

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2010

Present: Councillors: Humphrey (Chairman), Mrs Hunns, Mrs Hall, Holt, Ridley and Carroll
Mr & Mrs Harvey

Apologies: Councillor Cooke PC Coales and Natalie Rowlands

122/10 Minutes of previous meeting held on 2nd November 2010 were confirmed and signed.

123/10 None

124/10 None of the Councillors had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

125/10 **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Coales was unable to attend the meeting but passed on the following information to the clerk.
Burglary at Cattle Dyke and a warrant was issued at a property in Hassockhill Drove.

126/10 **NATALIE ROWLANDS NOMINATED OFFICER FOR FENLAND DC**

Mrs Rowlands sent her apologies.

127/10 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) Highway Matters

E-mail response received from Peter Vale with reference to Bellamy Bridge cross roads. After the fatality there signs and lines were improved and since then only one recorded slight injury accident. At the present time no additional markings and signs can be justified.

Letter received from local resident requesting that the 30mph zone along the High Road be extended towards Leverington. Cambs CC Highways to be approached.

Gritting outside properties and businesses are property owners liable if anything should happen. Cambs CC Highways to be asked.

Can footpath along the High Road be gritted when road is done.

(2) Play Equipment

Play equipment inspections, Councillor Carroll has now received the log from Cambs Acre. Copy of insurance certificate to be included. Some of the other village assets eg Village sign have been added to the log but not all. Councillor Carroll to query this with Phillip Peacock.

The following points were picked up at the last inspection – sharp and pointed nipples to be removed from logs – Councillor Carroll has done this – zip wire button seat evidence of vandalism – no action is required at the moment – swing step climber – one of the step blocks has a split – no action required at the moment – Roundabout – matting showing signs of wear – back fill with top soil and re-seed plus grass needs strimming under the edge – Councillor Carroll will organise this – disc spinner – recommends extending the safety matting – tea cup – recommends safety matting installed – willow tunnel – clear weeds and cut back and remove soft growth – zig zag stick may need rubber matting in the future – jump ramp could do with a metal strip of its leading edge to prevent damage.

Adult equipment will be erected when weather improves. Contractors tried to do the marking on the concrete but the weather made it impossible. Will try again in the spring.

(3) **Parish Plan**

New litter bin to be ordered to be placed on the playing field – double bin with general waste and recycling – cost approximately £550.

Street pride event was once again very successful. Eighteen people turned up, they were split into four groups – tidying pocket park, cutting back trees and bushes in the Chapel yard, bulb planting on the playing field and around the village and littler picking areas previously not done. Two bags of bulbs were provided by Dean Bowd and Taylors, letter of thanks have been sent.

A meeting of the environment group has been arranged for 8th January 2011. They are to tidy up the shrubs and trees on the pocket park.

(4) **Playing Field**

Chairman has now received preliminary costs for a timber framed building. This is now more achievable with the finances that are available plus a small amount of extra funding. Jason Richards, the sports development officer at Fenland DC is trying to find suitable funders. Once everyone has agreed the suggested plan a planning application should be submitted. Permission has now been received from the insurers to tidy up part of the old building for use until a new building is completed.

(5) **Child Protection Policy**

An example of one will be circulated with the correspondence.

128/10 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Cambs Acre Rural Services Survey 2010

Copy included with correspondence

Jointly Funded Minor Highway Improvements Programme 2011-12

Unfortunately Gorefield was unsuccessful with the bid. The schemes that were successful were – Wisbech St Mary – road safety Bunkers hill – Chatteris pedestrian safety Bridge Street and Leverington pedestrian safety Church Road.

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

128/10 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications received:

F/YR10/0813/F – erection of 5 bed detached chalet bungalow in association with existing business – R T Motors Ltd Hassockhill Drove – this is a larger version of a previously approved scheme – no objections

F/YR10/0850/F – change of use of building from A1 (retail) to B1 (office/light industrial) use – Mill Lane Pet Centre Tyrell Mill Lane Leverington - object to this application as it would introduce light industrial into a predominantly rural area. If the legal attachment to the adjacent property is removed it will never return to part of a residential property.

129/10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Concurrent Functions Grant 2011-12

Agreed that 3% should be added to allowances for church yard and playing field maintenance. Also apply for contribution to footway lighting.

Appointment of an internal auditor

Auditing Solutions Ltd quoted £160 + VAT to carry out an annual internal audit. This also includes advice and guidance throughout the year. Agreed to appoint them.

Land re-let at Black Lane

The entitlements for this land have now been passed over by Mr & Mrs Hastings to the new tenants C & M Tibbs. As agreed in minute 47/10 a consideration of £850 should be paid to Mr & Mrs Hastings

Accounts paid:

Royal British Legion (Remembrance Wreath)	£16.50	
Agriscape (UK) Ltd (village grass cutting)		£734.37
M Hastings (Transfer of entitlements)		£850.00

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£1,431.05
Business Premium Account	£9,149.87
High Interest Account	£76,120.95
	£86,801.87

130/10 **Reports from Councillors**

Christmas Tree for Church Yard Councillor Mrs Hall has one.

Streetlights at West End, Cattle Dyke/High Road and Chapel Lane all need attention.

Road signs left after work was done on Highside need collecting up. County Highways to be informed.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 4th January 2011

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