

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 1st July 2014

Present: Councillors M Humphrey, Mrs Hall, Holt, Mrs Hunns, Walpole and Fraser

Apologies: Councillor Mrs Humphrey and PCSO Russ

61/14 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present

62/14 Minutes of previous meeting held on 3rd June 2014 were confirmed and signed

63/14 Additional item for consideration – None

64/14 Councillors Humphrey, Holt and Mrs Hunns 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 and will be able to speak and vote on any items concerning the playing field

65/14 **POLICE LIAISON**

There was no police presence at the meeting but the following information was sent by e-mail:

No reported crimes

Incidents of note:

Black Lane - suspicious circumstances - Silver Ford Estate seen acting suspiciously in area

Oxford Drive - vehicle nuisance - noise complaint about youths on mopeds

Cattle Dyke - suspicious circumstances - 2 males with white flat bed truck looking around yard

PCSO Russ apologises for not being able to provide many cones for the Gorefield Show this was due to a serious incident in Wisbech. This was also the reason he was unable to attend the show.

Following the report of motor bikes causing a nuisance in Oxford Drive PCSO Russ has been undertaking patrols when he is on late duties and will continue to do so.

Next North Rural Forum will take place on 21st August at High Road Guyhirn.

66/14 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Grange Wind Farm Grant

Meeting to consider grants was 30th June.

Further Meeting to discuss Street lighting and Concurrent Grants

Vice Chairman attended the previous meeting held on 6th June because the Chairman was unavailable. This meeting aired the views of all the Parish Councils. Gorefield Parish Council will be able to manage without Concurrent Functions Grant but will not be able to finance all that is required to replace all the category one street lights that need replacing within 12 months. The Chairman is of the opinion that as the Vice chairman attended the first meeting he should also attend the forth coming one on Monday 21st July at 1.30 pm. Everyone was in agreement

67/14 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Councillor Fraser has had a meeting with Neil Band. Cambs Highways intend to complete the pavement at High Road and redo existing although the village. Hassockhill pot holes to be done and patching in St Paul's Close. Also Marshalls Bank and Harolds Bank.

Overhanging trees and hedges - Council will write again to the offending owners but can not undertake the work as it will set a precedent for everyone else.

There is a two year scheme in place for place to place and heavy patching along Leverington Common and end to end of Black Lane. Highside has already been earmarked for repairs and surface topping.

Local Highway Improvement Initiative 2015/16

As the pavement along High Road is to be completed another scheme for this can be considered. Possibly path along Cattle Dyke. Discuss further at next meeting

(2) **Bowls Club Lease**

Secretary has answered e-mail asking if meeting can be deferred until bowls season is over. Decided to give them Monday 1st September as a meeting time to try to get this completed.

(3) **Play Equipment**

Landscape Group have been reminded once again to carry out the repairs that continue to be on the weekly reports. Willows need attention. Streetpride will do this. They will also do brambles in Pocket Park and cut back branches in Gote Lane obscuring road sign.

(4) **Report from land inspection**

All are very well managed and tidy. Proposed Councillor Mrs Hunns and seconded by Councillor Holt that the rent should stay at £95.00 per acre.

Garden Allotments

All occupied and very well maintained. Proposed Councillor Humphrey and seconded by Councillor Fraser that the annual rent should stay at £15.00 each.

An untaxed vehicle has been abandoned at the Churchill Road allotments. Has been reported to Streetscene. Also to be reported to Justin Wingfield Asset manager for Fenland DC.

68/14 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter received from Gorefield Primary School asking for a grant towards the purchase of cooking equipment. Agreed to make a grant of £200.

69/14 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning applications

F/YR14/0425/F - erection of a single storey side extension to existing dwelling - 14 Black Lane - support this application as it improves the aspect of the property

F/YR14/0439/F - erection of a single storey front extension to existing building - S and S Stores Ltd 83 High Road - support the principal of improvements to the local shop but are concerned about the effect it has on the street scene and the property to the east.

70/14 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Accounts Paid:

Gorefield Primary School (grant) £200.00

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£8,571.57
Business Premium account	£2,158.39
High Interest account	<u>£801.47</u>
	£11,531.49

71/14 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Chairman has received an invitation to attend the Fenland DC Chairman’s Civic Reception on Friday 18th July at Whittlesey. As the Chairman is unable to attend and the Vice Chairman is already attending Councillor Fraser will attend.

The Chairman mentioned that fact that it is just over 12 months since the new Pavilion and Community Hall was opened and felt that the Parish Council should see a copy of the account for the year. These should be presented at the Playing Field meeting on 16th July and a copy will be available after then.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 5th August 2014.

Signed Date