding their declaration. They suggest that their declaration not be adopted but the Parish Council should hold the field on the terms of the existing trust. This being agreeable a draft transfer document has been produced to be signed by the existing trustees of the field and two officers of the Council. The trustees have already signed this document and the Chairman and Councillor Carroll will sign on behalf of the Council. Unfortunately the plan attached to the document is out of date, it does not include the land where the drain was filled in and includes a small piece of land which was sold to N V Gagen. Clerk to return the signed document to David Ball advising him of the amendments required to the plan.

The field will continue to be run by management committee but changes need to be made to the constitution to make it possible for any new groups in the village to have a representative on this committee. AGM is to be held on Monday 10th May 2010.

Replacement Pavilion

Chairman has received a budget price from Peggs Construction for the latest plan produced which was £172,750 + VAT. This unfortunately is still well over the amount available.

Fire in Pavilion

Estimates are being prepared for the insurance company then a loss adjuster will be appointed.

(4) **Play Equipment**

The new play area is to be known as Gorefield Adventure Patch GAP for short. This is to be used on the sign which is being designed by Tydd Design which will include logo for Department for Children, Schools and Families and Cambridge CC.

Councillor Carroll now has final invoice from PPL. Not to be paid until final inspection carried out. Swings are too low have been taken away to be shortened.

Councillor Carroll is now in the process of making an application to Wren for £8,108 to cover the cost of 5 pieces of equipment for toddlers. It was agreed that the Parish Council would be the third party funders and allocate funds to cover 11% of £8,108. Clerk to write a letter of confirmation to Wren which Councillor Carroll will give to their representative when she comes to the field on Monday 12th April. Also requires a copy of the formal offer of funding from the Play Pathfinder Project.

A follow up assessment has to be carried out on the play equipment after it is in use, this will be done at the Gorefield Show.

Gorefield Adventure Patch Launch Event

To be held on Saturday 8th May from 10 am to 2 pm. Lisa Peel will organise some activities for the toddlers. £200 has been received from Play Pathfinder to help cover costs. It was agreed that this should help with face painting, a bouncy castle, a clown and the village swing boats. Ice cream van and burger van to be asked to attend. Flyer to be produced to distribute around the school and pre-school. Councillor Carroll will put a piece in May edition of Village Voices. Chairman will contact local press. Clerk to fill in Launch Event Plan and return to Ashley List.

People to be invited:- Parish Councillors, Playing Field Chairman and Committee, Natalie Rowlands, PC Coales, Ashley List and Rachel Marshall, Representatives from PPL, Fenland Leisure Products, Living Willow and supplier of entrance gate, Pre School Chairman, Committee and staff, Gorefield School head teacher and staff, Local vicar, Councillor Steve Tierney and Philip Peacock.

A meeting will be held at Councillor Carroll's house on Tuesday 27th April 2010 at 8 pm to finalise all the arrangements.

(5) Parish Plan

John Timms and Elaine Harvey have a meeting arranged with Hetty Thornton to discuss the Parish Plan. Mrs Harvey feels that the plan should now be updated.

38/10 CORRESPONDENCE

Copies of the CPALC Membership News were circulated to all Councillors present.

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

39/10 PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications

F/YR09/0821/F – erection of single storey side extension to existing dwelling – Willow House Fendyke Lane – revised scheme - no objections

Applications approved:

F/YR10/0064/F – erection of 2 bed detached house with associated parking – land west of Magnolia 2 Cattle Dyke –

F/YR10/0068/RM – erection of 3 bed detached house involving demolition of existing bungalow- Windy Nook Mill Lane Leverington Common

Application Refused:

F/YR10/0092/F – erection of single storey side/front, first floor side and part single/2 storey rear extension and conversion of garage to living accommodation to existing dwelling – Orchard House 24 Back Road

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Councillor Carroll declared an interest in following item and took no part in the discussions

Letter received from Care Network Cambridgeshire requesting a grant of £150 to help with re launch of the Gorefield Social Car Scheme. Don Bailey is retiring as co-ordinator after 29 years and Chris Harvey is to take on the role. The grant is required as working float so drivers can be paid promptly. Proposed Councillor Ridley and seconded by Councillor Mrs Hunns that a grant of £150 be made.

Accounts paid in between meetings:

Allianz Insurance plc (play equipment)	£144.29
Allianz Insurance plc (pavilion)	£104.89

Accounts to be paid:

Fraser Dawbarns (land rent)	£39.60
Village Voices (Parish Council News Letter)	£200.00
Fencing & Ground Maintenance (New gate)	£1,530.45
Travel Expenses (Councillor Carroll)	£38.40
Care Network (Donation)	£150.00

Agreed that invoices for play equipment should be paid when final inspection and hand over has taken place

Have received £40,200 grant from Play Pathfinder Grant and £3,400 for Fenland DC for Precept.

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£42,218.33
Business Premium Account	£4,148.31
High Interest Account	£64,012.81
	<u>£110,379.45</u>

Reports from Councillors

Pocket Park needs to be sprayed for dandelions. Steven Brown to be advised.

Street light at West End is not working

Bridge at Fendyke Lane needs repairing

Man hole cover was replaced following damage from vehicle along Gorefield Road. Concerned that unsuitable covers are being used as before this was replaced a young lad fell in the whole. Fred Hardwick should be informed.

Land at Black Lane will be vacant from October 2010 and will need re-letting. Chairman will negotiate with the outgoing tenant about his entitlements. Possibly for the refund of one years rent he will agree to pass these over to the incoming tenant.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 4th May 2010 (Annual General Meeting)

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