

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 4TH MARCH 2008

Present: Councillors: Mrs Hall (Vice Chairman), Mrs Hunns, Cooke, Holt and Carroll
P C Coales and John Dubber

Apologies: Councillors Humphrey and Davall

148/08 Minutes of previous meeting held on 5th February 2008 were confirmed and signed.

149/08 Additional items for discussion – No

150/08 No Councillors had a personal or prejudicial interest in any of the items to be discussed

151/08 **POLICE LIAISON**

Problems reported: Damage on the Playingfield, problems with children in Churchill Road, heating oil has been disappearing from tank, diesel is being taken from cars. There have been a few attempted burglaries on sheds. People to be encouraged to report any incidents of vandalism.

152/08 **JOHN DUBBER NOMINATED OFFICER FOR FENLAND DC**

Parish Plan has been adopted by Strategic partnership. Two members of steering group gave a presentation. Fenland Council tax increase 3.9%. Progress with the Nene Development, Boat House Business Centre being completed will include a café, conference centre, yacht club, harbour office, exhibition centre. Copy of Fenland Eye to be distributed on 14th March. Youth Achievements Award evening held. John Dubber is leaving the Council in May, will possibly attend a further meeting. Vice Chairman thanked him for his attendance at meetings and his very useful input. People are concerned about what is to happen with the streetlight along High Road, where the new access is going through to the West End development. Will it just disappear or moved.

153/08 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Village Maintenance

Trees in Churchill Road still need to be removed.

154/08 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Fred Hardwick is looking into the encroachment at Honey Hill

(2) **Village Welcome Pack**

The Welcome Pack is now ready for printing, the idea is to have is printed as an A5 booklet, full colour for the cover and 2 colour inner pages, folded and stapled. To print 750 copies on gloss 130 gm paper will cost £360. If 80 gm paper is used it will cost £348. Agreed to proceed with the thicker paper.

(3) **Playing Field**

The information received from NALC reference to the Parish Council taking over as trustees of the Playing Field was circulated to all the Councillors. Councillors agreed that the Parish Council would be willing to take over as custodian trustees of the playing field if that is the wish of the Playing Field Committee subject to approval by the Charity Commission.

155/08 **CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

156/08 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning application received:

Application No F/YR08/0106/F – Erection of a 2 storey side extension to existing dwelling - Nightingale Lodge Wolf Lane

Planning Applications approved:

None

Planning Applications refused:

Application No F/YR08/0106/F – Erection of a 2 storey side extension to existing dwelling - Nightingale Lodge Wolf Lane

157/08 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Donations

It was agreed that donations be made to:

East Anglian Air Ambulance	£250.00
Fenland Citizens Advice Bureau	£200.00
Victim Support	£100.00
Fenland Community Transport	£100.00

Requests have been received from the Playing Field and St Pauls Church for help with maintenance.

Agreed to pay for the grass cutting of the playing field which cost £953.87 + VAT (£1,120.80) and £870 towards Church Yard maintenance.

Other account to be paid:

Design Site (Domain name registration)	£35.25
R Gagen (Clerk's salary 6 months)	£1,131.00
R Gagen (expenses 6 months)	£81.56
Gorefield Primary School (Hire of hall)	£188.00

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£81.78
Business Premium Account	£2,563.66
High Interest Account	£6,460.03
	<u>£9,105.47</u>

158/08

Reports from Councillors

Councillor Carroll would like to see an old people's play area erected on the playing field as recently advertised in the press. This to be discussed further at the next meeting.

Pot holes in High Side and Wolf Lane to be reported to Highways

Churchill Road sign damaged

Visibility splays at Mill Lane/Leverington Common junction need cutting back

Concerns about The Woodmans being closed. It appears that this will be remedied in the near future. It is hoped that the Luncheon Club will continue as before.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 1st April 2008 (Annual Assembly)

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