

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

**HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2005**

**Present:** Councillors Humphrey, Davall, Holt, Carroll, Cooke, Mrs Hall and Mrs Atkins

PC Coales,

**Apologies:** Gary Garford

680/05 Minutes of previous meetings held on 1<sup>st</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> March 2005 were confirmed and signed.

681/05 **Other matters for consideration**

Health and Safety report

682/05 No members had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

683/05 **POLICE LIAISON**

Crimes in the village since last meeting:

Dwelling burglary at Black Lane during daylight hours  
Assault  
Lawn mower taken  
Trailer taken

Car crime is very high in Wisbech at the present time.

Churchill Road – at the present time all vehicles have been cleared from the road, but will continue to monitor the situation.

Mud and stone throwing culprits have been identified and spoken to. There are some problems with the new access to Turners. Has been reported to Fred Hardwick. Cattle Dyke junction has called at Chiltern House. It has been identified that the streetlight is helping to obscure the junction. Could consider having it resited further down Cattle Dyke.

684/05 **GARY GARFORD PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON OFFICER**

Not able to attend meeting. Any points needing attention can be e-mailed to him

685/05 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**Streetlights**

Two new lights are now lit. Streetlights not working at the moment opposite Fennelows access and in Back Road adjacent to Merlins. Will be reported.

**MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA****(1) Highway Matters**

Chairman and Councillor Davall met with Fred Hardwick in the village. A new footpath is being constructed from Park Lane to Fendyke Lane and from there will join up with existing path towards the village. The road surface along High Road to Cattle Dyke cross roads is being planed and resurfaced. From there onwards it is being patched and surface dressed. The Barrackes will be patched and surface dressed. Halifax's access on Wolf Lane is being repaired. Drain opposite No 86 High Road will be cleaned out.

**(2) VE and VJ Days 2005**

Councillor Mrs Hall has now compiled a list of veterans of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. Has been taping interviews, which will be given to the School for use at their event which is being held on 6<sup>th</sup> May. Councillor Mrs Hall wishes to hold an event on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July. The display at the school will be available and possibly use of the school hall would be advantageous. The idea is to provide either a buffet lunch or tea for possibly 16 veterans their partners and any widows. Could possibly number 47. The vicar is prepared to focus the normal service on commemoration. Councillor Mrs Hall has applied for a grant from The Home Front, which will hopefully cover the cost of some kind of entertainment and a plaque to be put on the village sign base. Proposed that the Village of the Year prize money of £250 be used to cover some of the costs.

**(3) Parish Plan**

Local groups to be advised of the meeting. Press release and another article in the News Letter. Notices in the notice board and shop and Post Office.

**(4) Village of the Year 2005**

Councillor Mrs Atkins took away the application form which has to be in by 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Copy of last year's submission to be found.

**(5) Sponsorship for Break Through Cancer Research**

Any donation must be made direct to the Cancer Charity. Proposed Councillor Carroll and seconded by Councillor Mrs Atkins that £200 be donated. Approved. Cheque to be issued at the next meeting.

**(6) Grass Cutting Contract 2005**

Price same as last year therefore agreed to accept. Chairman signed acceptance on behalf of the council.

**CORRESPONDENCE****(1) Option Fenland**

Asking about any village event being held during May and June. Will advise them about the Gorefield Show which is being held on 11<sup>th</sup> June.

(2) **Cambs CC Proposed Speed Limit reduction High Road**

Speed limit to be reduced to 30 mph. Iterative and other signs to be changed. Also four kerbed build outs with reflectorised spring back “keep right” signs on them are to be constructed.

(3) **All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors**

688/05 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Councillor Cooke took no part in the decision process of the following application

**Application No. F/YR05/0221/TRTPO** – Works to 1 no London Plane Tree covered by TPO 13/90 – 2 Glebe Close – no objections.

**Application No. F/YR05/0270/F** – Change of Use of barn and erection of single-storey extension to side to form 3 bed dwelling – Willow Farm Honeyhill Road - Parish Council supports this application.

**Application approved**

**Application No F/YR05/0019/F** – Change of use of existing chapel to 2 bed dwelling with single storey side extension and detached double garage – Old Methodist Chapel Honeyhill Road

**Application Refused**

**Application No F/YR05/0054/F** – Continued siting of a 2 bed mobile home land north of Newfields Allens Drove

689/05 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Grant for Church Yard maintenance – letter received from St Paul’s Church asking for help. Agreed to donate £700. Included in the letter was a thank you for the Christmas tree which was temporarily put up last Christmas. Will be very pleased to see a permanent tree planed ready for next Christmas. .

**Clerk authorised to issue the following cheques:**

Cambs CC (Hire of School)	£199.00
R Gagen (Clerk’s expenses for 6 months)	£61.68
R Gagen (Clerk’s salary for 6 months)	£1,008.80
St Paul’s Church (Church yard maintenance)	£700.00

**Balance of Accounts**

Current Account	£138.00
Business Premium Account	£579.09
High Interest Account	£4,417.27
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**REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Still problems with the property in Churchill Road. E-mail to be sent to Gary Garford.

Anglian Water – confusion be caused as sewerage charge is not being added to water bills and some cases where it has been added storm water disposal is also being charged for. Then householders have to send in documents to show where the storm water is going. Clerk to write to Anglian Water to try to clarify the situation.

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**OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM ITEM 3**

**Health and Safety Report**

Fence in Pocket Park fallen over also concrete water valve broken. Chairman will arrange for these to be tidied up. Village sign base, loose brick should be removed until they can be replaced with new ones. Allotments should be inspected for health and safety during the annual inspection.

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2005 (Annual General Meeting)

Signed ..... Date.....