

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 7TH AUGUST 2007

Present: Councillors Mrs Hall (Vice Chairman), Mrs Hunns, Davall, Cooke and Carroll

PC Coales and John Dubber

Apologies: Councillors Humphrey, Holt and Seaton

67/07 Minutes of previous meeting held on 3rd July 2007 were confirmed and signed.

68/07 No additional items to be considered

69/07 Councillor Cooke registered an interest in two planning applications to be discussed F/YR07/0583/F and F/YR07/0580/F

70/07 **POLICE LIAISON**

Wisbech and District Neighbourhood Safer Neighbourhood Panel Meeting held at Parson Drove Village Hall on 10th July 2007 – the priority for rural villages was once again speeding.

No crimes reported other than a domestic disturbance.

PC Coales attended a meeting of Newton PC where the planning application for the care home at Fitton End was discussed. Concerns have been raised about the impact this will have on neighbouring properties. Information on this and any other application can be found on the Fenland DC web site.

71/07 **JOHN DUBBER PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON OFFICER**

Results from the Parish Plan should feed into the Community Strategic Plan next year.

Some of the proceeds from the Housing Stock transfer are beginning to be allocated:- £50,000 for the Gorefield Sports and Amenity Centre, £50,000 for mobile village exercise centre, £10,000 for sports equipment for local clubs, £100,000 for other Village Halls. Youth Council Grants are available, £85,000 for streetlight survey in villages.

Golden Age Fair held at Leverington was very well attended. A Golden Age web site has now been set up.

Nene Water Front all sites now secured. Boat House now being built.

Fenland DC now going through inspection results due in December.

Mr Dubber suggested that if the Parish Council has issues about Highway matters they invite their Cambridgeshire County Councillor to attend a meeting with a senior officer from Highways.

Councillor Mrs Hall has been given a map of a route for a new relief road for Wisbech.

72/07

MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

Asbestos dumping in Churchill Road

No further information received as yet Environmental Officer to be contacted again.

Christmas Tree

Councillor Cooke will find one at a suitable planting time.

Streetlights

Three streetlights have now been replaced.

73/07

MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA

(1) **Highway Matters**

Footpath from West End towards Allens Drove will be sided. An order has been raised for the repairs to High Side. Failed pot hole repairs have been reported to the contractors. An order has been raised to replace the cats eyes in High Road.

(2) **Code of Conduct**

It was agreed that the Council should adopt the New Code of Conduct without amendment but wish to invite Perry Holmes the Monitoring Officer to attend the next meeting to explain the principals more fully.

(3) **Village Welcome Pack**

John Timms has sent an e-mail to the Chairman saying he is looking at this matter. Councillors feel this matter should be completed with some urgency now as new people are moving into the village.

(4) **Parish Plan**

Committee now have to compile the Action Plan Report ready for submission and had hoped to have it ready for the August meeting.

(5) **Village of the Year Entry 2007**

The Chairman and Councillor Mrs Hall made the submission. Unfortunately Gorefield did not make the short list of villages to be visited. Results from the competition should be available at the end September.

74/07

REPORT FROM ALLOTMENT INSPECTION

Vice Chairman, Councillor Davall and clerk undertook the inspection. All the fields are in very good order.

75/07

ALLOTMENT RENT REVIEW

It was agreed that all allotment rent should stay the same for a further year.

76/07

CORRESPONDENCE

(1)

Fenland Follower

Copies circulated to Councillors.

(2)

Smoke Free Fenland

A guide to local businesses was circulated to all Councillors

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

77/07

PLANNING MATTERS

Planning application received:

Application No F/YR07/0580/F – erection of part 2 storey/part single storey side extension and single storey side/rear extension to existing dwelling – Stables Cottage Gote Lane – amended plans received – too late to make any observations

Application No F/YR07/0583/F – erection of a 4 bed chalet bungalow with integral garage – land north of St Marks Gote Lane – this application was withdrawn and a new application submitted.

Application No F/YR070753/F – erection of a 4 bed dwelling with integral garage - land north of St Marks Gote Lane – no objections

Applications approved:

Application No F/YR07/0710/AG1 – erection of an agricultural building and formation of roadway – Harlequins Mill Lane Leverington

Application No F/YR07/0616/F – erection of a detached double garage – 7 St Marks Road

Application No F/YR07/0580/F – erection of part 2 storey/part single storey side extension and single storey side/rear extension to existing dwelling – Stables Cottage Gote Lane

Appeal Decision

Appeal Ref: APP/D0515/A/07/2034416 – erection of one bungalow (existing workshop to be demolished) – land south of Catfield Back Road

78/07

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Letter and accounts received from Parish Plan Committee asking for payment of their accounts up to date.

Clerk authorised to issue the following cheques:

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| John Timms (Tel, postage, paper etc) | £32.86 |
| Elaine Harvey (Refreshments, paper etc) | £15.50 |
| Gorefield Village Hall (3 meetings) | £45.00 |
| Office Key (Printer cartridges) | £5.66 |

Balance of Accounts

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| Current Account | £138.44 |
| Business Premium Account | £6,513.31 |
| High Interest Account | £6,370.83 |
| | <u>£13,022.58</u> |

79/07

Reports from Councillors

Hedge at Chiltern House is obscuring view from Cattle Dyke. Letter to be sent.

It was reported that people have been seen playing golf on the playing field and also dogs seen there during an event. These are matters for the Playing Field Committee.

Health and Safety Check

Seat at Richmond Green could do with a coat of varnish. Village of the Year sign on the pocket park has become overgrown by the trees. These should be cut back. Litter bin has become overgrown by nettles.

New plaque for VJ Day Commemoration could be put in the Church. Councillor Mrs Hall will speak to the Church Warden.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 4th September 2007

Signed Date.....