

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2008**

**Present:** Councillors: Mrs Hall (Vice Chairman), Mrs Hunns, Holt, Davall, Cooke and Carroll

P C Coales

**Apologies:** Councillor Humphrey (Chairman)

190/08 Minutes of previous meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2008 were confirmed and signed.

191/08 Playground equipment

192/08 No Councillor had a personal or prejudicial interest to declare

193/08 **POLICE LIAISON**

Crimes: Theft of bike, criminal damage to pavilion, damage to tractor, shed burglary and domestic assault.

Delivery vehicles are being targeted in the area. Neighbourhood Panel meeting to be held at Parson Drove village hall on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 7.30 pm. Councillor Holt will attend. PC Coales has not been able to do anything about the parking problems in the village as Oxborough Drive is still a private road so does not come under her jurisdiction.

194/08 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

## **Post Office Closure Meeting**

Councillors Holt and Davall are to attend on behalf of the Parish Council

195/08 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Contractors are to reinstate the pot hole at the Halifax site, but they have 3 months in which to complete the works.

Chapel Lane foot bridge has been closed off due to the extent of the rotten timber under the Tarmac surface. E-mail received from Gareth Guest of Cambs CC Highway stating that they are now looking at their budgets and current bridge priorities before they can commit to a replacement footbridge. Clerk will e-mail Highways again to try to get a firm commitment from them to replace the bridge.

Fendyke Lane bridge railing still not repaired, this has once again been reported.

Cats eyes have been taken from the High Road, to be reported to Fred Hardwick. Gully in Gote Lane need cleaning out, this should once again be reported.

196/08      **Report from Allotment Inspection**

Councillor Mrs Hall and clerk inspected the allotments. All are in good order. One is in set a side. The road had been cut but the dyke could do with some attention.

197/08      **Allotment Rent Review**

Letter received from Leverington Feoffees asking for acceptance of a rent increase from October 2008 of £90 for the 0.44 acres that the Parish Council rents from them. Agreed to accept.

In light of this it was agreed that the rent for the Parish Council allotments should be increased to £85 per acre on the same terms as the Feoffees with the exception of the one acre recently taken over by B Pooley and the land in Black Lane, which is let to the Hastings, which recently had a rent review.

198/08      **CORRESPONDENCE**

**North Level District Internal Drainage Board**

Are considering inviting two Parish Councillors to attend a day visit for a presentation and a tour of a pumping station some time in October. Wish to know if Parish Council would take part in such an event. Agreed that they would.

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

199/08      **PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no planning applications to be considered.

**Planning applications approved:**

**Application No F/YR08/0370/O** – erection of a dwelling – land north of St Marks Gote

**Planning Applications refused:**

**Application No F/YR08/0418/F** – erection of a 3 bed detached house – land rear of Cosy Corner 68 Back Road fronting Wolf Lane

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

## Notification of Concurrent Functions Grant for 2008/09

Cemeteries	£900.00
Playing Fields	£1,000.00
Additional items	£760.00
But unfortunately £700 has been deducted due to under spend in 2006/07	

First instalment received 17.6.08	£980.00
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Account to be paid:

Whiting and Partners (Internal audit fee)	£176.25
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**Balance of Accounts**

Current Account	£247.54
Business Premium Account	£5,932.57
High Interest Account	£6,038.88
	<u>£12,218.99</u>

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**Reports from Councillors**

Grass cutting left on the side of the road in High Road, Councillor Davall will speak to the person in question.

Post Office Closures – should do everything possible to see that our Post Office is kept open. Consultations will be taking place once the closures are announced

New sign appeared for the Mill Lane Pet Store on Leverington Common.

202/08

**Extra Item from No 3**

Councillor Carroll has received some catalogue for play equipment. A complete play system for all age groups could cost approximately £14,000. Councillor Carroll will confirm with the manufacturers that they will not charge to visit the playing field and give suggestions on what would be appropriate and the costs. Will then find out about grants available possibly from Wren. Developers of the new developments should be approached with a view to making a contribution towards play equipment.

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2008

Signed ..... Date.....