

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD PARISH ROOMS ON TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST 2008

Present: Councillors: M Humphrey (Chairman) Mrs Hall (Vice Chairman), Mrs Hunns and Davall

P C Coales

Apologies: Councillors Carroll and Holt

203/08 Minutes of previous meeting held on 1st July 2008 were confirmed and signed.

204/08 Jointly Funded Minor Improvement Grants 2009/10

205/08 No Councillor had a personal or prejudicial interest to declare

206/08 **POLICE LIAISON**

Crimes: Criminal damage

Scrap metal etc still continues to be taken. Also catalytic converters from 4x4's. Checks continue to be made at scrap yards in the area. The priorities at the recent Neighbourhood policing panel meeting continue to be speeding especially in Newton and Parson Drove. Members of the public to be urged to report any crimes. PC Coales gave her apologies for the next meeting as she will be on leave.

207/08 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Repairs are being carried out on Fendyke Lane Bridge, a new kerb is being installed also.

A replacement footbridge has been ordered but as yet no date has been given for its erection.

(2) **Play Equipment**

Councillor Carroll was unable to attend this meeting but he has been in contact with Wicksteed Park Leisure Ltd who have agreed to design and cost some new equipment free of charge. Still waiting to arrange a date for their visit.

(3)

Salt Bin

The Chairman has been approached by a resident from Harolds Bridge asking if a salt bin can be provided. Fred Hardwick has provided information regarding these. The Parish Council would be responsible for training volunteers, providing public liability insurance in case of any accidents, to obtain weather forecasts and instruct the volunteers how much salt to apply plus many health and safety issues. It was agreed that this was too onerous for the Parish Council to take responsibility for. A letter to be sent to the resident.

208/08

CORRESPONDENCE

North Level District Internal Drainage Board

Two councillors are invited to attend an open day on Wednesday 8th October from 9 am to 4 pm commencing at the Thorney offices. Attendance to be confirmed at the next meeting

Allotment Rent Increase

Letter received from A Downing accepting the proposed increase from October 2008.

Letter from Resident of St Marks Road

Very concerned about the condition of the pavements on either side of St Marks Road. Chairman has looked at the site and agrees that some repairs are necessary. Copy of letter to be sent to Fred Hardwick for his comments.

209/08

PLANNING MATTERS

Application No F/YR08/0541/F – erection of a timber shed (retrospective) – Stables Cottage Gote Lane – no objections

Application No F/YR08/0610/F – erection of a detached double garage to existing dwelling – Meadowside 406 Leverington Common – no objections

Application No F/YR08/0621/F – erection of a conservatory to rear of existing dwelling – Oakwood Mill Lane – no objections

Application No F/YR08/0635/F – Change of use from furniture workshop to domestic garden involving demolition of workshop – Rear of The Gote Inn 106 High Road – no objections

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Audit Commission Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2009 has now been signed off.

Account to be paid:

Moore Stephens (audit fee)	£158.63
North Level District IDB (drainage rates)	£255.02

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£333.89
Business Premium Account	£5,432.57
High Interest Account	£6,038.88
	<u>£11,805.34</u>

Reports from Councillors

Councillor Mrs Hunns attended another meeting as Community Safety Champion. Speeding continues to be a priority. Two kits are to be purchased which show what speed cars are doing. Volunteers are to be trained to check vehicles. Smart Water is available from Wisbech Police Station at £15. Leverington Parish Councillor is trying to organise a joint meeting about speeding.

Fly tipping at Green Drove High Side – to be reported

Antisocial behaviour taking place in the Pocket Park has been reported to the police

30mph interactive sign is interfering with the television at adjacent property. To be reported to Fred Hardwick

The Woodmans Cottage is once again closed. Councillors very concerned about the loss of the local pub.

Extra Item from No 3 – Jointly Funded Minor Improvement Grant 2009-10

Clerk received a telephone message from Peter Vale saying that no bid had been received from Gorefield. Will get a copy of the application for and apply once again for the piece of footway that links Back Road to High Road long Cattle Dyke.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 2nd September 2008

Signed Date.....