

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2011

Present: Councillors Humphrey, Carroll, Holt, Mrs Humphrey, Mrs Hunns, Ridley and Mrs Hall

Mr & Mrs Harvey and PCSO Bogunovic

112/11 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs Harvey informed the Council that a revised bus route is now being used and passenger are now collected from the north side of the High Road therefore the hard standing at the junction with Cattle Dyke is not required.

113/11 Minutes of previous meeting held on 1st November 2011 were confirmed and signed

114/11 None

115/11 Councillors Humphrey, Holt, Ridley, Carroll and Mrs Humphrey declared an interest in item concerning the Playing Field as all members of the Playing Field Committee. The Chairman has been having discussions with the chief solicitor from Fenland District concerning this.

116/11 **POLICE LIAISON**

PCSO Bogunovic in attendance at the meeting and gave the following information on reported crimes since the last meeting: Theft at Cattle Dyke – post box broken into items of mail stolen, Criminal damage Back Road – conservatory window cracked, shed burglary High Road – bicycle stolen, criminal damage Cattle Dyke – vehicle window smashed, Criminal damage High Road – security light damaged, criminal damage Cattle Dyke – vehicle window smashed, theft High Road – motor home broken into, theft High Road – caravan broken into, criminal damage High Road – glass in telephone kiosk smashed, shed burglary Allens Drove – nothing stolen, shed burglary High Road – bicycle and hand tools taken, shed burglary Cattle Dyke – pottery items stolen, shed burglary High Road – tumble dryer and fishing equipment stolen, 5 incidents of ASB reported. PCSO Bogunovic wishes everything reported however minor. Incidents relating to nuisance youths at the playground have declined but neighbourhood team will still continue to monitor the area closely. Gorefield Primary School are taking part in the rural speeding project organised by Fenland DC on Wednesday 7th December starting at 8 am.

(1) Highway Matters

Letter received from a resident of Churchill Road concerned about the bad state of repair of the road especially outside No 18. Councillor Ridely and Neil Band Highways Officer recently visited the area and it was noted then about the condition of the road. Councillor Ridley will contact Neil Band, clerk will respond to the resident's letter.

Local Minor Improvements Funding application – agreed to apply for improvements to the junction at Cattle Dyke for mobility scooter users. Councillor Ridley will help with the filling in the application form. A 10% contribution will be required from the Parish Council.

Hedge at Cattle Dyke junction has now been cut back. Councillor Ridley met Neil Band at March and was introduced to all the personnel. Neil Band then visited the village and surveyed problem areas. He has arranged for repairs to be carried out at Hassockhill Drove and agreed to have the hole at Back Road repaired again. Councillor Ridley and Neil Band will meet every 4 months.

Councillor Ridley attended an event at the Huntingdon Depot for highway wardens. Seven parishes were represented. Was given a hi-visibility jacket. Manual gritting machines are available but anyone wishing to use them would have to have training.

(2) Rural Transport

New bus route and time table came into operation from 28th November. The bus is scheduled to pick up and let down at Gorefield School.

(3) Play Equipment

There is a problem with one of the pieces of exercise equipment. Councillor Carroll will contact OGO for advice on how the problem can be remedied.

Councillor Holt will quote for the supply and fixing of picnic benches to replace the two seats stolen from the field. To be secured in 4" thick concrete. Remaining bench also to be set in concrete back on the field.

The weekly inspections have commenced and are proving very efficient. Other items in the village need checking. Seat in Pocket Park has been cleaned and repaired and sign painted. To be repositioned at a later date. Copies of log sheets for other items in the village to be printed out.

(4) New Pavilion

Meeting held on 4th November with Stephen Barclay was very useful. Discussions are now being held with other funders.

(5) Parish Plan

Nothing to report

(6) Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Councillor Mrs Hall and Mrs Janet Ward met with the head teacher to discuss the Diamond Jubilee. The school will celebrate on the Friday before the Jubilee weekend. They intend to invite older residents to a tea possibly those who attended the school in 1952. The other group who are now under the umbrella of the Village Hall Committee will hold a church service followed by a tea for those who are 70 and over. Notice will be put in the next addition of the Village Voices. Further meeting to be held in January. Councillor Mrs Hall attended meeting at Fenland DC where information was given about organising events, the need for insurance and licences for entertainment. Fenland DC are looking into the possibility of providing a blanket insurance for all events. Councillor Ridley was very concerned about only people over 70 being invited as this is discrimination against other age groups in the village. Councillor Mrs Hall will convey this information onto the Village Hall Committee.

118/11 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

119/11 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications received:

F/YR11/0910/F – Siting of a single storey classroom block to side of existing building – Willow Lodge Fitton End Road – no objections

Applications approved:

F/YR11/0728/F – Erection of 2 x 3 storey 5/6 bed dwellings with detached double garage/store and 1 x 3 storey 5/6 bed dwelling with attached garage/store – south of Gorefield House Cattle Dyke

F/YR11/0531/F – Removal of condition 01 of planning permission F/O207/87 relating to being employed at the adjacent haulage business – Fitton Lodge Fitton End Road

F/YR11/0656/F – erection of single storey 2 bed dwelling and detached triple garage – Fircroft 98 Cattle Dyke

F/YR11/0624/F – erection of single storey side and front extensions including raising the roof of the existing dwelling – El Cotillo 103 High Road

120/11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts to be paid:

Councillor Ridley (travel expenses)	£34.20
Agriscape (UK) Ltd (village grass cutting)	£940.80
Lightbulbs Direct (coloured bulbs for tree)	£64.08

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£8,152.32
Business Premium Account	£5,153.43
High Interest Account	£72,537.66
	<u>£85,843.41</u>

121/11 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Luncheon Club Christmas Dinner held today at the Woodmans Cottage.

Christmas tree kindly donated by Mr and Mrs G Frost was erected today by the Chairman and Councillor Ridley with the help of John Hunt.

An invitation has been received form Stephen Barclay MP for a guided tour around the House of Commons on 15th March 2012.

Chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 3rd January 2012

Signed Date.....