

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 2ND AUGUST 2011

Present: Councillors Humphrey, Carroll, Holt, Ridley, Mrs Humphrey and Mrs Hall

Mrs Murfitt and Mr & Mrs C Harvey

Apologies: Councillor Mrs Hunns and PCSO Bogunovic

65/11 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public wished to bring to the attention the Councillors the difficulties uses of mobility scooters encounter when they try to cross the Cattle Dyke junction due to the bad visibility caused by the Beech hedge around the boundary of Chiltern House. Clerk to contact the road safety team at Cambs CC to see if they can help with the problem.

A member of the public gave information to the Council with reference to a planning application which would be discussed later in the meeting.

66/11 Minutes of previous meeting held on 5th July 2011 were confirmed and signed.

67/11 None

68/11 None of the Councillors had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

69/11 **POLICE LIAISON**

PCSO Bogunovic unable to attend the meeting being on leave but had e-mailed a report to the clerk. Reported crimes since the last meeting one burglary in Cattle Dyke and theft of batteries from combine at Hassockhill Drove. Two incidents were reported antisocial behaviour on the playing field and white ford transit reported acting suspiciously in Gote Lane.

The issues on the playing field have reduced dramatically this is due to good work by the Parish Council and Roddons Housing.

Next Speed Watch date 9th August High Road/St Mark's Road junction.

70/11 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Report of rats at Richmond Green

Environmental Health were contacted and their contractor was to visit the site. But he said that they were not able to enter private property unless it was unoccupied. Clerk will contact them again for an update on the situation.

British Heart Foundation recyle bin

Being delivered to the site tomorrow.

(1) Highway Matters

Clerk informed Peter Vale about the Council's dissatisfaction with pot hole repairs. The only answer received was that it had been passed onto Neil Band. No answer has been received from him. The Chairman will try to contact Mr Band. Councillor Ridley has received a price for a hard standing area for a bus stop at Cattle Dyke junction which is £3,000. The large pot holes at The Barracks have been reported.

(2) Rural Transport

Forty completed rural transport survey forms have been passed on to Hetty Thornton, but as yet no feed back has been received.

(3) Chapel Grave Yard

Clerk wrote to Mr Warren after the last meeting but has received no response. To write again suggesting that the Parish Council are keen to find a way forward and suggesting that Community Pay Back scheme could be used. It is not practicable for Street Pride to take this on because it would need regular attention therefore no other projects could be completed.

(4) Play Equipment/Launch Event

The launch event was very well organised but it was very disappointing that very few people attended. Chairman thanked everybody that helped. Clerk will send out letters of thanks to Hetty Thornton, Lisa Peel and Charlene Denton.

Councillor Carroll has received a quotation from Cambs Acre for their Play Area inspection service. The basic cost of an inspection is £52.50 for up to 5 pieces of play equipment + £3.15 for every additional item + 45p per mile for travel costs. This would be carried out at quarterly intervals. Councillors agreed that independent inspections were necessary along with the monthly ones done by the Council. The Chairman will find out from Fenland DC if they can provide a similar service and at what cost.

Councillor Carroll has received an action plan from the last quarterly inspection dated 30th June 2011. The zip wire needs tightening, Councillor Ridley has tried to do this but it is a two man job. Chairman will help with this. The majority of the other issues are concerned with the matting which needs to be filled with top soil and seeded. Street Pride could help with this. The village sign has slight rust on the pole, the sign needs re-painting Councillor Mrs Humphrey offered her services for this, chamfer bricks around the base are crumbling and it needs weeding. Councillor Mrs Hall will approach Mr Howlett about this.

(5) Playing Field/New Pavilion

The Chairman has received information from Fenland DC about a grant finder search package which he will e-mail to all the Councillors. Councillors Carroll and Ridley will investigate all possibilities to find the extra funding required for the new pavilion.

(6) Parish Plan

A meeting has been arranged for 22nd September at 11 am outside the school to discuss parking and speeding problems.

(7) Queen's Diamond Jubilee

A meeting has been arranged for Thursday 1st September at 7 pm in the village hall. Clerk will write to all the groups in the village inviting them to attend. Posters will be displayed on the notice boards.

72/11 **CORRESPONDENCE**

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

73/11 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Application received:

F/YR11/0468/F – erection of extension to existing garage – 9 St Paul's Close – object due to overdevelopment of the site and proximity to drainage board main drain.

F/YR11/0543/F – installation of an air source central heating pump to rear elevation of existing dwelling – 41 Churchill Road – support this application because it is helping with the environment.

F/YR11/0531/F – removal of condition 01 of planning permission F/0207/87 relating to being employed at the adjacent haulage business – Fitton Lodge Fitton End – no comments

Application withdrawn

F/YR11/0395/F – erection of a single storey 2 bed dwelling and detached triple garage involving demolition of existing dwelling and shed – Fircroft 98 Cattle Dyke – no objections

74/11 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Action Plan from Internal Auditor

This to be carried over to the next meeting

Accounts to be paid:

Office Key (printer cartridge) £49.18

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£39.09
Business Premium Account	£5,152.05
High Interest Account	£72,519.58
	<u>£77,710.72</u>

Land rear of 21-31 Churchill Road

A draft lease has been received from Fenland DC for the allotments. This will be circulated with the correspondence for any comments.

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REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Gorefield Bowls Club

Councillor Ridley met with the chairman of Gorefield Bowls Club to discuss measures suggested by the Police Architectural Liaison officer for protecting the bowls club building. One suggestion was revolving spikes at £65 per 6 metres of cat spikes at £60. It was agreed that the Parish Council was not willing to spend anything on the present building due to its imminent demolition.

Graffiti

Graffiti has been done on the Blacksmith's shop and the garage. Has been reported to the police. Street Pride will be cleaning off shortly.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 6th September 2011

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