

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2009

Present: Councillors: Humphrey (Chairman), Holt, Mrs Hunns, Cooke,
Mrs Hall, Ridley and Carroll

Mr and Mrs Harvey

Apologies: P C Coales, Natalie Rowlands

Chairman welcomed Councillor George Ridley to his first meeting
Signed his declaration of acceptance of office

377/09 Minutes of previous meeting held on 3rd November 2009 were confirmed and signed.

378/09 No additional items for discussion

379/09 None of the Councillors had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

380/09 **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Coales unable to attend meeting.

381/09 **NATALIE ROWLANDS NOMINATED OFFICER FOR FENLAND DC**

Unable to attend meeting

382/09 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Wreath for Remembrance Day**

A poppy wreath was purchased and Councillor Mrs Hall laid it at the memorial in the church. It was very much appreciated. A wreath will now be supplied through the British Legion each year.

(2) **A1101 Black Spot Meeting**

Meeting held at Tydd St Giles 23.11.09. Chairman attended. Finance has now been put in place to make some improvements

(3) **New Streetlight outside Village School**

Cambs CC have been contacted about this light. A new one was erected but has never been connected to the electricity. Awaiting a connection date from EDF Energy.

(1) Highway Matters

E-mail received from Fred Hardwick. He has ordered a new village sign/speed limit sign for Gote Lane. Has ordered 3 replacement carriageway gullies for High Road. New gully pot and lateral to be installed outside The Rhodham Gote Lane. Has got prices from Atkins for cutting back hedgerows/trees at Highside Parson Drove end, Popple Drove and Mill Lane junctions with Leverington Common and opposite Station Road – work should be completed by Christmas. Will have a look at Cattle Dyke and take action if necessary. Has asked Fenland DC to get the footpaths swept of leaves.

(2) Replacement Litter Bin

The litter bin in question is not owned by Fenland DC so it must be owned by the Parish Council. Fenland DC will replace it at a cost of £300. Agreed to go ahead and have it replaced.

(3) Play Equipment

Councillor Carroll and Chairman met with representatives for the Play Pathfinder Funders. They were not happy with the amount of swings being provided in the scheme. Old swings are now to be renovated and a new seat for the rocket is to be provided. Two toddler swings are to be provided separate from those for juniors. Krystal Humphrey is preparing an artists impression of the scheme which is to be submitted by 8th December. Due to the old swings being kept funds are now available to put safety matting around the roundabout. Natural play area to be provided by using concrete blocks for climbing. Garden area also to be provided.

Councillor Carroll is also trying to find funding for equipment for toddlers and adults. Tesco's have intimated that they may be able to help with a grant.

(4) Parish Plan

Chairman has received an e-mail from John Timms. He is still contacting people. When this is completed Chairman will organise a meeting.

(5) Playing Field

Chairman has met with David Ball, solicitor about drawing the document to transfer the ownership of the playing over to the Parish Council. The day to day running of the field will still be in the hands of the management committee. Also had discussions about the Deed of Dedication.

(6) Replacement Pavilion

Chairman has met with Jason Richardson and is waiting to hear from him with confirmation that the £50,000 promised from Fenland DC is still available. The best option now seems to be to build a building with the finance that is available and add onto to it if and when more funds are available.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Copies of the new printed addition of the CPALC Bulletin were circulated to Councillors

Councillors asked if they would require a copy of the Register of Electors 2009/10. Councillors Mrs Hall and Ridley requested one.

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

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PLANNING MATTERS

F/YR09/0725/F – erection of a single storey building for use as staff accommodation and office – land south of Kelve Gates End Bridge Parson Drove – no objections

PLANNING APPLICATION REFUSED

F/YR09/0669/F – erection of 3 bed chalet bungalow with associated parking – land west of Magnolia 2 Cattle Dyke

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

Parish Council Expenses 2010/11 (Concurrent Functions Grant)

Form to be completed. It was agreed that 2% to cover inflation to be added to the payments for Playing Field Maintenance and Churchyard upkeep. Provision of new litter bin added as an additional item.

Account to be paid:

Councillor Carroll (travel expenses 1 trip)	£26.40
Royal British Legion (Poppy wreath)	£16.50

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£929.97
Business Premium Account	£15,145.04
High Interest Account	£64,000.00
	<u>£80,075.01</u>

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Reports from Councillors

Councillor Carroll attended the AGM of CPALC on Saturday 21st November. Unfortunately still not many Councils sending representatives.

Councillor Carroll explained how CPALC could organise training for Councillors in their own venue and to keep costs to a minimum other neighbouring Councils could be invited to participate also. Clerk to find out details.

Rain water gully at the top of Gote Lane still blocked.

A Christmas tree will need to be provided for the Church Yard again this year, as the one growing there is still too small. Chairman will again approach Bay Tree Nurseries for one.

Councillor Mrs Hall attended the Rural Neighbourhood Management Board on behalf of the Council as the Chairman had a prior engagement. The board was asked to ratify grants for projects from £20,000 being made available. Rural projects were given preference over those from the towns. The board was given feed back from the recently held Community Fairs. The one held at Parson Drove was the most successful with 128 people attending. There seems to have been a problem getting information gathered from these back to the appropriate people. Will be repeating the process in May/June possibly at Wisbech St Mary.

Chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas

Next Meeting – Tuesday 5th January 2010

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