

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

**HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2009**

**Present:** Councillors: Humphrey (Chairman) Mrs Hall, Mrs Hunns, Holt, Cooke and Carroll  
P C Coales Mr & Mrs Harvey

**Apologies:** Councillor Davall

280/09 Minutes of previous meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2008 were confirmed and signed.

281/09 No extra items to be discussed

282/09 No Councillors had a personal or prejudicial interest to declare

283/09 **POLICE LIAISON**

Crimes reported: Trailer and vehicles stolen  
People to be reminded not to leave valuables in vehicles and keep locked  
Points raised from Panel Meeting – parking outside schools, concerns for vulnerable people. PC Coales will be visiting clubs etc. She is also trying to arrange a meeting with farmers early in April. People to be encouraged to report any incidents.  
Vehicles are still parking on the pavement outside Chiltern House in the pavement.

284/09 **NATALIE CULVER NOMINATED OFFICER FOR FENLAND DC**

Will attend the next meeting

285/09 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**Streetlight Chapel Lane**

Chairman agreed that Chapel Lane is very dark. Clerk to get a quotation for price of low level light bollards plus electricity supply.  
Streetlight out along High Road clerk to report  
Still waiting for replacements lights in Cattle Dyke

286/09 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Nothing to report from Highways.  
Chairman will try to contact Fred Hardwick

(2) **Play Equipment**

Two surveys have now been completed by Lisa Peel. Meeting held on the playing field with Phil Peacock from Acre. He will arrange for Jo Fitzpatrick from Acre to undertake further consultations and will then help with applying for grants.

(3) **Parish Plan**

Chairman has now got a copy of the volunteer list compiled from the Parish Plan. Those people interested in wild life and the environment to be invited to a meeting to be held in the Spring.

Documents received following a Strategic Partnership meeting state that 50% of the actions arising from Parish Plans can be facilitated by Parish Councils. These documents were passed on to Mrs Harvey.

Chairman has had a meeting with Brian Payne who is one of the organisers of “Village Voices” which will be distributed around the village on Wednesday by John and Marion Fisher. Volunteers are doing the outlying areas of the village. The Parish Council has been offered a page in the publication every quarter at a cost of £200. Everyone agreed that this was acceptable. Suggested dates were March, June, September and December.

The priority list from the Parish Plan needs updating and a strategy set out to facilitate any actions needed plus a time scale.

(4) **Playing Field**

Councillor Carroll attended their recent meeting where it was agreed that the Parish Council would be invited to take over as Custodial Trustees of the field.

At the meeting with Phil Peacock from Acre which the Chairman and Councillor Carroll attended this suggestion was discussed and the outcome was that their could a better way of safeguarding the future of the village. Representatives from the Playing Field Committee, the Parish Council and the Sports and Amenity Committee are invited to attend a meeting to be held in the pavilion on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm with Phil Peacock to discuss this.

The Sports and Amenity Centre committee have been discussing replacing the pavilion with a new building, which would have changing facilities and a social area. A grant of £50,000 from Fenland DC should still be available and the committee have raised £60,00 towards the project.

At the meeting to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> March discussions will be held as to the best way for this project to be managed either through an amalgamation of the two committees or possibly through the Parish Council.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

Copies of the CPALC newsletter were circulated to councillors

**Standards Committee Seminar**

To be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at Exchange Tower commencing 6 pm. Councillor Mrs Hall will try to attend. No other Councillors were available.

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

**PLANNING MATTERS**

**F/YR09/0070/0** – erection of a dwelling involving demolition of existing bungalow – Windy Nook Mill Lane Leverington Common – no objections

**F/YR09/0110/F** – erection of a 2 storey side extension for use as an elderly persons annexe to existing dwelling – 19 Cattle Dyke – concerned about the changes to the street scene and impact on the area.

**Planning applications approved**

**F/YR08/1102/F** – erection of 2 storey side extension to existing dwelling – Nightingale Lodge, Wolf Lane

**F/YR09/0005/F** – erection of a detached triple garage/garden store to existing dwelling – Parkfield Honeyhill Road

**FINANCIAL MATTERS****Donations**

It was proposed by Councillor Carroll and seconded by Councillor Mrs Hunns that the following donations be made:

Citizens Advice Bureau	£250.00
Air Ambulance	£250.00
Victim Support	£100.00
Fenland Association for Community Transport	£100.00
Shrievalty Trust	£100.00

**Clerk's Salary**

Clerk left the room whilst this was discussed

New rates of pay for clerk's has been issued by NALC back dated to April 2008

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Hall ad seconded by Councillor Carroll that clerk's salary be raised to Scale SCP 21 £9.814 per hour back dated to April 2008

**Accounts to be paid**

Clerk's expenses for 6 months	£81.84
Gorefield School hire of hall	£220.00
Clerk's salary 6 months + back dated pay	£1,420.64

**Balance of Accounts**

Current Account	£471.08
Business Premium Account	£3,746.58
High Interest Account	£6,068.95
	<u>£10,286.61</u>

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**Reports from Councillors**

Churchill Road sign still to be replaced

Clerk made a request for a lap top computer for use for council work. It was proposed by Councillor Carroll and seconded by Councillor Mrs Hunns that the clerk be allowed £500 to spend on lap top and software

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2009 (Annual Assembly)

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