

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 5TH MARCH 2013

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

Four members of the public

Apologies: PCSO Dave Russ

277/13 **Public Participation**

Two residents wished to bring to the attention of the Council the bad state of repair of Black. A Cambs CC Highways engineer is shortly to visit the village and meet with one of the Councillors and he will be taken to Black Lane

278/13 Minutes of previous meeting held on 7th February 2013 were confirmed and signed

279/13 No additional item for consideration

280/13 Councillors Humphrey, Holt, Ridley, Mrs Humphrey and Carroll 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.

281/13 **Parish Plan (Community Led Planning)**

Mike Barnes from Cambs Acres attended to meeting to speak about refreshing the Gorefield Parish Plan which was completed in 2007. The existing plan can be refreshed but as there has been a 10% increase in new homes in the village then a new plan is really required. The best way forward would be members of the public to be encouraged to form a steering committee. There are small amounts of funding available for this from Fenland DC and the Lottery. Mr Barnes will leave a copy the tool kit for Community Planning. To hold an open meeting where Mr Barnes and members of other Parish Councils could speak and explain the process. To be arranged for end April. To be advertised in Village Voices, flyers, posters and an article in the local press.

282/13 **POLICE LIAISON**

PCSO Dave Russ was unable to attend the meeting but had sent the following information:-

Crimes since last meeting:

Black Lane - Burglary - tack and power tools stolen

Incidents:

Back Road - rowdy nuisance

Back Road - vehicle nuisance
Churchill Road - noise complaint

Speedwatch - 15th February - vehicles monitored 44 exceeding speed limit 5
- 1st March - vehicles monitored 30 exceeding speed limit 2

New Horison Outreach Vehicle will shortly be in operation.

283/13 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Shed adjacent to Churchill Road Allotments

Justin Winfield has made enquiries about the garage and it appears that it does not have a registered tenant so he will arrange for it to be removed within the next 3 weeks.

284/13 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Neil Band Cambs CC Highways has agreed to visit the village and meet with a Councillor so he can be shown any problems needing attention. Councillor Ridley will organise a meeting with him and shown him - Churchill Road, Black Lane, Wolf Lane and hedges and trees in Mill Lane

(2) **Playing Field/Play Equipment**

Several e-mails have gone backwards and forwards to Fenland Leisure re the tea cup. The latest one states that instructions for the regular maintenance of the unit was not passed on to the Council when the tea cup was installed. Regular greasing of the nipples should be carried out. Chairman will do this. Having inspected the unit Fenland Leisure do not think that there is any great threat of crushing feet or toe at the moment as the movement is only 10mm. If the movement increases and the bearing fails then they will replace the bearing free of charge

(3) **New Pavilion**

Project Group met at the new pavilion on 1st March. There are no issues to report. The electrician and painters working at the moment. Confirmation has been received from Wren that the Parish Council has been awarded a grant of £40,079 for outfitting the new pavilion.

(4) **Parish Plan**

Following on from information given by Mike Barnes it was agreed that the date for an open meeting should be Tuesday 16th April at 7 pm. Mike Barnes to be informed and asked for suggestions for posters, flyers etc.

(5) **Churchill Road**

Letter received from resident concerned about the state of the road. Councillor Ridley will take Neil Band there when he visits the village. Dave Willis from Roddons has already visited and found that seven properties are driving over the verges. He has written to all of them asking them to stop and recommending that they arrange for a driveway to be installed. He is doing a site inspection at Churchill Road on 19th March at 2pm when members of the Council and residents can join him.

285/13 **CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence will be circulated to Councillors

286/13 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning application received:-

F/YR13/0122/F - erection of conservatory to the front elevation - 1 Mill Lane Leverington Common - no objections.

287/13 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Donations to Worthy Causes

It was agreed to make grants of £250 to Citizens Advice Bureau and Air Ambulance and grants of £100 to Victim Support, FACT, Shrievalty Trust and Magpas

Concurrent Functions

Parish Council received £920 for Church Yard maintenance and £1,030 towards playing field grass cutting. Agreed to pay £920 to the Church. An invoice for £1,284.96 + VAT has been received from TA Blackamore for the playing field cutting and the extra village cutting. Agreed to pay this and also confirm acceptance of his quote for this season which will be the same as last year. Confirmation has been received from Fenland DC that Concurrent Functions Grant will be same this year but there could be changes made in 2014/15.

Cheques to be paid:

R Gagen (clerks salary 6 months)	£1549.60
HMRC (clerk's tax)	£1.20
R Gagen (clerk's expenses)	£85.20
Peggs Construction (5th valuation)	£36,000.00
T A Blackamore (village grass cutting)	£1,541.95
St Paul's Church (church yard maintenance)	£920.00
Citizens Advice (donation)	£250.00
Air Ambulance (donation)	£250.00
Victim Support (donation)	£100.00
FACT (donation)	£100.00
Shrievalty Trust	£100.00
Magpas	£100.00

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£3,448.78	
Business Premium account	£5,156.64	
High Interest account	<u>£800.86</u>	<u>£9,406.28</u>

REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Grass verges are getting very badly churned at the moment but nothing can be done whilst the weather is so bad.

Request from a resident for a dog bin at the top of Black Dyke which is actually in Newton Parish. Agreed that one could be provided at the entrance to the green lane off Gote Lane. Clerk to contact Fenland DC.

Chairman is concerned about the content of the web site not being up to date. Will speak to John Timms about other people having administration rights on the site.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 2nd April 2013 Annual Assembly

Signed Date