

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

**HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2005**

**Present:** Councillors Mrs Hall, Davall, Carroll, Holt, Cooke, and Mrs Atkins

PC Coales

**Apologies:** Councillor Humphrey

726/05 Minutes of previous meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2005 were confirmed and signed.

727/05 **Other matters for consideration**

Land at Black Lane

728/05 No members had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

729/05 **POLICE LIAISON**

Crimes since last meeting: Only an assault and domestic incidents. It has been relatively quiet in the village. There is still a problem with youngsters riding round the car park at the playing field. Any problems should be reported to the call centre on 0845 4564564. PC Coales is still very disillusioned as she is not able to get out to the villages as much as she would wish. An offer was made to write and complain on her behalf but she wishes to leave it two months to see if the situation has improved.

730/05 **GARY GARFORD PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON OFFICER**

Did not attend the meeting. An email had been received from Alan Millard enforcement officer giving information about Catfield Back Road, where consideration is being given to possibly proceed with enforcement action. Also 8 Gote Lane which he has agreed should have planning permission for its extension. The rest of the email stated that he could not update the Councillors on any other matters as he had mislaid the email sent to him. Clerk asked to reply to Alan Millard and send copies of the emails to Gary Garford.

Councillor Davall also reported that the treatment plant in Churchill Road is still not operating properly.

731/05 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

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(1) **Highway Matters**

Back Road footbridge has been repaired. Councillor Carroll mentioned that the condition of category C roads was discussed at a meeting he attended. These are

inspected once a year and patched if necessary. Area Joint Committee is to make a complaint about the condition of these roads.

(2) **VJ Day Celebrations 2005**

A very enjoyable day. Letters of appreciation have been received from S & D Walker, S & M Pooley Mrs Y Gagen, and Mrs B Peckover. All the Councillors thanked Councillor Mrs Hall for the splendid work she did to make it such a success. Councillor Mrs Hall reported that £773.33 had been spent. A Home Front grant of £720 had been received, shortfall to be made up from the Parish Council. Suggestions were made that another commemoration plaque be purchased to go with the other two. The company which made the previous ones charged £292 for the two. Another company quoted about £53 for something similar. Councillor Mrs Hall to make further enquiries. A suggestion was made that possible the three plaques could be mounted and fixed to the school fence with the Village of the Year plaques. School to be asked their permission. Councillor Mrs Hall will now start to write up all the information she received during her research. John Timms has suggested it be published on the Web site.

(3) **Parish Plan Update**

The steering committee has had about 4 meetings plus an open morning, which 12 members of the public attended. One suggestion that has come up is that there are no designated bus stops and no time tables. At the moment the bus will pick up people wherever they are waiting which seems the best idea. Questionnaires will go out a later date.

(4) **Village of the Year 2005**

Chairman and Mrs Humphrey, Councillor Holt and Mrs Holt and clerk and Mr Gagen attended the Finalists evening. A very good display was presented. The judges were mostly interested in what projects had been carried out since last year. They were the filling of the drain at the Playing field and the setting up of a steering group to prepare a Parish Plan. The results will be announced at the Presentation evening to be held in September.

(5) **Jointly Funded Minor Highway Improvements**

Agreed to apply for the footway from West End to the end of the village to be improved and extended up to the end of the 40 mph zone. Another idea was to slightly extend the path at the corner or Cattle Dyke to give a better crossing position. This could possibly be funded by Safer Routes To School. Councillor Carroll will mention this at the next Governors meeting.

733/05 **CORRESPONDENCE**

(1) **Standards Committee**

Information passed on to all the Councillors

(2) **Launch on New Dog Warden Service**

The Dog Warden is now in post within the Environmental Protection Section and is currently undertaking survey work throughout the district especially in areas where

complaints have been received. Fenland DC is keen to promote the need for all parishioners to get involved by advising the Council of potential culprits of dog fouling. Any incidents should be reported on 01354 654321.

(3) **Cambs CC Heavy Commercial Vehicle Route Manager**

A leaflet has been produced to assist in concerns over HCV's. This is available in libraries.

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**PLANNING MATTERS**

**Applications for consideration:**

**Application No F/YR05/0738/F** – erection of a 2 storey rear extension to existing dwelling – Black Lane Farm Black Lane – no objections

**Application No F/YR05/0739/F** – conversion of barn and erection of first floor extension to form 3 bed dwelling – no objections

**Application approved**

**Application No. F/YR05/0558/F** – erection of a detached single garage – 47 High Road

**Application Refused**

**Application No F/YR05/0562/F** – erection of 3 bed detached bungalow and detached single garage – land north of St Marks Gote Lane

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**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The accounts for the year ending March 2005 have now been signed off by the auditors.

Letter received from Gorefield Village Hall Committee advising of the start of the alterations and requesting the donation of £1,500 was promised. Agreed to authorise the cheque.

**Clerk authorised to issue the following cheques:**

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| D Humphrey & Son (gravel for playing field car park) | £658.00   |
| Office Key (Printer cartridges)                      | £66.44    |
| Moore Stephens (Annual Audit fee)                    | £141.00   |
| Steve Mann (Pocket Park maintenance)                 | £30.00    |
| Gorefield Village Hall (Donation)                    | £1,500.00 |

**Balance of Accounts**

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| Current Account          | £193.02          |
| Business Premium Account | £2,642.31        |
| High Interest Account    | £4,178.79        |
|                          | <u>£7,014.12</u> |

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**REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Cooke reported incidence of dog fouling in Gote Lane. Fenland DC to be asked to erect some signs.

Councillor Carroll reported some information received from a CALC meeting he attended. 106 Agreements will now become Section 46 Agreements. Developers have to undertake one of these when they build a substantial amount of houses on a site. These cover play areas, roads etc. CALC are now organising training for prospective councillors, the object being to encourage more people to become councillors. More moves are being made to channel funds through Quality Councils.

737/05

**Land at Black Lane**

The occupier of this land has spoken to the Chairman about having to give it up because of ill health. It was agreed that this should be confirmed with him and it should be advertised to let as soon as possible so a new tenant can be found before October.

**Next Meeting – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2005**

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