

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2014

Present: Councillors Humphrey, Holt, Mrs Hunns, Mrs Hall, Walpole and Fraser
Councillor Alan Lay and 1 member of the public

Apologies: Councillor Mrs Humphrey

11/14 **Public Participation**

A member of the public raised the problem of the grass verge being cut up when the bus waits to return back into the village, which was mentioned at the last meeting. Could a special area be provided where the bus could pull off. Also could a councillor take over the position of Highway Warden, which has remained unfilled since the resignation of Councillor Ridley. This item will be put on the next agenda.

12/14 Minutes of previous meeting held on 7th January were confirmed and signed

13/14 Additional item for consideration – None

14/14 Councillors Humphrey, Holt and Mrs Hunns 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 and will be able to speak and vote on any items concerning the playing field

15/14 **POLICE LIAISON**

There was no police presence at the meeting and no report has been received. Clerk to invite PCSO Russ to attend the next meeting.

Letter received from the office of Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner announcing that a bid of £1.95m from the Innovation Fund has been successful and is to be shared with Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. The money will be invested to help find technological solutions that maximise the time officers spend out in their communities.

16/14 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Precept

Chairman put an article in the latest Village Voices about the Precept. The percentage increase is 10.1% and not as stated. There have been no adverse comments to date about the article.

17/14 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Clerk has been in touch with Cambs CC Rights of Way officer once again about the public footpath from High Road to Green Lane. She has promised to contact the farmer and ask for the path to be re-instated.

Pot hole in Hasockhill Drove to be reported.

Neil Band Cambs CC Highways engineer to be asked to meet up with a councillor and look around at all the highway problems in the village.

(2) **Bowls Club Lease**

Meeting still to be arranged with chairmen and vice chairmen of both Parish Council and Bowls Club to agree a lease.

(3) **Play Equipment**

Still waiting for a quote from the Landscape Group for the outstanding repairs. Clerk will contact them again.

18/14 **CORRESPONDENCE**

CPALC Training

Further e-mail received from Parson Drove PC. They are hoping to arrange 3 training sessions at a cost of £350 per session. They will check with CPALC to see if Gorefield Parish Councillors are eligible to attend as not now members of CPALC

Village Voices

Letter received from the editor Brian Payne. He is trying to encourage local organisations to give follow reports of events that have been advertised in the newsletter. He would like us to identify a contact in the village, who could contact the local school and clubs each month to encourage them to send in reports.

19/14 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no planning applications to be discussed

Planning applications approved:

F/YR13/0741/F – erection of two storey side, two storey front and first floor rear extension to existing dwelling involving the demolition of the existing double garage – The Priory 154 High Road

F/YR13/0774/TRTPO – fell a Copper Beech tree covered by TPO 10/2007 – The Old Vicarage Gote Lane

Enforcement Matters

There are two outstanding breaches of planning in the village, which have been on going for many years. Hassockhill Drove and Chalk Road. Clerk to contact the enforcement officer for an update.

20/14 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Accounts Paid:

There were no accounts to be paid at the meeting.

The SITA Trust Grant of £12,583.54 has been received and the account from Fenland Leisure Products for £15,100.25 (inc VAT) has been paid

VAT to be reclaimed

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£7,089.25
Business Premium account	£2,157.58
High Interest account	<u>£800.86</u>
	£10,047.69

21/14 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Mention was made about the number of caravans being put on land in Garden Lane. Clerk will investigate what planning permission they have.

There are various Highway problems around the village which will be pointed out to Neil Band when a meeting is arranged.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 4th March 2014

Signed Date