

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 7TH JULY 2009

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

Natalie Rowlands

Apologies: Councillors Davall and Cooke, PC Coales

322/09 Minutes of previous meeting held on 2nd June 2009 were confirmed and signed.

323/09 No extra items to be discussed

324/09 None of the Councillors had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

325/09 **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Coales unable to attend meeting.

Passed on information to clerk. Trailer taken and damage to caravan. People are still having problems with thefts from garden sheds and gardens. Handbags are being snatched in Wisbech.

326/09 **NATALIE ROWLANDS NOMINATED OFFICER FOR FENLAND DC**

Reported the sudden death of Peter Scholding a member of the Cabinet. A memorial service is to be held next week, date to be announced.

Benefits team are available to help with any problems people may have especially at this time of recession. They can be contacted by telephone on 01354 654321.

The Golden Age team will be holding their first pension surgery on Thursday 9th July at Parson Drove from 10 am to 2 pm.

A Golden Age Fair is being held at Tydd St Giles on 29th July.

Fenland District Council have issued a Swine Flue update which is available on their web site. At the moment there is still a low risk of contracting the illness and most of those who have, have shown mild symptoms.

Business rates deferral scheme 2009/10 fact sheet is available on the Fenland DC web site

Fenland DC quarterly newsletter – The Fenlander will be again published in October. Gorefield can be highlighted in this publication. It was agreed that this would be a good idea.

327/09 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Pocket Park

Stephen Brown to be asked if he has sprayed the Pocket Park.

(1) Highway Matters

Nothing to report

(2) Play Equipment

Councillor Carroll gave an update on progress. Five surveys have now been carried out. He will be attending meetings next week and the following week and then he should be in a position to make the application. The small grant that we are to receive from Fenland DC is to be used to fund a new seat. He has been asked for the council's preference for a wooden or steel one. It was agreed that a wooden one should be provided and stored until the new play equipment is installed.

(3) Parish Plan

As the clerk had very few responses to the letter sent out to those registering an interest in Wild Life through the Parish Plan no action will taken at the moment. This information will be passed onto John Timms by the Chairman.

(4) Playing Field

The Chairman and Councillor Carroll, who are now members of the Playing Field Committee, attended their last meeting. They wish the Parish Council to take over as custodial trustees. This means that the Council will take over the title deeds to the field, but the Playing Field committee will still run it. More research is required as to how this is to be achieved through the Charity Commission.

A Deed of Dedication is also to be made by the Playing Field Committee with the National Playing Field Association. This is one of the criteria for funders.

(5) Replacement Pavilion

An application has been made to Sport England for a grant of £80,000 with the help of the sports development officer at Fenland DC. This is the first stage in the process and had to be in by the end of June. If this is successful then plans will need to be finalised and a planning application made.

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Sport and Amenity Management Committee has been arranged for 28th July when the committee will decide to whom their funds should go and then it will be dissolved.

ALLOTMENT INSPECTION/ANNUAL RENT REVIEW

Chairman and clerk toured the allotments earlier in the evening. Most of the land is in good order with the exception of that farmed by Mr Williams which is in setaside. This has a considerable amount of Rag Wort growing in it. The Chairman will speak to Mr Williams about this.

The land rents were reviewed and increased last year. They are set at an appropriate level.

CORRESPONDENCE**Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvements 2010/11**

Agreed to apply for the upgrading of the footway from West End to Mill Heights. Chairman to look at the pavement that joins High Road to Cattle Dyke and Councillor Holt will look at Wolf Lane as it approaches the Playing Field. Information to be passed onto the clerk before the submission date of end July.

North Level District IDB

Invitation for two councillors to attend an open day on Monday 12th October commencing at 9 am to 4 pm. Councillors Carroll and Mrs Hall registered an interest. Confirmation by 1st October.

Rural Community Network

Have asked for the e-mail addresses of councillors who wish to receive their weekly digest. None of the councillors wished to receive this information.

Rural Neighbourhood Management Board

The Chairman or nominated representative has been invited to attend this meeting to be held on Friday 17th July at 10 am at Fenland Hall. Unfortunately the Chairman is unable to attend. Councillor Mrs Hall is also unavailable to attend.

Fenland DC's Crimebuster

The community safety bus will be visiting Gorefield on Tuesday 4th August from 10 am to 12.30 pm

Fenland DC Chairman's Reception.

Chairman has been invited to attend this on Friday 17th July but is already attending in his capacity of Deputy Chairman. Another Parish Councillor can attend in his place. Councillor Holt agreed to attend.

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

PLANNING MATTERS

The Chairman registered a personal interest in the follow application and took no part in the decision making process

F/YR09/0345/F – erection of an industrial building – land east of Unit 6 Beechwood Yard Cattle Dyke – no objections

F/YR09/0376/F – erection of a building for the use by pre-school group – Gorefield Primary School 69 High Road – Parish Council supports this application

F/YR09/0378/F – erection of 3/4 bed agricultural dwelling – land south of Little Acre Farm Fendyke Lane – support the application if the use can be justified.

Application Approved

F/YR09/0279/F – erection of a detached garage to existing dwelling – Fablow 48 Back Road

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

Concurrent Functions 2009/10

A grant of £1,950 has been approved for Cemeteries and Playing Field + £780 towards streetlights.

The first instalment (£1,365) was paid into the account on 18th June 2009.

Account to be paid:

North Level IDB (drainage rates)	£254.92
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Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£1,836.05
Business Premium Account	£7,154.04
High Interest Account	£5,087.81
	<u>£14,077.90</u>

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Reports from Councillors

None

Next Meeting – Tuesday 4th August 2009

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