

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 1st April 2014

Present: Councillors M Humphrey, Mrs Hall, Holt, Mrs Hunns, Mrs Humphrey, Walpole and Fraser

Councillor Alan Lay, PCSO Russ and 1 member of the public

Apologies: None

32/14 Minutes of previous meeting held on 4th March 2014 were confirmed and signed

33/14 Additional item for consideration – None

34/14 Councillors Humphrey, Holt, Mrs Humphrey and Mrs Hunns declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item concerning the Playing Field as all are members of the Playing Field Committee. These Councillors have all been granted dispensation and will be able to speak and vote on any items concerning the playing field

35/14 **POLICE LIAISON**

PCSO is finding it hard to attend Parish Council meetings at the moment as there are only 8 PCSO's now covering all the shifts therefore most of their time is spent in the town. More are being recruited at the moment. Speedwatch is going very well, a new group has just been set up in Newton. Chairman will put an article in the Village Voices asking for volunteers.

36/14 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

The drains in front of the Woodmans Cottage have been cleaned out and also the one opposite the Church. Bushes are still to be cut back. Councillor Fraser will remind Neil Band about this. Nothing as yet heard about the bid for footway improvements along the High Road under the Local Highway Improvement Initiative.

(2) **Play Equipment**

The Landscape Group should have completed the repairs on the play equipment by the end of the month. On the last inspection sheet the bad state of the back board on the basket ball net was reported. The Landscape Group have quoted £376.00 to replace it. Chairman and Councillor Holt will look at this to see if it is possible for this to be done by themselves.

(3) **Bowls Club Lease**

Meeting still to be arranged with chairmen and vice chairmen of both Parish Council and Bowls Club to agree a lease. Chairman and vice Chairman have been liasing together over this and should soon be ready to arrange a meeting.

(4) **Golden Age Surgery**

The organisation of this is in hand. Leaflets advertising the event are to be distributed around the village. Councillor Mrs Hall will be able to attend on the day to represent the Parish Council. Councillors Mrs Humphrey and Mrs Hunns will be doing the refreshments.

37/14 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Dog Awareness Campaign

E-mail received from Fenland DC Street Scene Team Leader enquiring if there are any specific areas locally where dog fouling is of concern. At present there are no problems that need attention.

Cambs & Peterborough Assoc of Local Councils

Last year the Council decided not to renew their membership. A leaflet has been produced setting out the benefits of membership. Copies distributed to Councillors for comment.

38/14 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no planning applications to be discussed

Enforcement Matters

Nothing has been heard from enforcement officer will be contacted again.

Planning Advisory Service Peer Review

Councillor Mrs Hall attended this on behalf of the Council. The purpose of this was for Parish Councils to put their points forward. Some of which were, difficulties obtaining guidance, no notice of comments made, no feed back from comments, frequent changes of planning officers, planning applications taking too long to approve, enforcement issues. The Advisory Service acknowledged the value of local knowledge provided by Parish Councils. They advised Councils to find out where 106 monies are spent. Training should be done on an annual basis. Neighbourhood Plans were discussed but it was agreed that these were very onerous and could probably take 2 years to complete.

39/14 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Request received from Pre-School for help with the purchase of an acrylic window. Unfortunately they gave no indication of how much it would cost. Clerk will write and ask for more information.

Accounts Paid:

WSM Parochial CC (Village Voices subscription)	£200.00
North Level IDB (Drainage rates)	£262.88

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£11,204.82
Business Premium account	£2,157.85
High Interest account	<u>£801.37</u>
	£14,164.04

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REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Work on the footway in St Mark’s Road has been done.

Village sign west end of the village needs cleaning.

The Barracks road sign needs replacing

Gorefield sign on Leverington Common post is rotten

Harrold Bridge road all pot holes. All to be reported to Neil Band

Village health and safety check needs doing.

Base of village sign still needs repairing. Sam Peggs to be reminded.

Chairman reported that in the report commissioned by Fenland DC 6 of the village lights must be replaced within 12 months. Discussions are still on going as to how these will be financed.

Streetlights to be added to the health and safety check.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 6th May 2014 Annual General Meeting

Signed Date