

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

**HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2010**

**Present:** Councillors: Humphrey (Chairman), Mrs Hunns, Mrs Hall, Ridley Cooke and Carroll

Mr & Mrs Harvey, PC Coales

**Apologies:** Councillor Holt and Natalie Rowlands

21/10 Minutes of previous meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 were confirmed and signed.

22/10 No additional items for discussion

23/10 None of the Councillors had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

24/10 **POLICE LIAISON**

Crimes since last meeting: Shed burglary, damage to vehicle

Rural Crimes Issues Meeting to be held in Gorefield Village Hall Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 7 pm

Community Fair to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at Wisbech St Mary from 11am to 2 pm

John Timms interested in helping with Speed Watch.

25/10 **NATALIE ROWLANDS NOMINATED OFFICER FOR FENLAND DC**

Sent her apologies for this meeting

26/10 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Fred Hardwick to be asked to look at all the road in the village for pot holes.

Flooding outside the Woodmans – some work has been done and the situation was much improved following last lot of rain. Fred Harwick has promised to look at the water problem along High Road near West End.

(2) **Play Equipment**

The new equipment is now being erected. The new gate should be installed on Wednesday and the erection of the youth shelter should be started on Thursday. Bark has been removed from around the rocket, swings and roundabout. This is being replaced with earth and then covered with turf and safety surfacing. Timber has been ordered for repairing existing benches and for posts for the sign, which is in the process of being prepared. Chairman has received confirmation from Ashley List that the natural play area can be completed after 31<sup>st</sup> March, as at the moment the ground is unsuitable for heavy vehicles to be used. The acceptance inspection will be carried out on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010. The existing swings and benches need

rubbing down and repainted. There has been a complaint from a property owner close to the site who was concerned about overlooking and health and safety. The Chairman has consulted with the planning department at Fenland DC and there is no contravention of the planning laws. Phillip Peacock has been consulted over the health and safety issue and confirmed that there is no problem. A launch event is to be arranged and £200 will be given for this. Agreed to have this on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010 combined with a Car Boot sale. Ashley List to be consulted about who should be invited and what form it should take. Possibly could have a bar-b-q for the children. Details to be finalised at next meeting.

(3) **Parish Plan**

John Timms has now sorted out at the environmental volunteers. Chairman will organise a meeting with an officer from Fenland DC

(4) **Playing Field**

Transfer in hand with David Ball. Declaration of Trust with the National Playing Field Association has to encompass the whole field. The new play equipment has now been added to the Parish Council insurance policy. There is still a query about whether the Playing Field Committee still needs to have their own insurance. Clerk will clarify this with insurers.

(5) **Replacement Pavilion**

Chairman has met with a representative from a company that produces wooden buildings but the prices for these are about £1,000 per m<sup>2</sup> which is more than quoted for brick built construction. Peggs Construction have been asked to give a price on the latest plan. There was good news from Fenland DC last week as they are now to put £500,00 aside for rural communities so there may be an opportunity to get further funding from this.

(6) **Councillor Training**

Parson Drove PC have shown an interest in joining in with the training. Two Councillors wish to attend Session 1 and five Councillors wish to attend Session 3. They suggest Wednesday evenings in May, June and July. It was suggested that probably September, October and November would be more appropriate. The third Wednesday of each month would be most acceptable. Clerk to query price of the training because if its £350 per session the cost would be prohibitive if no other Councillors wish to participate.

(7) **Community Payback**

Further information received from Cambridgeshire Probation Service. Did not think there was anything that needed doing at the moment. The Village Hall Committee could be interested. Councillor Ridley will pass the information on to them. To be given a mention in Village Voices

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## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Copies of the CPALC Bulletin were circulated to all Councillors present.

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

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## **PLANNING MATTERS**

### **Planning Applications**

**F/YR10/0064/F** – erection of 2 bed detached house with associated parking – land west of Magnolia 2 Cattle Dyke – very concerned about the access to this site

**F/YR10/0068/RM** – erection of 3 bed detached house involving demolition of existing bungalow- Windy Nook Mill Lane Leverington Common – no objections.

**F/YR10/0092/F** – erection of single storey side/front, first floor side and part single/2 storey rear extension and conversion of garage to living accommodation to existing dwelling – Orchard House 24 Back Road – object to this application as not in keeping with exiting street scene.

### **Application withdrawn:**

**F/YR09/0821/F** – erection of single storey side extension to existing dwelling – Willow House Fendyke Lane

### **Enforcement Matters**

Tellimar Cattle Dyke registered with enforcement **ENF/001/10/UCU**

2 Newfield Cottages registered with enforcement **ENF/030/10/PEND**

Hassockhill Drove – enforcement officer has spoken to someone at the site and has advised him that a planning application for an agricultural dwelling on the site would not be supported but he has the right to apply.

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## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Letter received from St Paul's Church Council requesting a donation towards the upkeep of the Church yard. Agreed to donate £920 amount received from Concurrent Functions Grant.

Gorefield Playing Field have presented their grass cutting invoice which is £1,118.34 + VAT (received £1,030 through Concurrent Functions) agreed to pay on their behalf.

Letter received from Gorefield Bowls Club requesting a donation to help with repairs to their building following vandalism. Agreed to make a donation of £100.

Further information received from The Cambridgeshire Regiment Association. They have been asked to find £5,000 towards the £40,000 which is required for the memorial and have to date £4,067. Agreed to make a donation of £100.

Agreed to make a donation of £250 to both the Air Ambulance and Citizens Advice Bureau.

Agreed to make a donation of £100 to Fenland Association of Community Transport and Victim Support.

**Accounts to be paid:**

Fenland Leisure Products (20% deposit for play equipment)	£7,046.79
R Gagen (clerk's salary 6 months)	£1,275.82
R Gagen (clerk's expenses 6 months)	£83.20
Gorefield Primary School (hire of hall)	£300.00
St Paul's Church (Church Yard maintenance)	£920.00
Cambs CC (Playing Field grass cutting)	£1,286.09
Gorefield Bowls Club	£100.00
Air Ambulance	£250.00
Citizens Advice	£250.00
Victim Support	£100.00
Fenland Assoc Community Trans	£100.00
English Bros (repairs to seats)	£61.81
Living Willow (natural play element)	£575.75

A cheque will be required for insurance for play equipment when information received from our insurers

**Balance of Accounts**

Current Account	£721.07
Business Premium Account	£4,148.31
High Interest Account	<u>£64,012.81</u>
	<u>£68,882.19</u>

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**Reports from Councillors**

A request has been made for bus stop signs to be erected in the village along with hard standing areas. Clerk to make enquiries as to who is responsible for providing these.

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2010 (Annual Assembly)

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