MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 6TH JULY 2010

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

Carroll

Mr & Mrs C Harvey, Jeanette Milner and Councillor C Seaton

Apologies: Councillor Cooke, P C Coales and Natalie Rowlands

64/10 Minutes of previous meeting held on 1st June 2010 were confirmed and signed.

65/10 No additional items for discussion

66/10 None of the Councillors had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

67/10 POLICE LIAISON

P C Coales unable to attend meeting. Gave the clerk the following information: Crimes – house burglary and electric cable taken. Scrap metal is again being taken and white panel vans are being targeted.

68/10 JEANETTE MILNER FENLAND DC STREET PRIDE CO-ORDINATOR

Chairman welcomed Jeanette Milner to the meeting. She explained how she is the coordinator for Fenland Street Pride and her role is to help with volunteers to undertake project from litter picking, tree planting, flower planting etc. She has groups in March, Manea, Wisbech, Parson Drove, Whittlesey and Chatteris. Her role is not to organise the volunteers but to provide tools, safety jackets etc. Approximately 10 to 12 volunteers are needed. Decide what project you wish to carry out. Saturday mornings from 10 am to 12 pm is the best time. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Possible date would be 5th September. Fenland DC can supply a flyer to be distributed around the village by people from the Probation Service. John Timms to be contacted with reference to the volunteers he has been in contact with through the Parish Plan. Chairman will put a piece in the next addition of the Village Voices.

69/10 NATALIE ROWLANDS NOMINATED OFFICER FOR FENLAND DC

Not able to attend this meeting

70/10 MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

Chapel Burial Ground

Councillor Mrs Hall will find out what is to happen to the Chapel burial ground if the chapel is sold

Pocket Park

Seat has been repaired

71/10 MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA

(1) Highway Matters

High Side carriageway retread will take place between 9th August and 1st October road will be closed for 7 days.

(2) Play Equipment

Lisa Peel will be organising some activities on the playing field on 5th August.

Councillor Carroll has received offers of grant money from WREN and Big Lottery Fund. Will accept the offer of £8,180 from WREN for the toddlers equipment and if possible get the Lottery to fund an extra set of swings which have been requested from parents. Councillor Carroll will get a quote for these.

An application has been made to Donarbon (landfill credits) for the adult equipment. Ten bits of equipment at a cost of £10,730. Hetty Thornton has been very helpful with completing the application form.

(3) Parish Plan

Councillor Holt, Mrs E Harvey and Mr J Timms attended a meeting with Hetty Thornton. Went through points brought up in the Parish Plan: improvements for bus users, West End visibility, parking outside local school, reduction in speed of vehicles through village, speed watch, reduced vibration from large vehicles, review of neighbourhood watch and fare of crime. PC Coales to be asked for information abotsome of the above points at next meeting. Clerk to find out if road junction sign can be erected on approach to West End. Clerk will make further contact with Paul Nelson Cambs CC Passenger Transportation about bus stop signs and hard standings.

(4) Playing Field

Chairman has spoken to the loss adjuster and hopefully will soon give the go ahead for the pavilion repairs. He said that the Parish Council could either reinstate the building or use with other funding to build a new facility. Once this has been received Chairman will organise a meeting with representatives from playing field association, Parish Council, Fenland DC and architect to decide the best way forward.

(5) **Jointly Funded Minor Improvements 2010-2011**

Agreed to apply for funding to improve passenger access to public transport through provision of bus stop signs with time tables and an area of hard standing.

72/10 REPORT FROM ALLOTMENT INSPECTION

Chairman and clerk visit all the allotment which are all in good order.

Annual rent review – proposed Councillor Holt and seconded by Councillor Mrs Hall that all land rent remains the same. Agreed by all.

Two offers have been received for land at Black Lane which will be vacant in October. Proposed by Councillor Carroll and seconded by Mrs J Hunns that the highest bid be accepted. Agreed to let the land on a 3 year business tenancy. John Carney will be employed to organise the transfer of the entitlements to the incoming tenants.

73/10 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Parson Drove Pharmacy

An invitation has been received for Councillors to attend the official opening on Wednesday 14th July at 4 pm. Councillors G Ridley and Mrs J Hunns will attend.

North Level District IDB Visit

Organised for Wednesday 13th October commencing at 9 am. This is specifically for Councillors who have not attended a previous visit. Councillors Ridley and Mrs Hunns will attend.

Effective Three Tier Working in Cambridgeshire

Document produced for first year review – Chairman took away to read and make comments on

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

74/10 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Applications received:

F/YR10/0316/F - erection of 2 storey and single storey side and rear extensions to existing dwelling - Orchard House 24 Back Road – further revised proposals – it is still over development of site and not in keeping with existing street scene.

F/YR10/0457/F - Conversion of barn to 2 bed dwelling including single storey extensions to front and rear elevations - Barn at Black Lane Farm Black Lane - no objections

F/YR10/0400/F – erection of single storey side extension to existing dwelling – 39 Churchill Road – no objections

F/YR10/0401/F – erection of 4 bed detached house with balcony to rear, involving demolition of existing dwelling, erection of a detached double garage and attached store to side, siting of a mobile home and erection of a poly tunnel – Pleasant Villa Bona Lane – no objections

Enforcement Matters

Chairman asked for an update on all the enforcement matters in Gorefield. They are:- Land south of Tudor Lode Hassockhill Drove – unauthorised use of land, Oxfield Drive – incomplete road and pavement, Tellimar 41 Cattle Dyke – running business from residential premises, 2 Newfield Cottage Chalk Road – mobile home and containers, Bowls Club – security fencing – most of these sites have not been visited since February, will now be visited again.

75/10 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Accounts to be paid:

Fenland Leisure Prod (balance for play equipment)

£637.56

Boards need replacing on play equipment and some matting around roundabout needs replacing will cost £100. Agreed to go ahead with this.

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£3,925.93
Business Premium Account	£4,148.83
High Interest Account	£64,020.79
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Reports from Councillors

Laurel hedge Wolf Lane/Back Road corner is affecting visibility. Fred Hardwick to be asked his advice.

Willow tunnel has sustained some damage and hidey hole in multi play is being used as a WC.

Hedge near West End – Chairman has spoken to the owners and they have promised get it cut.

No 8 Richmond Green hedge over hanging path – clerk to write to the owner.

Fred Hardwick organised the jetting out of the drains at West End but did not get them jetted out to the main drain.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 3 rd August 2010			
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