

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2007

Present: Councillors Cooke, Holt, Davall and Mrs Hunns
Chairman and Councillor Mrs Hall arrived slightly late

PC Coales, John Dubber

Apologies: Councillor Carroll

Councillor Cooke nominated as chairman at the start of the meeting in the absence of the chairman and vice chairman.

12/07 Minutes of previous meeting held on 2nd January 2007 were confirmed and signed.

13/07 None

14/07 No Councillors had a personal or prejudicial interest in any of the items to be discussed

15/07 **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Coales gave a report on all the crimes reported since the last meeting. Safer Neighbourhood Panel Meeting – very good turn out, the main points raised were speeding, antisocial behaviour and parking out side schools etc.

16/07 **JOHN DUBBER PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON OFFICER**

Gave each Councillor a copy of the Draft Corporate Plan 2007 – 10 which has been discussed at the Parish and Town Council Liaison Meeting. Level of Council Tax to be set at 3.9%. Housing stock transfer will not take place for at least 12 months. Cabinet meet this week to set the level of charges for council services, set to rise no more than the inflation rate. Details of the Nene Water Front project circulated to Councillors.

John Dubber asked to investigate the problem of getting a fallen tree removed from Churchill Road. There seems to be some dispute as to who is responsible for the matter.

17/07 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Christmas Tree

Meeting being arranged with the Church to agree on the position for the tree.

18/07

MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA

(1) **Highway Matters**

E-mails received from Thomas Emmett and Councillor Brian Hardy. Once again Cambs Highways have promised the completion of the speed reduction measures in 4 to 6 weeks. Councillor Hardy explained that Council budgets have had to be revised to cover the short fall in Social Services finances. This is an unacceptable situation and it was suggested that an official complaint be made against Cambs CC. Chairman will find out the procedure for doing this.

Information received from Fred Hardwick – there is no statutory width for a category ‘B’ road.

(2) **Streetlight**

EDF have been asked for a quote for a power connection to a new streetlight column outside the Post Office

(3) **Safer Neighbourhood Panel Meeting**

Chairman and Councillor Holt attended. Very well attended and very worth while. Set out policing priorities for rural areas. These were once again speeding, antisocial behaviour and parking.

(4) **Town and Parish Council Liaison Meeting**

Councillors Mrs Hall and Holt attended. Draft Corporate Plan for 2007-10 was unveiled. Extra finance will be needed to cover cost of local elections because of the introduction of postal voting. During question time quality status was discussed. There seems to be some debate as to whether the benefits out way the extra costs incurred.

(5) **Fenland Local Development Frame Work Site Specific Proposals Development Plan Document**

Councillor Mrs Hall has looked at the document on behalf of the Council and has highlighted the piece about open spaces and children’s play areas. Chairman will query this with Chris Hodson and make some comments if necessary.

A meeting was arranged with some of the other Parish Councils to discuss the housing allocations for villages. Another meeting is to be held on 12th February at 6,30 pm at Christchurch.

19/07

CORRESPONDENCE

(1) **CALC Bulletin January 2007 edition**

Circulated to Councillors

(2) **Planning Awareness Raising Session for Members of Town/Parish Councillors**

Session arranged for Monday 19th February at 6 pm theme to be drainage. No one was able to attend this but would be interested to attend any further sessions arranged. Apologies to be sent.

(3) **Twigden Homes - Highfields**

Chairman invited to officially open the site on Thursday 22nd February at 12.30 pm. All Councillors invited to attend.

(4) **Unauthorised Occupation of land at Hassockhill Drove**

This was reported to Allan Millard. E-mail received stating that the land has been visited and owner/occupier advised to cease the unauthorised use.

A copy of a letter received by neighbouring properties has been given to the Chairman. It states that the owners of The Stables Hassockhill Drove have applied to have a Camping and Caravanning Club Certified Location caravan site for 5 caravans.

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

20/07

PLANNING MATTERS

Planning application received:

Application No F/YR06/1450/RM – Erection of 1 x 4 bed detached house with integral garage- 35 High Road – proposed dwelling very large for the plot.

Applications refused:

Application No F/YR06/1323/F – siting of a mobile home – Avoir 308 Leverington Common

Application No F/YR06/1398/F – Erection of 1 x 2 bed bungalow involving removal of existing mobile home and demolition of outbuilding – Meadow Farm Allens Drove

Application No F/YR06/1399/F – Conversion of existing stables/wagon shed to form 1 x 2 bed dwelling involving removal of existing mobile home and demolition of outbuilding – Meadow Farm Allens Drove

Planning Appeal

Conversion of stables and barn to residential use – Meadow Farm Allens Drove

21/07

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Requests received from St Paul's Church and Playing Field Association for financial help with church yard maintenance and playing field maintenance.

Concurrent Functions Grant received for this was £849 for church yard and £960 for playing field.

Agreed to pay St Paul's Church £850 and pay the grass cutting account for £980 + VAT £1,151.50.

Donations

Proposed Councillor Davall and seconded by Councillor Holt that donations of £250 be made to the Bobby Scheme and East Anglian Air Ambulance. £100 each be give to Fenland Citizens Advice Bureau, Fenland Victim Support, Fenland Association for Community Transport. Further donations can be made at the next meeting.

Clerk authorised to issue the following cheques:

St Paul's Church (Church yard maintenance)	£850.00
Cambs CC (Grass cutting)	£1,151.50
East Anglian Air Ambulance (Donation)	£250.00
Cambs Police Bobby Scheme (Donation)	£250.00
Fenland Victim Support (Donation)	£100.00
Fenland Citizens Advice Bureau (Donation)	£100.00
Fenland Community Transport (Donation)	£100.00

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£325.01
Business Premium Account	£4,183.04
High Interest Account	£6,267.89
	<u>£10,775.94</u>

22/07

Reports from Councillors

Trees cut down in Gote Lane, Councillor Cooke will try to find out the reason for this.

Access is being restricted at the Chapel Church Yard. Clerk to write to the Rev Warren.

District and Parish Council elections will be held on 3rd May 2007. It is the Councillors responsibility to submit their own nomination papers.

Youth Shelter to be discussed at next meeting.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 6th March 2007

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