

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2008

Present: Councillors: Humphrey (Chairman) Mrs Hall, Mrs Hunns, Holt and Carroll
Bill Tilley Enforcement officer for Fenland

Apologies: Councillor Cooke, Natalie Culver and PC Coales

Public Forum

Some members of the public attended the meeting to explain the justification for a planning application that would be discussed later in the meeting. The agent for the applicant elaborated on his justification statement that had been submitted with the application. Explaining how the new dwelling would be attached to the business to help with security etc.

246/08 Minutes of previous meeting held on 4th November 2008 were confirmed and signed.

247/08 Christmas Tree

248/08 No Councillors had a personal or prejudicial interest to declare

249/08 **POLICE LIAISON**

P C Coales was on leave

250/08 **NATALIE CULVER NOMINATED OFFICER FOR FENLAND DC**

Ms Culver sent her apologies due to illness

251/08 **BILL TILLEY ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR FENLAND**

The Chairman invited Mr Tilley to attend as since the last meeting the application for Use of former outbuilding as residential dwelling at Georgia Hassockhill Drove had been granted a certificate of lawful use. Mr Tilley has picked up this file from the previous enforcement officer and for the information previously gathered he had no option but to grant the certificate.

Mr Tilley gave information on other cases that have been reported. The kennels in Allens Drove are not in breach of planning as there is no business running from the site.

The site in Hassockhill Drove – the stables have permission to be used for business purposes. One caravan on the site is being used for storage. The other one is being lived in 2 or 3 days a week. The occupier has been informed that he needs to apply for full planning permission for this mobile home.

Engineering Works at Cattle Dyke is under investigation for running extra vehicles from the site. Mr Tilley has still to look at this case.

Mobile home at Bona Lane – this is ongoing whilst dwelling is rebuilt.

Two other cases reported to Mr Tilley are still to be investigated.

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MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA

(1) Highway Matters

Nothing to report from Highways.

Clerk has made enquiries about when the faulty lights in Cattle Dyke will be replaced. Nigel Godfrey who was dealing with this matter has now left Fenland DC and John Knott has replaced him. Unfortunately it appears that the lights had not as yet been ordered. The order has now been placed and the lights should be erected and working by week commencing 2nd February 2009.

(2) Play Equipment

Councillor Carroll has found out that an employee of Fenland DC is employed to undertake feasibility studies for grant applications. Arrangements have been made for her to go into the school to find out from the children what play equipment they would like to see on the Playing Field. Information gathered with the Village Plan in the Youth Survey can also be used.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Parish Chairman and Clerk's Seminar

To be held at Fenland Hall on Tuesday 16th December with buffet from 6 pm. Clerk and Vice Chairman to attend. Chairman already attending as a District Councillor.

Rural Bus Service

Following consultations with the public some services have now been saved but unfortunately Gorefield is to lose the 17.20 pm journey from Wisbech on weekdays from January 2009. All other journeys will continue to operate

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

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PLANNING MATTERS

F/YR08/0974/O – erection of a dwelling in connection with applicants adjacent business – land south of R T Motors UK Ltd Hassockhill Drove – Parish Councillors supported this application

Planning applications approved

F/YR08/0909/CERTLU – Use of former outbuilding as residential dwelling at Georgia Hassockhill Drove – Certificate of Lawful Use issued.

Planning Applications refused

F/YR08/0871/F – erection of 3/4 bed agricultural dwelling – land south of Little Acre Farm Fenland Dyke Lane

Planning Application withdrawn

F/YR08/0935/F – erection of a 2 bed detached bungalow with attached car port involving demolition of existing commercial building – land north west of Fitton Lodge Fitton End

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

Application for Concurrent Functions Grant 2009/10

An increase of 2.5% to be added to the grants made for Churchyard maintenance and Playing Field Upkeep – these will be £922 and £1025 respectively. An additional grant for footway lighting will also be applied for

Parish Precept

Estimates for expenditure for the coming year are shown on the attached spreadsheet.

Proposed Councillor Carroll and seconded by Councillor Holt that the Precept for 2009/10 be set at £5,800

Accounts to be paid

Agriscap (UK) Ltd (village grass cutting)	£528.75
Councillor Carroll (travel allowance)	£12.80

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£708.79
Business Premium Account	£7,252.37
High Interest Account	<u>£6,086.47</u>
	<u>£14,047.63</u>

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Reports from Councillors

Property in Cattle Dyke is being renovated. Builders are parking their vehicles on the Pocket Park.

Trees on the Pocket Park need cutting back

Foot bridge at Chapel Lane now been erected. Not happy with how the railings have been finished off.

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Extra Item Christmas Tree for Church Yard

The tree that was planted this year is growing well, but is not yet big enough to use for lighting up. Chairman will sort out a larger tree for use during Christmas period.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 6th January 2009

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