

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 3RD JULY 2012

Present: Councillors Humphrey, Carroll, Holt, Mrs Humphrey, Mrs Hall and Ridley
PCSO Bogunovic, PCSO David Russ and two members of the public

Apologies: Councillor Mrs Hunns

188/12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public commented on the fact that there was a lot of fly posting being done in the village. The Chairman has already dealt with this matter with the enforcement officer. Organisations are allowed to advertise events 28 days before but posters should be removed 14 days after the event. If they have to be removed by the council they can be charged £120 per advert.

189/12 Minutes of previous meeting held on 29th May 2012 were confirmed and signed

190/12 Additional item for consideration at No 13 - Pavilion

191/12 Councillors Humphrey, Holt, Ridley, Carroll and Mrs Humphrey declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item concerning the Playing Field as all are members of the Playing Field Committee. These Councillors have all been granted dispensation for 5 years and will be able to speak and vote on any items concerning the playing field.

192/12 POLICE LIAISON

PCSO Bogunovic reported that this would be last meeting he would attend, as he is moving onto Chatteris. He had brought with him PCSO David (Tig) Russ who will be replacing him as the Council's community support officer.

Crimes reported since last meeting: Theft of a bicycle outside the village store, theft of a front index plate from vehicle parked in drive on High Road, theft of a caravan from driveway at Fitton End Road.

Incidents reported: Cattle Dyke stones being thrown into peoples gardens, Wolf Lane noise complaint vehicle on playing field 0130 hours, Cattle Dyke egg thrown at private address, Wolf Lane youths jumping into bushes, Wolf Lane youths hitting golf balls across playing field.

193/12 MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

Rev Bradbury will attend the next meeting to explain about the financing of the church yard

194/12 MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA

(1) Highway Matters

Confirmation has been received from Cambs CC that Gorefield has been successful with the bid for a minor improvement grant for the changes to the footway at High Road/Cattle Dyke junction. Matthew Pickering has already met with Councillor Ridley and has marked up the changes to be carried out. The cost to the Parish Council will be £300 full cost of the project is £3,000.

The finger post at High Road/Gote Lane junction is to be repositioned on the highway verge on the corner of the church yard.

(2) Play Equipment

Clerk received a response from the contracts manager for The Landscape Group who carried out the weekly inspection on the play equipment following the complaint reported at the last meeting. He is unable to discuss the matter with the inspector as he has now retired after 50 years continuous service. He has himself carried out the inspections for the last two weeks and has picked up two minor problems that need dealing with.

(3) New Pavilion

Will be discussed later in the meeting.

(4) Parish Plan

This could do with updating. After it was compiled it was submitted to Cambs Acre and then onto the Strategic Partnership, which has now been disbanded. Parish Plans are now dealt with by Fenland DC. The Chairman will speak to John Timms who was the Chairman of the group that was set up to prepare the Parish Plan.

195/12 Report from Allotment Inspection/Rent Review

No one was available for the inspection but Councillor Holt reported that the Church Road allotments are being well maintained. The weeds are being to die off on the vacant ones that have been sprayed off. The Chairman is very familiar with the other ones in Cattle Dyke and Black Drove and these continue to be farmed satisfactorily.

The rent was reviewed last year and the tenants at Cattle Dyke were advised that the rents would increase to £95.00 per acre from October 2012.

196/12 CORRESPONDENCE

Gorefield Primary School - Jubilee Event

Letter of thanks received for the £350 grant made for the School's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. The grant was spent on Jubilee medals for every child in the school and flags and bunting to decorate the school premises and food and sweets for the Jubilee tea.

Gorefield Village Hall - Jubilee Event

Information and receipt have been received showing how the £350 grant was spent. Councillor Mrs Hall also gave an update on the event which was very enjoyable and was attended by approximately 70 people, which consisted of a church service followed by tea and entertainment in the village hall.

Gorefield Luncheon Club - Jubilee Event

The event was held on Tuesday 12th June. It commenced with a toast to the Queen, followed by traditional roast beef lunch. Everyone was presented with a decorated fruit cake. Over half of the cost of the meal was supplemented with the remainder of the £250 grant.

Code of Conduct 2012

There is a requirement from 1st July 2012 for all Parish Councils to adopt a new code of conduct. The national guide lines are that a Parish Council should adopt that produced by its principal authority. To date the new code of conduct has not been received from Fenland DC.

197/12 PLANNING MATTERS

Planning applications received:-

F/YR12/0469/F - erection of x 14.87 metre high (hub height) turbines - land west of Old Wood Yard Birds Drove - the Parish Council supports renewable energy initiatives but are concerned about the visual impact on the open countryside, This would set a precedent for other similar applications

Views of near neighbours should be taken into consideration, some of whom have already voiced their objections to the Parish Council. The Parish Council cannot understand why these are needed to produce power for premises which have been disused for many years.

F/YR12/0429/F - formation of a ménage and erection of a storage building - Lonsdale Farm Allens Drove - support this application as the occupiers have already improved this site which had become very overgrown.

Planning Enforcement:

F/YR00/0245/F - breach of condition 4 - 106 High Road - a planning application should be submitted by 26th July 2012.

198/12 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Risk Assessment

This was prepared by the clerk and circulated with the correspondence to all the Councillors. It was proposed by Councillor Carroll and seconded by Councillor Ridley that this be adopted by the Parish Council. Everyone agreed.

Financial Regulations and Standing Orders

These have now been revised as agreed at the last meeting. Proposed Councillor Mrs Humphrey and seconded by Councillor Ridley that these be accepted. Everyone agreed.

Parish Council Concurrent Functions 2012-13

A grant of £1,950 has been awarded for playing field and church yard maintenance. Also £780 towards a new street light. A position for a new light or a replacement light should be considered before the end of the year.

Cheques to be paid:

Fenland DC (election expenses)	£140.00
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New Pavilion expenses

Fenland DC (Building Regulations application fee)	£384.00
South Holland DC (SBEM calculations)	£480.00

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£
Business Premium account	£5,154.73
High Interest account	<u>£72,555.94</u>
	<u>£83,754.60</u>

199/12 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Carroll has been asked if anything can be done about the area of ground that has been left undeveloped at Woodford Gardens/West End. Clerk has written to the developer on several occasions. A letter to be written again informing them that the problem will be reported to planning enforcement if nothing is done. Copy of the letter to be given to Councillor Carroll.

Trees around school playing field are overhanging the path. Councillor Ridley will speak to school about it.

Fendyke Lane sign needs replacing damaged by grass cutters.

Pleased to see that the pavement has been repaired outside the Chapel.

The two couples who attend the Diamond Jubilee Picnic at Burley House had a very enjoyable day and felt very privileged to have been asked to represent the village at this wonderful event.

Health and safety check on items in the village. Councillor will undertake this before the next meeting

Pot hole in Back Road still need attention.

Unfortunately Jeanette Milner, Street Pride Coordinator is leaving her post at Fenland DC. The Chairman received a report about an incident concerning one of the residents of the Care Home at Fitton End, which took place today. The home has been running for quite a few years and this is the first incident that has ever been reported.

200/12 Pavilion

The following information cannot be released to the general public until 17th July. Confirmation has been received that a grant of £50,000 has been awarded from Sport England for the

new pavilion. A press release must be made on 17th July and the MP to be asked to add his comments to this. Further information to be returned to Sport England by the end of July. Chairman was able to inform Fenland DC about the grant and hopefully this should be a further incentive for them to grant the extra £50,000 that is required. This should be discussed at the July cabinet meeting. Building Regulations approval can now be applied for and structural engineers calculations obtained by the agent.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 7th August 2012 Gorefield Village Hall
(Neighbourhood Forum at 6.30 pm)

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