

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST 2014

Present: Councillors M Humphrey, Mrs Hall, Holt, Mrs Hunns,
Mrs Humphrey and Walpole

Councillor A Lay and one member of the public

Apologies: Councillor Fraser and PCSO Russ

72/14 **Public Participation**

The member of the public who attended wished to point out areas of damaged footpath along the High Road which have not been marked out for repair. Particularly outside the Primary School and opposite St Marks Road. This will be passed onto Highways. Work on the footpath should commence on 18th August. The Green Lane off High Road continues to be in a poor condition. Clerk will once again pass this information on to the Cambs Rights of Way officer.

73/14 Minutes of previous meeting held on 1st July 2014 were confirmed and signed

74/14 Additional item for consideration – None

75/14 Councillors Humphrey, Holt, Mrs Humphrey and Mrs Hunns 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

76/14 **POLICE LIAISON**

There was no police presence at the meeting but the following information was sent by e-mail:

Reported crimes

High Road – theft from vehicle of front and rear index plates
Honey Hill Road – Criminal damage – damage to electric gates

Incidents of note:

Allens Drove – suspicious circumstances – white van seen at unoccupied property
Black Lane – vehicle nuisance – 2 quadbikes seen on public road with no plates

Emerging Issues

There have been a number of thefts of railings and gates in rural areas. It is a good idea to take photographs of railings so scrapyards can be given full details in the event of a theft.

Ongoing issues

There was report of youths on motor bikes causing a nuisance in Churchill Road. PCSO Russ has spoken to the youths and will continue to undertake patrols in the area.

Councillor recently reported an incident with a motor bike with a siren for a hooter. Disappointed that he had received no feed back about the incident. PCSO to be asked about the incident. It would good if he could attend the next meeting.

77/14 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Bowls Club Lease

Secretary has offered several dates for a meeting and it was agreed that Wednesday 24th September at 7 pm would be acceptable.

Grange Wind Farm Grant

Parish Council has been unsuccessful in its bid for a grant towards a new notice board.

Vehicle left at Churchill Road allotments

This has now been moved back to the owner's property

78/14 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Local Highway Improvement Initiative 2015/16

Agreed to apply for an extension to the footpath along Cattle Dyke joining St Paul's Close to the bridge. Proposed by Councillor Humphrey and seconded by Councillor Mrs Hunns

(2) **Play Equipment**

E-mail received from Landscape Group on 29th July stating that they will action repairs as soon as possible. Clerk to once again ask for a response or will have to appoint another contractor to do the work.

(3) **Report from meeting for Concurrent Functions Grants and Streetlights**

Councillor Humphrey attended on behalf of the Parish Council. Fenland DC have still not made any firm decision about the funding for the repairs to the Category 1 lights. Also no decision has been made about Concurrent Function Grants. It seems likely that some grant will be made but on what basis these will be calculated has not been resolved. A further meeting will be arranged.

(4) **Councillor Training**

Parson Drove Parish Council in conjunction with CPALC have organised some training for Councillors. Monday 8th September – Meeting Procedure and Code of Conduct. Monday 6th October – Budgets, Precepts, Statutory Powers and Standing Orders. Monday 27th October – Planning, Section 106 agreements and Risk Management. Cost likely to be £40/£45 per Councillor per session. Councillor

Walpole agreed to attend the first 2 sessions. Chairman will speak to Councillor Fraser about these. Clerk to find out venue and times.

79/14 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Invite to Cambs Future Transport Briefing Meeting – Area L

A meeting has been arranged for Monday 15th September 2 – 4 pm at Fenland Hall to discuss transport needs in Area L – villages north west of Wisbech. Subsidised journeys will be reviewed at part of this project. Briefing pack will be available with the correspondence circulated to Councillors

80/14 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Enforcement issues:

Land south of Tudor Lodge Hassockhill – a letter and a copy of the notice was handed to the owner with 14 days to comply – but a follow up has not occurred. This will be carried out on 22nd August and if mobile is still on the site the owner will be cautioned and then legal advice will be sought as to whether or not it is in the public's best interest to prosecute.

2 Newfield Cottages, Chalk Road – enforcement officer and planning officer will visit the site on 27th August to ascertain the current situation.

Planning applications

F/YR14/0555/PNCOU – Change of Use of office to dwelling at office building at Tyrell Mill Lane Leverington - feel that more evidence should be given to show that every effort has been made to market the property for offices/light industrial use before a change of use is considered.

81/14 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Accounts Paid:

Alan Holt (Repairs to play equipment materials only)	£31.10
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Balance of Accounts

Current account	£8,340.47
Business Premium account	£2,158.39
High Interest account	<u>£801.47</u>
	£11,300.33

82/14 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Walpole may have someone interested in taking part in a Speed Watch team. Clerk to get some more details from PCSO Russ.

Councillor Lay has had a meeting with Inspector Sissons. Not very encouraging. People not reporting incidents as they get very poor response from the Police.

Streetpride to be asked to cut back overhanging trees obscuring speed limit sign in Gote Lane and tree covering the light at Chapel Lane.

Accounts for the Playing Field Association are now being prepared by the auditor and should be available shortly. A sinking fund is now being set up and a regular amount will be paid into it each month.

Chairman and Councillor Mrs Hunns attended the North Level IDB open meeting to celebrate their 260th Anniversary. Very interesting evening, splendid meal provided and visited their museum, which is well worth a visit.

Chairman will compile a page for Village Voices when the next one is due.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 2nd September 2014.

Signed Date