

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

**Present:** Councillors: Humphrey (Chairman), Holt, Cooke, Carroll and Ridley

Mr & Mrs Harvey

**Apologies:** Councillor Mrs Hunns

12/11 Minutes of previous meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011 were confirmed and signed.

13/11 None

14/11 None of the Councillors had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

15/11 **POLICE LIAISON**

No police presence this evening but PC Coales has informed the clerk that PCSO Sue Clarke will be taking over the position of Police Liaison

16/11 **NOMINATED OFFICER FOR FENLAND DC**

Clerk to contact Fenland DC to find out who will be the nominated officer for the Parish Council

17/11 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

**(1) Highway Matters**

E-mail response received from Peter Vale reference extending 30 mph speed limit along High Road. In his opinion moving the existing 30mph sign 150 meters east of its present position will have very little affect on reducing speeds outside the school. At the moment a review is taking place concerning speed limits on A and B roads and this will end in 2012 and then possibly our request could be considered.

It has been suggested that the money that the Parish Council would have contributed to the Jointly Minor Improvement Grant could be spent on an area of Tarmac and a bus stop sign near the Gote Bridge. Clerk to make enquiries with the Cambs CC officer who visited the village to look at positions for bus stops with the Chairman. Also enquire about whether the Parish Council would be able to undertake such a project and some idea of the cost from Cambs CC Highways.

Pot holes to be reported outside Holy Tree House Gorefield Road and outside No 3 Gote Lane.

**(2) Play Equipment**

Contractors commenced putting in bases for the adult equipment but unfortunately it was realised that some were being put over the top of where the pipe was put in before the drain was filled. Some are now to be put at the rear of the play area near the small climbing frame. Permission has to be given by the North Level IDB for the relaxation of their bye law to

leave the remaining three pieces at the front of the site. Chairman signed the application form on behalf of the Council.

On his last inspection Phillip Peacock suggested that rubber matting be put around the spinner. Councillor Carroll to ask FLP for a quotation.

Councillor Carroll would like to have an official opening for the rest of the equipment possibly May/June this year.

### (3) **Parish Plan/Street Pride**

Street Pride met on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January and will now meet every third Saturday of the month at 10 am for 2 hours. Next ones will be February 19<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup>. At the meeting a committee is to be formed. Last Saturday more of the Pocket Park was tidied and the Chairman showed Jeanette Milner all the rubbish at Mill Lane, Popple Drove and Hassockhill Drove. She has promised that the Community Pay Back team will visit these area. Jeanette Milner has some tree saplings available, this information has been passed onto John Timms.

### (4) **Playing Field/New Pavilion**

Chairman has had another meeting with Jason Richardson FDC Sports Development officer and Steven Napier FDC Head of Property Services. They have suggested that a pre-application be made to Development Control and once the plan has been finalised a planning application made. The size of the sports changing facilities should be considered as funding could be available through the FA. More details are needed around the type of heating to be used and the suitability of any existing services. Advice regarding VAT must be sought.

### (5) **Child Protection Policy**

Clerk has found another example of a Child Protection Policy, which will be circulated with the correspondence

## 18/11 **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **CPALC Winter 2010-11 Bulletin**

Circulated to all the Councillors

### **Fenland DC Tell Us Your Top Priorities**

The deadline for the responses to this survey has been extended to 7<sup>th</sup> February. A survey form was given to the Councillors

### **Shape Your Place Web Site**

Terry Jordon Cambs CC Neighbourhood Panel Liaison Officer has offered to attend a Parish Council meeting to do a presentation. It was agreed that he should be invited to attend one of the next meetings and also asked if members of the public could attend.

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

19/11 **PLANNING MATTERS**

**Applications received:**

**F/YR10/0913/F** – Revised proposals received for the Erection of 5 no dwelling comprising of 4 x 2 storey 3 bed and 1 x single storey 3 bed with garages (amendment to Plots 4 – 8 of planning permission F/YR07/0356/F) – 93 High Road and land east of Elm Haven West End – Plot 8 has now been repositioned and the garage removed. This has gone some way to help the occupiers of the adjacent dwelling.

20/11 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Donations will be discussed further at the next meeting

**Accounts to be paid:**

Cambs CC (Salt bin)	£109.28
Glasdon (Waste bin for playing field)	£660.00
Carney Agr Services (Trans of entitlements)	£52.88
Cambs CC (Grass Cutting) £1230.88	
(Cost of repairing matting deducted from this payment)	

**Balance of Accounts**

Current Account	£773.22
Business Premium Account	£9,149.87
High Interest Account	£76,120.95
	<u>£86,044.04</u>

21/11 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Since the repositioning of the street light at the entrance to Woodford Gardens it has caused a black spot along the High Road between the Post Office and the repositioned light. It is more than likely that the developer will be required to place a new light opposite the entrance to the site. If this is not the case a new light for this area will be considered.

Chairman has received information from Fenland DC that they will not be responsible for the insurance and maintenance of any new play equipment erected on the Leverington Playing Field. They do have officers that carry out inspections of play equipment.

This may be useful when the annual inspection is carried out on our own equipment. Clerk to find out from the insurance company whether it is a requirement to use a ROSPA registered inspector.

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011

Signed ..... Date.....