

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 5TH JULY 2005

Present: Councillors Humphrey, Davall, Carroll, Holt, Cooke, Mrs Hall and Mrs Atkins

Gary Garford

Apologies: PC Coales

713/05 Minutes of previous meeting held on 7th June 2005 were confirmed and signed.

714/05 **Other matters for consideration**

Pocket Park

715/05 No members had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

716/05 **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Coales unable to attend meeting

717/05 **GARY GARFORD PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON OFFICER**

Mr Garford was able to assure Councillor Carroll that the letter from CALC sent to the Chief Executive was now being dealt with.

One Stop Shops very successful. Realigning staff shift patterns to cover peak times.

Clerk had asked Mr Garford to contact the enforcement officer with regard to the mobile homes at Catfield Back Road. These should be removed this week.

There is still an on going problem with the sewage treatment plant at Churchill Road, but it will be emptied regularly until the problem is resolved.

Drain at rear of properties in Churchill Road and High Road on the boundary of the new development is becoming very over grown. Unfortunately this is a private drain belong to the developer. They now have a board up announcing that they are soon to start building.

Councillor Davall queried whether every householder will have to have three bins. Mr Garford explained that at the outset each household will be issued with three bins, but then they will be consulted as to whether they wish to keep them all. One idea has been put forward that some smaller households could share bins. Some concern has been shown about the recycling bins which occasionally are not put back onto property after being emptied, could cause a nuisance to pedestrians using the pavement.

718/05 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

719/05 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Old Hassockhill Drove sign has now been removed from the drain. The 40 mph sign has now been refixed to its post. The verge master bollards will not be replaced as later in the year a new footway will be constructed along this verge. Has come to agreement with the occupiers of Nos 92 and 94 High Road to move their fences.

(2) **VE and VJ Days 2005**

A Lottery Home Front Recall grant of £720 has now been received. This should cover the costs for flowers, food and the entertainment. The hall will be decorated on Saturday and there will be a special church service on Sunday morning.

(3) **Development of Community Police Support Officers**

Chairman and Councillor Holt attend a meeting. They have now powers of arrest but provide a visible police presence in the town. Cost of one could be split between a few villages. Both felt the money would be better spent on recruiting more police officers.

(4) **Parish Plan Update**

The steering committee has organised an open meeting on Saturday 16th July. People are invited to attend to give their ideas as to how they would wish the village to progress in future years.

(5) **Village of the Year 2005**

Chairman and Mrs Humphrey have been collecting information ready for the presentation evening. Councillor Mrs Hall has managed to borrow a board but this has proved more difficult this year. Perhaps the Parish Council should consider purchasing one of its own in the future. Chairman and Mrs Humphrey, Councillor Holt and Mrs Holt and clerk and Mr Gagen to attend. Councillor Mrs Atkins not able to attend.

720/05 **REPORT FROM ALLOTMENT INSPECTION AND RENT REVIEW**

Chairman, Councillor Mrs Atkins and clerk visited the allotments. All are in good condition. Chairman to speak to Brian Pooley, who took on the one vacated by Mr Rogers for one year rent free, to find out if he wishes to continue farming it.

It was agreed that the rents should remain the same.

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CORRESPONDENCE

(1)

Bids for Jointly Funded Minor Highway Improvements

Submissions form must be in by 12th October. Final decision to be taken on this at the next meeting.

(2)

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

722/05

PLANNING MATTERS

Application approved

Application No. F/YR05/0461/F – erection of a detached double garage Melrose 67 High Road.

Application No. F/YR05/0367/F – extension to existing stables to form wagon shed – Meadow Farm Allens Drove

Application No. F/YR05/0444/F – stationing of 2 mobile units for storage and retail of pet foods and accessories – Pet Shop Black Lane

Unauthorised development on Bona Lane. E-mail from Allan Millard Planning Enforcement Officer, the matters is being dealt with by Steve Robshaw.

More mobile homes appearing in the village, one at Back Road on site that has only outline permission and another one at Bona Lane opposite Clarkson House. Enforcement Officer to be informed.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

Clerk authorised to issue the following cheques:

Whiting & Partners (Internal audit) £152.75

Clerk authorised to liaise with Councillor Hall to issue cheques to cover the costs for the VJ Day celebrations.

Whiting & Partners have sent a copy of their terms of business which the Council agreed to accept. Chairman signed it on behalf of the Council

First instalment of the Concurrent Functions Grant (£1,113.00) has been paid into the account.

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£1,441.79
Business Premium Account	£3,842.31
High Interest Account	£4,178.79
	<u>£9,462.89</u>

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REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cycle route sign at Allens Drove cross roads always down the bottom of the post.

Plaques to be put back on the village sign. A different method of fixing them needs to be found. A new one to be ordered to commemorate VJ Day 2005.

Footbridge at Back Road needs repairing.

725/05

Pocket Park

The owners of Catfield Back Rod have asked if the shrubs can be cut back so they can get in to cut their hedge. Also could a large elder bush be removed as its roots are growing under their hedge. Steve Mann to be asked to do this.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 2nd August 2005

Signed Date.....