

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2012

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

Joanne Philpott and one member of the public

Apologies: Councillors Mrs Hall and Tierney and PCSO David Russ

246/12 Joanne Phillpot from the Fenland Association of Community Transport attended to meeting and gave a presentation about her organisation. She gave out leaflets which explained about the local dial a ride services. The FACT bus is in the village every day Monday – Saturday 11:10 12:40 and 14:40 with return journeys 13:00 and 16:00. There is an annual membership charge of £10 per person and thereafter journeys are free if the person has a Fenland bus pass. A charge of £5 is made for a return journey for all other passengers. All journeys have to be booked before 3 pm the previous day.

247/12 Public Participation

A member of the public attended the seminar arranged by Cambs Acre re Champions Better Broadband. This was well attended. 16,000 people have already signed the on-line petition which is still on-going. It is predicted that it could 2015 before faster broadband is available in Fenland.

248/12 Minutes of previous meeting held on 6th November 2012 were confirmed and signed

249/12 No additional item for consideration

250/12 Councillors Humphrey, Holt, Ridley, Mrs Humphrey and Carroll 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 for 5 years and will be able to speak and vote on any items concerning the playing field.

251/12 **POLICE LIAISON**

PCSO Dave Russ unable to attend the meeting but had e-mailed the following information to the clerk

Incidents since last meeting:

Chalk Road - vehicle nuisance – scrambler bike using bridle path
St Mark's Road – neighbour dispute
High Road – Burglary at business

Crimes:

Elloe Bank – Shed burglary – strimmer and chainsaw taken

Continues to undertake regular patrols of the play park whilst the building work is in progress

252/12 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Councillor Ridley has received information from Cambs CC Highway about the cost of installing traffic calming measures near the school. This would probably be in the region of £10/£12,000. An application for this will be made through a Local Highways Improvements bid for 2013/14.

Replacement and removal of streetlights in St Marks Road and St Paul's Close - it was agreed that if streetlights are to be removed then CC1 and CC4 in St Mark's Road and CC1 in St Paul's Close should be suggested.

(2) **Playing Field/Play Equipment**

The latest play equipment inspection report has identified some missing bolts on the cross trainer and the tea cup needs adjusting. Chairman and Councillor Ridley will carry out these repairs shortly.

(3) **New Pavilion**

Work continues on site but due to the weather progress has been hampered. Chairman has had discussions with Sam Peggs about the standard of workmanship on the internal brick work. Mr Peggs has also been advised about which internal doors will need to be lockable. The amount to be deducted for good will is also to be re-visited. It is hoped that the roof should be on before Christmas. An invoice for the second instalment has been presented for payment.

Following discussions with Wren the application being made for the fitting out of the Pavilion has had to be made in the name of the Parish Council. The Playing Field will now be the third party funders.

(4) **Parish Plan**

Contact will be made with Mike Barnes in the New Year

(5) **New Notice Board**

Chairman has received information from several suppliers for notice boards in either wood or metal. It is envisaged that it will have a header panel showing that it is to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee. Local supplier to be asked to quote for one made from wood.

253/12 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Wisbech Mayor's Christmas Carol Concert

To be held on Friday 14th December at 7 pm at St Peter's Church

All other correspondence will be circulated to Councillors

254/12 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning applications received:-

Councillors Humphrey and Mrs Humphrey declared an interest in the following application and took no part in the decision making process.

F/YR12/0919/F – Conversion of existing wagon shed to for a 1 bed annexe – Meadow Cottage Allens Drove - This wagon shed was only given permission in the first instance because the applicant wished to use it to house a bow topped gypsy wagon so the Parish Council feels that there is no justification for its change of use into an annexe for living accommodation as it is out side the development area boundary.

255/12 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

An application was made to Fenland DC for the first instalment of the grant. They have paid 40% (£16,000) of the first invoice. The insurance company have paid out the balance outstanding from the insurance claim for the Pavilion (£11,207). An application was made for the refund of VAT and this has been received. The balance of the building account now stands at £57,006.71.

Cheques to be paid:

Peggs Construction (2 nd valuation)	£48,120.00
Office Key (printer cartridges)	£20.06
Councillor Carroll (costs incurred for Wren application)	£59.10

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£35,712.75
Business Premium account	£5,156.00
High Interest account	<u>£8,799.71</u>
	<u>£49,668.46</u>

256/12 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Carroll suggested that there should be playground signs placed on Wolf Lane either side of the entrance the play area. Clerk to ask Cambs CC Highways. Also to be reminded that they still have not replaced the sign at Cattle Dyke/Gote Lane cross roads.

Chairman has still to undertake the health and safety check on the Parish Council property in the village.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 8th January 2013

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