

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2005

Present: Councillors Humphrey, Davall, Holt, Carroll, Cooke and Mrs Atkins

PC Coales, Gary Garford and Councillor Hatton

Apologies: Councillor Mrs Hall

663/05 Minutes of previous meetings held on 21st December 2004 and 18th January 2005 were confirmed and signed.

664/05 Changing the meeting cycle
Sponsorship for local person involved in fund raising event

665/05 No members had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

666/05 **POLICE LIAISON**

No crimes in the village since the last meeting. Has visited Churchill Road and hopefully cars have now been moved. Gary Garford will also look into the matter of this particular property with the housing officer as very untidy and overgrown. There are still a few incidents of mud throwing in the village. If any one knows who the culprits are please let PC Coales know so she can take action against them. Gopeds should not be used on the public highway because it is not possible to get them insured. PC Coales advises everyone to lock up their vehicles and put all valuables out of sight.

667/05 **GARY GARFORD PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON OFFICER**

One Stop Shop in Wisbech soon to be open. Official opening 28th February 2005 at 11 am. Councillor Mrs Atkins to attend. Old site in St Peter's car park will be sold. New contact centre up and running, going through a few teething problems. Councillor Mrs Atkins asked for a planning officer to contact her but to date no call received.

668/05 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Streetlights

Have now been moved into the correct positions. Power connection should be made on 8th February 2005. Site opposite Fennelow's Farm to be considered after April 2005.

Clerk's Contract of employment

Signed copy put in the file.

MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**(1) Highway Matters**

E-mail received from Fred Hardwick No 7 Cattle Dyke no drain at this location, possibly wrong house number. Cattle Dyke footway, cannot locate any cracking of its surface to cause any concern. Halifax's entrance is not a vehicular crossing to the Council's construction specification so the Council cannot maintain it. Hedge at Chiltern House is not overhanging the public highway so no action can be taken. Will be happy to meet with some councillors to look around the village. Will organise a date for this.

(2) VE and VJ Days 2005

Councillor Mrs Hall not able to attend meeting, so nothing to report

(3) Filling of the drain at the Playing Field

Grant of £5,000 has now been confirmed. Has to be claimed by 31st March 2005. Pipes to be ordered, proforma invoices to be got from Internal Drainage Board and C R Peggs. Chairman to sign grant acceptance on behalf of the council.

(4) Town & Parish Council Liaison

Councillors Mrs Atkins and Mrs Hall attended, a very informative evening. Matters discussed One Stop Shops, Dock Scheme in Wisbech and the budget for 2005/06.

(5) Parish Plan

An open meeting to be organised for early April. Clerk to liaise with Acre for a suitable date. Also to be asked for help in how to advertise the event.

CORRESPONDENCE**(1) CALC Bulletin**

Copy circulated to each Councillor.

(2) Register of Electors

Available for inspection

(3) CALC Courses

Workshop for Chairman Friday 25th February at St Ives. Workshop on Employment issues Saturday 5th March at St Ives. Special Conference at St Ives Leisure Centre on 8th March to include Quality Parish Initiatives and new Clerk's contract.

(4) All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

671/05 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Application No F/YR05/0054/F – Continued siting of a 2 bed mobile house land north of Newfields Allens Drove – comments the same as previous application – should be refused as outside the Development Area Boundary and no other justification shown.

672/05 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Donations

Air Ambulance	£250.00
Victim Support	£100.00
Fenland Adventure	£100.00
Citizens Advice Bureau	£100.00

If the Luncheon Club should require a grant at a later date for a specific purpose this will be considered.

Clerk authorised to issue the following cheques:

Cambs CC (grass cutting Playing field)	£818.55
Ringway (2 streetlight columns)	£815.45
Wicksteed Leisure (Roundabout repair)	£1,731.28

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£322.36
Business Premium Account	£3,279.09
High Interest Account	£7,147.27
	<u>£10,748.72</u>

673/05 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

None

674/05 **OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM ITEM 3**

Meeting Cycle

Councillor Mrs Atkins suggested that the meeting cycle be changed to one per month instead of every six weeks. This would make 12 scheduled meeting instead of 9 but could possibly cut out some of the extra planning meeting which are being arranged in between the scheduled meetings. Stay the same until the AGM which is held in April then it will be on the Agenda for further discussion..

No Parish Surgery before the next meeting as it is the Annual Assembly when members of the public can attend if they wish.

Sponsorship for Break Through Breast Cancer Research

Councillor Cooke explained how his wife was undertaking a trek through the jungles of Mexico to raise money for the Charity. He asked if the

Council would consider helping with the sponsorship. Clerk to ask for clarification from CALC whether a Parish Council is empowered to do this.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 15th March 2005 (Annual Assembly)

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