

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

**HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2011**

**Present:** Councillors Humphrey, Carroll, Holt, Ridley, Mrs Humphrey, Mrs Hunns and Mrs Hall

PCSO M Bogunovic and Mr & Mrs C Harvey

**Apologies:** None

53/11 Minutes of previous meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2011 were confirmed and signed.

54/11 Confidential item

55/11 None of the Councillors had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

56/11 **POLICE LIAISON**

Anti social behaviour continues to be a problem on the Playing Field. Youths are out on the field until mid night making a lot of noise and car drive are parking there playing very loud music well after midnight. A gate across the entrance at night could possibly help with this problem. Councillor Ridley being now chairman of the playing field committee will investigate the possibility.

Crimes and incidents reported:

Shed burglary Harolds Bridge air rifle stolen  
Scrap metal taken from farm building Hassockhill Drove  
Youth riding off road motorbike on the highway at Cattle Dyke  
Egg thrown at property in Cattle Dyke

Empty properties and new buildings are being targeted around the area for copper pipe and heating oil.

Private cars are being tampered with and petrol taken.

57/11 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**British Heat Foundation Recycle Bin**

They have been in contact with the Chairman following confirmation that they can site a clothing bin in the village. There is no problem with them putting the bin on the area outside the school, but the other bins will need to be moved to accommodate it. Possibly this can be done by the contractor who delivers the bin.

**(1) Highway Matters**

Councillor Ridley has still not received any information from Neil Band about the bus stop hard standing. Clerk to contact Peter Vale.

Information received from Cambs CC about how local communities can change speed limits (copy in with correspondence). Any cost would have to be funded locally ie £400 per new sign and post.

Councillor Holt reported seeing a contractor filling a hole in the road at Back Road. Put material in the hole and then stamped it down with his foot. This is very poor service and should be reported to Peter Vale.

**(2) Play Equipment/Launch Event**

Everything is in hand following the meeting held to discuss the event. Posters to be placed around the village and flyers to be distributed to the school, play school and secondary school children waiting for the bus. Show Committee to be asked for gazebo and use of the swing boats. Field to be decorated with bunting, ribbon cutting will take place at 10.30 am.

**(3) Rural Transport**

This was discussed at the AGM and it was felt that no one on the Council was in a position to take on this role as none of the Councillors use public transport. The Chairman approached Hetty Thornton and she organised a questionnaire which was available for completion at the Gorefield Show. Unfortunately only 7 were completed. Chris Harvey now has copies of this questionnaire and it is being distributed around the village. It will be available at the Launch Event. All information gathered will be discussed at a later date.                      The FACT bus is also proving very useful.

**(4) Chapel Grave Yard**

Councillor Holt has been approached by a member of the public asking about the upkeep of the Chapel Grave Yard. Street Pride members have undertaken work in there but this is not a solution to the problem because regular work is required. Clerk to write and ask about the ownership of the area and who is responsible for its upkeep.

**(5) Parish Plan**

A meeting is being arranged in September to discuss speeding and parking outside the school, this was a point raised on the Parish Plan.

**(6) Playing Field/New Pavilion**

Gorefield Bowls Club have requested a site meeting to discuss the report from the Police Architectural Liaison Officer. Councillor Ridley will arrange a meeting.

Information receive about the new pavilion will be discussed further at item 12.

## **(7) Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

Fenland DC has allocated £1,000 to each town and parish council to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June 2012. It is envisaged that councils will match fund this amount through their Precept of local sponsorship. An open meeting will be arranged for Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September in the Parish Rooms. All local organisations to be contacted, notice to be put in the Village Voices and possibly a leaflet drop with the Fenland Citizen.

### **59/11 REPORT FROM ALLOTMENT INSPECTION/ ANNUAL RENT REVIEW**

All the allotments are in very good order. The new ones in Churchill Road are looking really good. It was agreed that all the allotments at Cattle Dyke should have their rent increased to £95.00 per acre from October 2012. All the tenants to be given 112 months notice.

### **60/11 CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **North Level District IDB Day Visit**

Two Councillors have been invited to attend a day visit on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2011 commencing at 9.30 am. The Chairman and Councillor Mrs Humphrey will attend.

#### **Letter from Leader of Fenland DC**

The Leader and Members of the Cabinet wish to meet with Town and Parish Councillors to share with them the future aspirations of the Council. This is to be scheduled for September 2011 in varying locations.

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

### **61/11 PLANNING MATTERS**

#### **Application received:**

**F/YR11/0395/F** – erection of a single storey 2 bed dwelling and detached triple garage involving demolition of existing dwelling and shed – Fircroft 98 Cattle Dyke – no objections

**F/YR11/0415/F** – demolition of existing stables and storage, replace with 2 bed annex, tack room and feed room – 2 Newfield Cottages, Chalk Road – Annex not in keeping with the existing dwelling and concerned about the future use of the proposed tack room and feed store.

**F/YR11/0448/EXTIME** – erection of a dwelling (renewal of planning permission  
F/YR08/0370/O – land north of St Mark's Gote Lane

#### **Application approved:**

**F/YR11/0282/F** – erection of a pavilion involving demolition of existing at Playing Field Wolf Lane.

### **62/11 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **Action Plan from Internal Auditor**

This to be carried over to the next meeting

**Accounts to be paid:**

FLP	(Repair to BMX track)	£54.00
FLP	(Maze, Hop Scotch ect on concrete)	£1,887.60
FLP	(Safety matting)	£2,455.20
FLP	(Safety matting for disc spinner)	£396.00
Cambs Acre	(Monthly inspection log)	£84.30
AON	(Increased Fidelity & Public Liability)	£354.62

**Balance of Accounts**

Current Account	£123.27
Business Premium Account	£5,152.05
High Interest Account	<u>£72,519.58</u>
	<u>£77,794.90</u>

63/11 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Mobile homes have appeared in Hassockhill Drove to be reported to planning enforcement.

Residents of Richmond Green are concerned about rats in the garden of No 7. To be reported to Environmental Health

Hole in pavement along High Road outside No 11 to be reported to County Highways.

64/11 **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

Three tenders have been received for the replacement pavilion. Unfortunately they are considerably high than anticipated. Councillors Carroll and Ridley are to attend a Lottery event for possible extra funding.

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2011

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