

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 7TH JULY 2015

Present: Councillors Mrs Hall, Humphrey, Holt and Mrs Hunns

Councillor Lay

Apologies: Councillor Mrs Clarke and PCSO Tessa Morrison

65/15 Public Participation

No members of the public attended the meeting

66/15 Minutes of previous meeting held on 2nd June 2015 were confirmed and signed

67/15 Visit from Lauren Bremner from Living Sport and Fenland DC

She came to explain about funding being received from Living Sport to get Fenland fit. This is to help 14 to 25 year olds participate more in sport. Also 55 + to do badminton, table tennis, swimming, athletics and street games. Leisure Centres are to be used as hubs. There is to be a column in the Fenland Citizen – Active Fenland. Local News letters also to be used to advertise events. Posters can be displayed in the village.

68/15 There were no additional items for consideration

69/15 Councillors did not have any personal and prejudicial interests under the Local Code of Conduct to declare

70/15 **POLICE LIAISON**

There was no police presence at the meeting. The following information has been received:

Crimes:

Cattle Dyke - burglary in dwelling – electrical items and jewellery stolen

Cattle Dyke – production of cannabis – 29 plants and equipment seized

High Road – Dangerous dog – victim and own dog attacked

71/15 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Village Health and Safety Check

Village of the year plaques to be moved from the school fence and put somewhere on the Playing Field. Councillor Holt will discuss with Playing Field Committee.

Enforcement Issues

Confirmation received from Heidi Wedge that even though developments are unauthorised the occupiers still pay Council Tax and get their bins emptied. She also confirmed that Council Tax is being paid by the occupiers of Thistledown and her investigations into this matter are on going.

72/15 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) Highway Matters

Black Lane still has had nothing done to it even though the Council was told that a scheme was in place. Clerk to find out what progress there is with this. Churchill Road is in a very poor state with the Tarmac lifting off from the concrete. Clerk to check to see if this road has been adopted by the Council. Cambs CC have confirmed that they will be replacing the signs at Wolf Lane junction with Leverington Common.

(2) Play Equipment

Latest inspection report makes the following comments:

Triple tower multiplay – security platforms loose due to wood drying out bolts won't tighten.

Cableway – post loose in ground

Swing step climber – support loose due to wood drying out bolts won't tighten

Willow tunnel – needs cutting and re-weaving

Roundabout – safety surface gap round surface

Tea cup – play in bearing gap round safety surface

Mototrek circuit – bolts loose won't tighten on rumble bridge and mini mound

Councillors Humphrey and Holt will look at these problems.

(3) Co-Option of Parish Councillors

Applications have been received from Mr David Humphrey and Mrs Pamela Reynolds. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Hunns and seconded by Councillor Holt that they be accepted on to the Council. All were in favour. Letters to be sent inviting them to attend the next meeting.

(4) Vacant Garden Allotment (No 6)

This has been advertised to let but no one interested at the moment. Has been sprayed off but Mares Tail still there. Another spray will be used. Any costs incurred will be reimbursed.

(5) Report from Allotment Inspection and Rent Review

Cattle Dyke – all the allotments were in very good order

Black Lane – there was some Black Grass present

Churchill Road – all very well maintained except the vacant one

Rent review – it was agreed that all the rent are set at the appropriate level so no changes will be made.

(6) **Review of Risk Assessment, Standing Orders and Clerks Salary**

Updated the Parish Council Governance and Management Risk Register – copy attached.

Standing Orders need updating to cover the recording, broadcasting or transmitting the proceedings of a meeting. Clerk to search further for more information.

Clerk's salary – new national salary award for 2014 – 2016 has been released. At present the clerk is on SCP 21. Proposed Councillor Humphrey and seconded by Councillor Mrs Hunns that the clerk be rewarded for service and experience and moved up to SCP 23 £10.836 per hour. All agreed. Councillors wished it be noted that they are all very grateful for all the work carried out by the clerk.

73/15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

North Level District IDB

Invitation to a day visit on Wednesday 14th October for two Councillors. As all the Councillors have already attended one of these. Will leave until the next meeting when new Councillors will be present.

Recycling Credits – Annual Payments

Information received from the school. They received £84.24 this year.

74/15 **PLANNING MATTERS**

F/YR15/0435/F erection of a single storey rear extension to existing dwelling – Fircroft 98 Cattle Dyke – no objections – this is only required because the replacement bungalow could not be made any bigger in the first instance due to planning rules.

75/15 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Accounts to be paid

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| Gorefield Playing Field Assoc (Hire of Hall for CAB) | £20.00 |
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| First instalment of Concurrent Functions received | £910.00 |
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Balance of Accounts

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| Current account | £16,681.29 |
| Business Premium account | £2,158.95 |
| High Interest account | <u>£801.68</u> |
| | £19,642.26 |

REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Lay has been helping residents from Churchill Road obtaining alterations to their home to help with disability. Roddans were not very helpful.

Community Hall to be booked for Thursday 13th August for CAB.

Fishy News open event - all the Councillors who attended had a lovely afternoon.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 4th August 2015

Signed Date