

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 5th January 2010

Present: Councillors: Humphrey (Chairman), Holt, Mrs Hunns, Cooke, Mrs Hall, Ridley and Carroll

Councillor S Tierney and Mr Terry Stevens (Member of the public)

Apologies: None

The Chairman invited Mr Terry Stevens a resident from Elloe Bank to speak on the subject of the icy conditions which have been badly affecting the condition of the road and bridge. Mr Terry presented a petition asking for a grit bin to be provided and photographs taken of the affected areas. This item will be discussed later in the meeting.

1/10 Minutes of previous meeting held on 1st December 2009 were confirmed and signed.

2/10 No additional items for discussion

3/10 None of the Councillors had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

4/10 **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Coales unable to attend meeting.

5/10 **NATALIE ROWLANDS NOMINATED OFFICER FOR FENLAND DC**

Unable to attend meeting

6/10 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **New Streetlight outside Village School**

Clerk received a further e-mail about this light but still had not received a date from Cambs CC when it will be connected.

(2) **Damaged Litter Bin High Road/The Barracks**

Has been replaced

(3) **Village Christmas Tree**

Bay Tree Nurseries were not providing trees free this year. Fortunately Mr David Humphrey provided a tree, which was very much appreciated. Letter of thanks to be sent.

(1) Highway Matters

Nothing to report

(2) Play Equipment

Unfortunately the Playfinder grant has still not been agreed. They were still not happy with the chosen pieces of equipment, the amount of natural play opportunities and the inclusion of the toddler swings. Councillor Carroll and the Chairman met with a representative of Fenland Leisure and have agreed some changes to the equipment to be provided. They are providing a plan which will also incorporate areas for natural play which will be finance by the Parish Council contribution to the scheme which will be approximately £1,900.

(3) Parish Plan

Nothing further to report at the present time

(4) Playing Field

David Ball has now received confirmation from the Charity Commission that the Playing Field can be transferred over to the Parish Council. There are still a few more items to be finalised with the Deed of Dedication.

(5) Replacement Pavilion

Nothing further to report at this time

(6) Councillor Training

CPALC to deliver training locally, the cost being £350 based on 10 attendees. Councillor Development sessions are spread over 3 separate dates. Councillors who attend all 3 receive a certificate. To make it more viable clerk to ask neighbouring parishes if they would be interested in joining in the sessions. Councillors to indicate their whether they wish to participate in the training and which sessions they would like to attend on form being circulated with correspondence.

(7) Provision of Salt Bins

Information received from Cambs CC with reference to the provision of salt bins. The salt bins will be provided on the basis that members of the public will spread the salt on a voluntary basis and that the County Council will not accept any liability for this activity. However they will refill the bins on request. The cost for the supply of the bin will be approximately £100. The positioning of the bin will need to be agreed with the Highways Supervisor. Agreed to go ahead and have a salt bin situated at Elloe Bank.

8/10

CORRESPONDENCE

Fenland DC Streetscene Newsletter

Copies circulated to councillors

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

9/10

PLANNING MATTERS

Application approved:

F/YR09/0725/F – erection of a single storey building for use as staff accommodation and office – land south of Kelve Gates End Bridge Parson Drove

10/10

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Setting of Precept for 2010/11

Estimates for expenditure for the coming year are shown on the attached spreadsheet.

It was unanimously agreed the Precept for 2010/11 be set at £6,800.

Second instalment of Concurrent Functions Grant (£1,3654) received.

Accounts to be paid:

Councillor Carroll (travel expenses 1 trip)	£32.00
Office Key (Ink cartridge/envelopes)	£33.85

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£2,186.22
Business Premium Account	£15,145.04
High Interest Account	£64,000.00
	<u>£81,331.26</u>

11/10

Reports from Councillors

Streetlight not working near new Dene Homes estate. To be reported.

Pot holes – Gorefield Road and Highside

Councillor Carroll wishes to put a bus shelter up in his front garden, clerk to find out if he would need planning permission for this.

Planning enforcement to be informed about property in Cattle Dyke which is being used for business purposes.

Residents in Cattle Dyke are unhappy about how some properties are numbered, it is causing confusion for emergency services. Unfortunately there is nothing that can

be done about this other than giving specific instructions when asking for emergency services.

Access to Magnolia is causing some problems, this is a good argument for not allowing another property to be built there.

There was a burglary in the village over New Year. Councillor Mrs Hall will put a piece in the Village Voices. Resident of Cattle Dyke wanted people to know that their garden shed had been broken into.

Councillor Tierney reported on the A1101 improvement scheme which has been approved, road to be widened, straightened and double white lined.

Local residents are again concerned about speeding in the village. The only resource to combat this at the moment is to ask PC Coales to do speed checks. The Speed Watch scheme is up and running now but as Gorefield does not have any body taking part it cannot participate in the scheme.

The 'Emergency Vehicles Only' sign has been damaged outside Richmond Green. Roddons to be informed.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 2nd February 2010 (Donations)

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