

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 6TH JULY 2004

Present: Councillors Humphrey, Davall, Holt, Carroll, Cooke, Mrs Hall and Mrs Atkins. P C Coales, Gary Garford

586/04 Minutes of previous meetings held on 25th May and 21st June 2004 were confirmed and signed.

587/04 No additional items for consideration

588/04 No members had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

589/04 **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Coales had no crimes to report which is very good for the village. Wisbech continues to have very high incidents of vehicles crimes.

A problem with stock cars being used at Churchill Road has been reported to one of the Councillors. The cars are being parked in the rear garden of one of the properties. Has been reported to the housing officer. PC Coales will keep an eye on the situation and clerk will also write to housing officer.

Speeding along High Road is still causing concern. PC Coales will ask the traffic car to visit the village.

Motorised skate board has been seen in the village, these should be registered the same as a motor bike.

590/04 **GARY GARFORD FENLAND DC LIAISON**

Has looked into the following matters on behalf of the Parish Council:

- 1) Surveyor has contacted resident at Richmond Green and explained what he was doing on the site.
- 2) Street numbering for Back Road – it is hoped to appoint a member of staff responsible for this by August. Gorefield will then be given priority, but it takes up to 6 months to complete. Clerk has received an e-mail from Building Control explaining the position.
- 3) Re-cycling bins – Gorefield is not yet programmed in to receive the brown bins. More funding has been received and gradually everybody will receive one. Will be advised of the programme in the future.
- 4) Contacted County Highways and clerk has now received a reply.
- 5) Risk assessment and Health and Safety – play equipment should be inspected weekly, but this does not apply to the Council as owned by Playing Field Association. Street lights are covered by County Council inspections. Seats, bins etc should be inspected monthly and evidence needed to show it has been done.
- 6) Bruce Pittingale has now been in contact with Councillor Carroll and sent some information.

REPORT FROM PARISH SURGERY

Councillors Davall and Cooke in attendance. One resident of Richmond Green attended very concerned about the access that will be used for the development of 52 houses. She is dissatisfied with the response she has had from Fenland District Council. She has set out her grievances in a letter to Councillor Cooke. Mr Garford to be sent a copy of this. Clerk to write to resident explaining what has been done by the Parish Council.

Next surgery to be booked for the Saturday before the September meeting.

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

E-mail received from Fred Hardwick:

Proposes an R & R bid for a new surface water system to be installed within Back Road. This will be for 2005/6 financial year but does not know whether it will be successful.

Footway from Fendyke Lane on the approach to the village. Will make an R & R bin for this as well in 2005/6 financial year.

A new gully was installed in West End in the verge because it was impossible to install in the carriageway because of the new sewer. The gully has been checked regularly and it has always been at the appropriate level with its outlet pipe. It is working properly so no action will be taken with it.

A new carriageway gully is to be installed outside Oakleigh House, High Road.

The owners of the hedge on Bona Lane will be contacted and also the person who has planted the willows on Leverington Common

The hawthorn hedge along High Road from Chapel Lane to Cattle Dyke is considered to be owned by the people whose property it abuts.

Has arranged for two new gully grates to be installed at the junction of Green Lane/High Road, this will make them more accessible for maintenance.

Cattle Dyke footway – has arrange for the incomplete new section to be completed. Vehicle crossings will be constructed and drain gullies installed as required.

High Road (East from Gote Lane) – has measured the carriageway for full resurfacing, which hopefully is being funded by Anglian Water.

High Road (West from Gote Lane) – has measured for prepatching and full surface dressing which again should be funded by Anglian Water.

High Road (up to West End) – footway patching and kerb repairs will very soon be underway in readiness for footway slurry sealing

Gote Lane – carriageway prepatching has been completed. Footway patching and relaying of the kerbs will soon be underway ready for footway slurry sealing

Honeyhill Road – carriageway prepatching and cats eyes removed ready for surface dressing.

(2) **Village of the Year**

Material has been gathered together and it is now nearly all on the display board. Chairman and Mrs Humphrey, Councillors Holt and Mrs Atkins will attend the presentation on Thursday 8th July. Councillor Mrs Atkins thinks she may be able to get a small group together to help with next years submission.

(3) **Allens Drove Bridge**

Have erected a semi permanent fencing on the damaged headwall until it is decided what the best solution will be.

(4) **Risk Assessment for Health & Safety**

Need a list of the things owned by Parish Council:

Sign and base

Seats – Pocket Park, Richmond Green, Church

Litter Bins

Village Year Sign in Pocket Park

Trees and Shrubs in Pocket Park

Clerk to compile log for next meeting.

Councillor Mrs Hall will look at the seat and Councillor Holt to look at the sign and base.

593/04 **CORRESPONDENCE**

(1) **CALC Bulletin**

Copies circulated to all Councillors

(2) **Cambs CC leaflet reference services**

Explains the floors and ceilings introduced by the Government which restricts the amount of grant available to each council.

(3) **All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors**

594/04 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Applications approved:

Stock Land & Estates Ltd – erection of 52 houses land west of Churchill Road with access from Gote Lane. This has since been changed so that the access is now from High Road. Further details should be given in due course on the access. A 106 Agreement is also enclosed with the approval notice.

John Jordan Estate Agents – erection of 2 storey extensions to sides of existing dwelling to form 2 x 3 bed houses – Rookwood Cottage The Barracks Gorefield

S Fisher, 24 High Road – erection of a conservatory

Rev L Warren, land south of Congregational Church High Road – erection of a dwelling

Mr Fisher – erection of a 3 bed bungalow with integral garage – land north of 112 High Road

Mr & Mrs Higgs – erection of a single storey rear extension and alterations to existing roof – Jays Lodge Back Road

Application refused:

Mr & Mrs M Alden land south of Kelva Gates End Bridge High Side Parson Drove – erection of a dwelling

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ALLOTMENT INSPECTION REPORT/RENT REVIEW

All the allotments are in very good condition this year except the one let to Mr & Mrs Rogers. Clerk to write and ask if they wish to give it up as they do not appear to have cropped it for the last few years

There is no need for a further rise in the allotment rent at the present time. All allotment holders have been informed of the increase that was agreed this time last year and which will be implement on October.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

First instalment of the Concurrent Functions Grant (£1,085) has been paid in to the bank. Sites should be considered for streetlights, suggestions made High Rod towards West End, High Road opposite Fennelows, Churchill Road outside bungalows. Clerk to find out about solar powered lights and would Fenland DC still be responsible for them once erected.

Clerk authorised to issue the following cheques:

CALC (Chairman's course)	£30.00
Gorefield Village Hall (Parish Surgery)	£5.00
Allianz Cornhill (Additional premium)	£10.30

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£76.15
Business Premium Account	£6,659.17
High Interest Account	£7,106.50
	<u>£13,841.82</u>

REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Interactive sign at eastern end of village obscured by tree branch. Councillor Mrs Hall will speak to the owners.

Willows outside The Gote overhanging the footpath. Fred Hardwick to be asked to deal with this matter. Also hedge at Chiltern Houses needs cutting back

Container and sign at The Gote to be reported to enforcement officer

Landscaping and screening at pumping station still not implemented.

Sue Beel has asked what progress is being made with youth shelter. Playing Field Committee were give the information on applying for a grant. To be asked about any progress.

Date of next meetings: 17th August 2004

Planning Meeting to be arranged if required.

Signed Date.....