

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 3RD JULY 2007

Present: Councillors Humphrey, Holt, Davall, Mrs Hall and Mrs Hunns

Apologies: Councillors Carroll, Cooke and Seaton and John Dubber

56/07 Minutes of previous meeting held on 15th May 2007 were confirmed and signed.

57/07 No additional items to be considered

58/07 Councillor Mrs Hall wished to register the fact that she has a property that is situated close to the application site to be discussed in application no F/YR07/0356/F

59/07 **POLICE LIAISON**

Crimes reported: Shed and garage burglaries. Extra patrols are being carried out. Anything suspicious should be reported. There have been several dwelling burglaries in neighbouring villages usually due to unlocked doors and windows,

Safer Neighbourhood Panel Meeting to be held at Parson Drove Village Hall on Tuesday 10th July 2007 at 7.30 pm. Update on issues already identified – Wisbech Town Centre – antisocial behaviour – Wisbech St Mary and Elm – Youth related anti-social behaviour – Parson Drove, Friday Bridge and Elm – speeding in rural areas.

60/07 **JOHN DUBBER PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON OFFICER**

Not able to attend

61/07 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Asbestos dumping in Churchill Road

This was reported to the Environment Officer and he agreed to visit the site. No report of his findings has been made. To be asked for an update on the situation.

Christmas Tree

A position in the Church Yard is now ready for the tree. Councillor Cooke should be finding a suitable tree

Care Home at Fitton End

A planning application for the above was refused on 30th May 2007 but another application has not been submitted.

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MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA

(1) **Highway Matters**

New property in Wolf Lane, Highways are happy with the new access.

Fred Hardwick to be asked if he can have the footway from West End towards Allens Drove cleaned up as the grass is growing over it.

(2) **Jointly Funded Minor Highway Improvements**

Agreed to ask for the path to be completed along Cattle Dyke between St Paul's Close and Back Road.

(3) **Streetlights**

Clerk received a quotation for the replacement of three streetlights. FPC 15 & 16 on High Road will cost £814 each (bracket lights being replaced) and FPC 4 Back Road will cost £942 for a replacement column. Cambs CC have been given the go ahead to get them replaced.

(4) **New Code of Conduct**

The council has received conflicting information about this from Fenland DC and CALC. Chairman will try to get confirmation as to how to proceed before the next meeting.

(5) **Village Welcome Pack**

No information received yet as to cost of producing these from John Timms

(6) **Parish Plan**

Information is now ready and should be adopted as soon as possible

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CORRESPONDENCE

(1) **Rubbish from Highfields site**

Email received stating that the site manager will have a labourer on site on 2nd July to clear up the rubbish.

(2) **Copies of CALC Bulletin and Fenland Follower circulated**

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

PLANNING MATTERS**Planning application received:**

Application No F/YR07/0490/F – erection of a 4 bed detached house and detached single garage – land south of Maldon House Cattle Dyke – too late to make any observations

Application No F/YR07/0495/F – erection of a grain store – Elm Tree Farm 632 Leverington Common – too late to make any observations

Application No F/YR07/0532/F – erection of a 4 bed detached house involving demolition of existing dwelling, siting of mobile home and erection of a polytunnel – Pleasant View Bona Lane - too late to make any observations

Application No F/YR07/0580/F – erection of part 2 storey/part single storey side extension and single storey side/rear extension to existing dwelling – Stables Cottage Gote Lane - no objections

Application No F/YR07/0583/F – erection of a 4 bed chalet bungalow with integral garage – land north of St Marks Gote Lane – object on the grounds that it is overdevelopment of the site, not in keeping with the surrounding area and overlooking of adjoining properties.

Application No F/YR07/0356/F – Erection of 14 dwellings - 93 High Road and land east of Elm Haven West End – this application was discussed at the Development Control meeting on 30th May 2007. Councillor Mrs Hall put forward comments made by local residents to the council. The application was deferred until the next meeting by which time revised proposals should be made to counteract the objections.

Revised plans were received and put before the Development Control Meeting in June. Councillor Humphrey attended to reiterate his concerns over the lack of social housing. The application has now been approved subject to conditions.

Application No F/YR07/0616/F – erection of detached double garage – 7 St Marks Road - no objections

Application No F/YR07/0627/F – stationing of 2 mobile units for storage and retail of pet foods and accessories – renewal of previous permission – The Pet Stop Black Lane – no objections

Enforcement Issues

Siting of caravan for residential use – land east of Hassockhill Drove has now ceased

Mobile home reported in use at The Old Wood Yard Birds Drove

Applications approved:

Application No F/YR07/0270/F – erection of block of 4 stables and tractor store/hay barn – The Bungalow Mill Lane Leverington

Application No F/YR07/0371 – Formation of an extension to existing wildlife pond – land east of Beechwood Cattle Dyke

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

Letter received from Gorefield Pre-School asking for a donation towards the purchase of outdoor play equipment – it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Hall and seconded by Councillor Holt that a donation of £250 be made. All agreed

First instalment of Concurrent Functions Grant (£944) has been paid into the account.

Clerk authorised to issue the following cheques:

Whiting & Partners (Internal audit)	£170.38
Office Key (Printer cartridges)	£31.20
Gorefield Pre-School (donation)	£250.00

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£37.46
Business Premium Account	£6,696.05
High Interest Account	£6,331.47
	<u>£13,064.98</u>

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Reports from Councillors

Road closed sign left at Decoy Bridge

Dog bins – these can be provided through Fenland DC if there are funds available but if not Parish Council could fund one

Rain water gullies blocked up on Wolf Lane. Request for them to be cleared to be made

Footway on High Road slurry coating beginning to crack

Temporary repairs being made to some of the roads are proving inadequate especially since all the rain we have had. Most of the loose plainings are being washed away again.

Cats eyes missing from High Road

Next Meeting – Tuesday 7th August 7 pm (Allotment inspection 6.30 pm)

Signed Date.....