

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

**HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2012**

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

Two members of the public

**Apologies:** Councillor Mrs Humphrey and PCSO David Russ

201/12 Minutes of previous meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2012 were confirmed and signed

202/12 No additional item for consideration

203/12 Councillors Humphrey, Holt, Ridley and Carroll 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 for 5 years and will be able to speak and vote on any items concerning the playing field.

204/12 **POLICE LIAISON**

PCSO Dave Russ had been present at the Neighbourhood Forum meeting held before the Parish Council Meeting. He gave the clerk the following information:

Incidents reported: High Road – suspicious circumstances – the outcome of which was 6 chickens and broken chain saw stolen from Churchill Road, Churchill Road – rowdy nuisance – resolved before police attended.

Crimes: Black Lane – shed burglary

Speedwatch undertaken on 6<sup>th</sup> August at High Road 77 vehicles monitored of which 11 exceeded the limit.

During the school holiday play areas are being monitored to date no reports of trouble or anti social behaviour.

205/12 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**Church Yard request for financial assistance**

The Church warden has advised the Chairman and clerk that there is no necessity at this time to help with the work on the trees in the Church yard. Rev Bradbury therefore decided it was not necessary to attend this meeting. He will be very happy to attend in the future if it is thought necessary.

**Incident concerning resident of The Willows**

The hospital manager has received an anonymous letter of complaint about the behaviour of one of their residents. She has contacted Councillor Mrs Hall to invite the Parish

Council to send a representative to attend a meeting at the home held every 8 weeks.  
Clerk to write for further details.

## 206/12     **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

### (1) **Highway Matters**

No progress with alterations to the pavement at High Road/Cattle Dyke junction.

Hedge outside No 107 High Road needs cutting back as it is over hanging the pavement.  
Chairman will speak to the owner about it.

### (2) **Playing Field/Play Equipment**

There has recently been a problem with the grass cutting. Chairman has spoken to the contractor who has blamed the weather but has promised a better service in the future.

The zip wire needs a new seat and chain which will cost £49.00 + VAT. It was proposed by Councillor Ridley and seconded by Councillor Carroll that a new one be purchased.

### (3) **New Pavilion**

The extra £50,000 that was needed has now been promised by Fenland DC. Contract to be prepared ready for the next meeting. A copy of this will be circulated to Councillors before the next meeting. Notification of any items to be discussed should be passed on to the clerk before the meeting. Chairman suggested that a project team be formed to make decisions in between meetings, then report back to the full Council. Chairman, Councillors Mrs Hall and Mrs Hunns and the clerk will make up the team.

A publicity event will be held at the start of the project by the Parish Council and then the Playing Field Committee will organise the launch event.

### (4) **Parish Plan**

Chairman has contacted John Timms. He is interested in helping to update the plan but not as Chairman. The Chairman has been contacted by Mike Barnes from Cambs Acre who is picking up on old Parish Plan that need updating. Will try to organise a meeting with him.

## 207/12     **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **North Level District IDB**

Invitation for two Councillors to attend an open day on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2012. As all the Councillors have already attended on of these it was agreed to decline the invitation this year.

### **Cambs CC Street lightning briefing**

Briefing will take place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September from 7 pm at Fenland Hall.

208/12 **PLANNING MATTERS**

**Planning applications received:-**

Councillor Ridley declared a personal interest in the following application and took no part in the decision making process.

**F/YR12/0559/F** – erection of a 2 metre high close boarded fence and 0.9 metre high picket fence to boundary of existing dwelling (retrospective) – 106 High Road – no objections

**F/YR12/0547/F** – erection of a single storey 3 bed dwelling – Plot 2 Land east of 5 High Road – no objections

209/12 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Cheques to be paid:**

Cambs CC grass cutting end of last season	£229.25
Gorefield Village Hall (Hire of Hall)	£15.00

**New Pavilion expenses**

Geoff Holyoake Structural Engineer	£1,908.00
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**Balance of Accounts**

Current account	£7,039.68
Business Premium account	£5,154.73
High Interest account	<u>£69,783.94</u>
	<u>£81,978.35</u>

210/12 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Carroll has been asked if anything can be done about the area of ground that has been left undeveloped at Woodford Gardens/West End. Clerk has written to the developer on several occasions. A letter to be written again informing them that the problem will be reported to planning enforcement if nothing is done. Copy of the letter to be given to Councillor Carroll.

Trees around school playing field are overhanging the path. Councillor Ridley will speak to school about it.

Fendyke Lane sign needs replacing damaged by grass cutters.

Pleased to see that the pavement has been repaired outside the Chapel.

The two couples who attend the Diamond Jubilee Picnic at Burley House had a very enjoyable day and felt very privileged to have been asked to represent the village at this wonderful event.

Health and safety check on items in the village. Councillor will undertake this before the next meeting

Pot hole in Back Road still need attention.

Unfortunately Jeanette Milner, Street Pride Coordinator is leaving her post at Fenland DC. The Chairman received a report about an incident concerning one of the residents of the Care Home at Fitton End, which took place today. The home has been running for quite a few years and this is the first incident that has ever been reported.

200/12      **Pavilion**

The following information cannot be released to the general public until 17<sup>th</sup> July. Confirmation has been received that a grant of £50,000 has been awarded from Sport England for the new pavilion. A press release must be made on 17<sup>th</sup> July and the MP to be asked to add his comments to this. Further information to be returned to Sport England by the end of July. Chairman was able to inform Fenland DC about the grant and hopefully this should be a further incentive for them to grant the extra £50,000 that is required. This should be discussed at the July cabinet meeting. Building Regulations approval can now be applied for and structural engineers calculations obtained by the agent.

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2012

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