

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

**HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2013**

**Present:** Councillors Humphrey, Holt, Mrs Humphrey, Mrs Hunns and Mrs Hall. PCSOs and 2 members of the public

**Apologies:** Councillor Ridley

332/13 **Public Participation**

It has been noted that the grass in the Chapel grave yard has been cut.

Advertising posters are being left on lamp posts. These usually have the advertisers telephone number on them so they can be contacted.

333/13 Minutes of previous meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2013 were confirmed and signed

334/13 Additional item for consideration – none

335/13 Councillors Humphrey, Holt and Mrs Humphrey 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 and will be able to speak and vote on any items concerning the playing field

336/13 **POLICE LIAISON**

Crimes since last meeting:

Decoy Road – theft – Entered yard and stolen wooden posts

Back Road – theft – caravan taken

Incidents:

Churchill Road – vehicle nuisance – male on quad bike with young child on play area

The first community Speedwatch team is now up and running in Parson Drove. This team will be out monitoring traffic speed at various times of the day. Results collated by the team will be used to identify times and locations where speed enforcement action can be deployed.

Ideally a Speedwatch team should consist of 3-4 volunteers. The equipment can be borrowed as required. The training is painless and the rewards to the community are immense.

No reported problems around Play Park but patrols will still be made as often as is possible.

New Horizon Outreach vehicle will be in Gorefield between 8.30 and 10.30 am on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2013

North Rural Forum will take place in Parson Drove on 8<sup>th</sup> August in the New Horizon Outreach Vehicle near the Village Hall at 6 pm where priorities for the next 6 months will be discussed and agreed.

Cycle awareness week. It may be possible to arrange something in the village where people can bring cycles to be post coded.

337/13 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**Chapel Yard**

Chapel Yard has been cleared up but it is not known who undertook the work.

338/13 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Hedges continue to be a problem. Neil Band to be contacted once again and possibly Cambs County Councillor Alan Lay.

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

The latest inspection report has picked up several points, which the Chairman will look at. The Tea Cup has been taken away for repair.

Bowls Club have still not replied to e-mail from the Chairman regarding the lease for the bowls green. Clerk to once again contact their secretary.

Following the resignation of the Chairman and Treasurer of the Playing Field Committee the secretary asked Councillor Mrs Hall to chair an emergency meeting. At this meeting an interim committee was appointed. Councillor Mrs Hall will chair the next meeting but will remain as independent chairman. Councillor Mrs Hunns has also joined the Playing Field Committee

(3) **New Pavilion**

Fan in referees' room was installed but not connected. Doors have not yet been successfully pined back. Final invoice from Peggs Construction has now been received. This is not due for payment until the completion certificate is received from Building Control. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Hall and seconded by Councillor Mrs Humphrey that this should be paid once the certificate is received. A spreadsheet showing all the expenditure and funding is attached to the minutes.

339/13 **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Resignation of Councillor Carroll**

A letter of resignation has been received from Councillor Carroll. He has resigned as from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013. All the Councillors expressed their regret that he has resigned and he will be greatly missed and asked the clerk to write and thank him for his contribution to the Parish Council and the Playing Field. Fenland District Council will be informed of the vacancy. Another Councillor will be required to take over the position of signatory on the Council bank account. Clerk to get the appropriate forms from the bank for completion at the next meeting.

**CCF Monitoring Questionnaire for AmeyCespa Grant.**

Questionnaire to be completed for the funders of the adult equipment. Chairman and clerk will complete on behalf of the council.

## **Cambian Willow Lodge – Public Exhibition on new proposals**

This was held on 1<sup>st</sup> August in Leverington Village Hall. No Councillors were available to attend.

## **Cambridgeshire Acre – Members’ Area**

Members now have exclusive access to a special members area on the web site.

## **North Level District IDB Day Visit**

To be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October. As all the Councillors have attended one of these open days it was agreed to decline the invitation this year.

### 340/13 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Councillor Holt declared an interest in the following application as he will probably be undertaking some work on the project if it is approved and took no part in the decision making process.

Planning application received:

**F/YR13/0337/F** – erection of a 2 storey side extension incorporating rear balcony, single storey rear extension and porch to front of existing dwelling – 7 Cattle Dyke – revised proposals have been received which are changes to the design and site boundary – still feel it is not in keeping with the existing street scene.

### 341/13 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **Balance of Accounts**

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| Current account          | £8,118.08         |
| Business Premium account | £5,156.64         |
| High Interest account    | <u>£800.86</u>    |
|                          | <u>£14,075.58</u> |

### 342/13 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

The Chairman will take over responsibility for the play equipment inspection reports.

The inspection of the Parish Council assets in the village ie seats, sign etc has not been carried out recently. Councillor Mrs Humphrey will carry this out.

Bricks are crumbling on the base for the village sign and need replacing. Quotes to be obtained for replacing this with either bricks/wood or metal.

Garden at Richmond Green is overgrowing the path. Is it possible to Streetpride to tidy this up.

A meeting of Streetpride is being held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 9.30 am.

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2013

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