

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

**HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2012**

**Present:** Councillors Humphrey, Carroll, Holt, Mrs Humphrey, Mrs Hunns, Ridley and Mrs Hall

PCSO Bogunovic and three members of the public

**Apologies:** None

143/12 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public wished to point out the fact that there is a lack of visual policing in the Harold Bridge/Harolds Bank area of the village. Quad bikes are being ridden on the bridal path. PCSO Bogunovic passed over his contact details and asked to be informed when the bikes are sighted. Another item of interest were the wind turbines planned for Tydd Fen, which as far as the chairman knew have not as yet come up at a planning meeting but he would confirm this.

144/12 Minutes of previous meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012 were confirmed and signed

145/12 None

146/12 Councillors Humphrey, Holt, Ridley, Carroll and Mrs Humphrey 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 for 5 years and will be able to speak and vote on any items concerning the playing field

147/12 **POLICE LIAISON**

There has been no reported crimes since the last meeting. The only incidents were a pile of rubbish set alight in Cattle Dyke and vehicle nuisance in the car park of the playing field at 9.30 pm in the evening.

All youth issues have now been dealt with.

148/12 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Minute 137/12 spelling mistake – should properly not property

**Oxfield Drive**

No response to date from either Kier Homes or Graham Nourse.

149/12 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

**(1) Highway Matters**

Nothing to report

## (2) **Play Equipment**

Yearly inspection by ROSPA to be organised for April. Work on the roundabout is to be carried out by the Playing Field Committee. Repairs have been carried on the multiplay. Inside of tower filled in with board so that the outside boards can not be kicked out. All repairs to play equipment to be shown as a separate item in the Parish accounts.

Quotes have been received for the cutting of the playing field and the other areas in the village. Agriscape do not wish to quote for the work this year. T A Blackamore, who is already doing work at Leverington and Wisbech St Mary has quoted £44.72 per cut as apposed to £64.95 per cut by Groomfields. T A Blackamore has also quoted to do all the work undertaken by Agriscape for £30 per cut. Councillor Ridley proposed and Councillor Holt seconded the proposition that T A Blackamore be given the contract for all the playing field and village grass cutting. Everyone agreed.

## (3) **New Pavilion**

There was nothing further to report at this meeting other than the Living Sport application is to be in by 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012.

## (4) **Parish Plan**

Nothing to report

## (5) **Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

The grant of £1,000 has been received from the Fenland DC with the proviso that if for any reason the celebration do not take place the money should be returned. Grants to the Village Hall Committee, the Gorefield School and the Luncheon Club should be paid on the same proviso and they should also be asked to give some feed back to the Parish Council following the events.

## 150/12 **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Neighbourhood Forums**

E-mail received from Robin Sissons, Fenland Inspector at Wisbech Police Station. In it he gives his initial thoughts on an alteration to the way Neighbourhood Forums are held. The proposal is that a Forum meeting is held one hour before a Parish Council Meeting for members of the public to pop in. Gorefield would be linked with Whittlesey Town Council and the north rural group – Wisbech St Mary, Leverington, Parson Drove, Tydd St Giles and Newton. Wished to make the following comments:- Changes are needed, query over the grouping and frequency of the meetings.

### **Garden Allotment at Churchill Road**

Letter received from tenant of No 10 giving notice to resign his tenancy due to ill health. It was agreed to accept his notice and waive the 12 months notice period. Chairman will put a piece in Village Voices advertising an allotment to let.

### **Visit to the House of Commons**

Chairman confirmed numbers for the visit and advised that would have to meet at the House of Commons at 5.30 pm

## Village Voices

Parish Council page in April addition. Chairman will put in a piece about the Precept and reasons for the increase.

### 151/12 PLANNING MATTERS

#### **Planning applications received:**

Councillor Ridley declared an interest in the following item and took no part in the decision making process as he is an adjacent property owner

**F/YR12/0112/F** – Change of Use of workshop to 3 bed dwelling to include re-facing of building in brick – Workshop Gote Lane - Parish Council supports this application as it will improve and tidy up a site in the middle of the village and opposite the church.

**F/YR12/0030/F** - Conversion of garage to living accommodation - Oakwood Mill Lane Leverington Common

**F/YR11/0992/CERTLU** - Siting of a mobile home in conjunction with existing agricultural use - Harlequins Mill Lane Leverington Common

**F/YR11/0727/F** - removal of condition 2 of planning permission F/YR10/0850/F in relation to associated business - Mill Lane Pet Centre Tyrell Mill Lane Leverington Common.

### 152/12 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Donations to be made to local good causes enabled under Section 137 of the Local Government Act. Information received from organisations asking for grants has been circulated to Councillors. Proposed by Councillor Carroll and seconded by Councillor Mrs Huns and agreed by all that the following grants be made:

Citizens Advice Bureau	£250.00
Air Ambulance	£250.00
Victim Support	£100.00
Fenland Assoc for Community Transport	£100.00
Fenland Rural Road Safety Action Network	£100.00
Cambs Police Shrievalty Trust	£100.00

#### **Other cheques to be paid**

St Paul's Church (church yard maintenance)	£920.00
Clerk's salary (6 months)	£1,240.59
HMRC (clerk's tax)	£310.20
Clerk's expenses (6 months)	£82.80
Gorefield School (hire of premises 12 meetings)	£300.00

#### **Grants for Diamond Jubilee Celebrations**

Gorefield School	£350.00
Gorefield Village Hall	£350.00
Luncheon Club	£250.00

**Balance of Accounts**

Current account	£5,873.73
Business Premium account	£5,153.43
High Interest account	<u>£72,537.66</u>
	<u>£83,564.82</u>

153/12     **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Report from Councillor Mrs Hall on Health and Safety inspection for village items:  
Village sign needs rubbing down and painting (will be done during the summer)  
Brick base needs attention to the coping stones  
Flower bed needs weeding and replanting  
Seat requires cleaning  
Some road signs need replacing due to rust and damage (High Road/Cattle Dyke/Richmond Green)

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2012 Annual Assembly

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