

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 3rd June 2014

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

Councillor Alan Lay and 2 members of the public

Apologies: PCSO Russ

50/14 **Public Participation**

A member of the public who is a resident of Mill Lane wished to bring to the attention of the Council the problem of rural crime. They have had several items stolen including a pair of gates that they had installed on their property. There have also been several cases of fly tipping in the area. Councillor Humphrey suggested that she registered with Countryside Watch and passed on their contact information. The clerk will also inform PCSO Russ of the problem and ask for additional surveillance of the area.

51/14 Minutes of previous meeting held on 6th May 2014 were confirmed and signed

52/14 Additional item for consideration – None

53/14 Councillors Humphrey, Holt, Mrs Humphrey 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

54/14 **POLICE LIAISON**

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

Attempted theft of rose bushes from property in Fendyke Lane.

55/14 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Application for grant from Grange Wind Farm

The parish Council are eligible to make an application for a grant so the clerk has submitted an application for the funding of a replacement notice board.

56/14 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Overgrowing hedges continue to be a problem. Councillor Lay visited one of the properties but was not able to make any progress. Neil Band to be contacted again to be thanked for instigating the repairs to several pot holes recently but also asked to get the hedges cut back.

Local Highway Improvement Initiative 2015/16

As previously these schemes are jointly funded by Cambs County Council and the Parish Council. Application to be in by 12th September. The improvements to the footway along the High Road came under this scheme and hopefully this will be completed next year. Query as to whether this will have to come under the above scheme or not. If not then another project can be applied for. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

(2) Bowls Club Lease

A copy of a draft lease has been sent to the secretary, chairman and vice-chairman of the Bowls Club for consideration. Copy also circulated to all the Councillors. A meeting now to be arranged with all the chairmen and vice-chairmen to come some agreement on the lease.

(3) Play Equipment

Net ball post has been repaired with a painted board and a new net provided. On this weeks inspection sheet it says that the tyre on the zip wire needs replacing and the hand grips are still missing from a piece of the exercise equipment. The Landscape Group were asked to replace these a few months ago. To be reminded of this and asked for a quote for replacing the tyre.

(4) Review of Financial Regulations and Standing Orders

At the recent internal audit it was pointed out that the value which formal tender action is required was not uniform on both Financial Regulations and Standing Orders. It was agreed that item 11 section (f) should be changed to £25,000 in line with Standing Orders. The document was then reviewed and adopted by the Council. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Hunns and seconded by Councillor Humphrey.

(5) Review of Governance and Management Risk Register

A copy of this document was circulated to all Councillors before the meeting and the following alterations were made:

Loss of Key Staff - responsible person - Council
Council becomes dominated by one or two individuals - responsible person – Chairman
Councillors benefiting from being on the Council – responsible person – Council
Failure to register Members’ interests – responsible person – Councillors
Lack of maintenance of Council owned property – responsible person – Councillor Holt
Damage to third party property of individual due to service of amenity provided – responsible person – Council

The document was then adopted by the Council.

57/14 CORRESPONDENCE

North Level District IDB 260th Anniversary

Two Councillors are invited to this celebration on Monday 7th July at 6 pm at the Drainage Office Thorney. Chairman and Councillor Mrs Hunns will attend.

Verge Cutting

E-mail received from resident from Churchill Road who is having problems getting verge cut outside her property. This is probably the responsibility of Cambs CC. Will respond to this effect and copy in Councillor Lay who will contact the maintenance department.

Visit from Leader of Fenland DC

Councillor John Clark wishes to address the Council and update members on the district council's plans to improve local liaison. Clerk to accept invitation and inform of meeting dates.

Commemorative Service in recognition of the Great War

To be held on Friday 27th June at 12 noon at St Mary's Church Whittlesey

Meeting of all Parish Council Chairman with Councillor Clark to discuss Street lighting and Concurrent Functions Grants

To be held on Friday 6th June as the Parish Council Chairman is unable to attend the Vice Chairman will attend.

58/14 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no planning applications to be discussed

Enforcement Matters

The enforcement officer has replied to Councillor Humphrey about enforcement issues in Chalk Road and Hassockhill Drove. Will again chase the agent about Chalk Road and will visit Hassockhill Drove to confirm that there is still someone residing on the site

59/14 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Accounts Paid:

Peggs Construction	(Repair to Village Sign)	£222.00
Fitness Sport	(Basketball net)	£24.95
Gorefield Playing Field	(Hire of Hall Golden Age)	£50.00

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£7,781.95
Business Premium account	£2,157.85
High Interest account	<u>£801.37</u>
	£10,741.17

60/14 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Golden Age event very successful with 61 people attending. The curling equipment has been given to the Playing Field for future use.

There is to be a Curling taster event to be held at The Hudson Sports Centre on 9th September.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 1st July 2014 (Land inspection 6.30 pm)

Signed Date