

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 25TH MAY 2004

Present: Councillors Humphrey, Davall, Holt, Carroll, Cooke, Mrs Hall and Mrs Atkins. P C Coales, Gary Garford

572/04 Minutes of previous meeting held on 20th April 2004 were confirmed and signed.

573/04 No additional items for consideration

574/04 No members had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

575/04 **POLICE LIAISON**

Crimes since last meeting:

- common assault
- domestic violence
- shed burglary
- theft of motor vehicle
- theft from motor vehicle
- trailer taken but recovered
- theft of lawn mower

Wisbech is at present going through a spate of vehicle crimes, theft of, from and damage to.

576/04 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Litter bins

Gave two positions, corner of West End and along front of School playing field, both post mounted.

Drain gullies

Have been emptied this week.

577/04 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Fred Hardwick has been on leave and has not been able to answer queries.

(2) **Village of the Year**

Submission completed by Councillor Mrs Atkins and sent in. Thank go to Councillor Mrs Atkins for her efforts.

(3) **Footway on Cattle Dyke**

Mike Davies Divisional Traffic Engineer has agreed to Tarmac the access left gravelled.

(4) **Back Road Numbering**

E-mail received from Fenland DC Building Control stating that street numbering being taken over by ICT Department so not able to give a date for numbering. Gary Garford Liaison Officer agreed to look into this matter.

(5) **Nominated Officer**

Chairman introduced Gary Garford Head of Technical and Marine Services for Fenland DC who has been nominated to act as a liaison between Fenland DC and the Parish Council.

Mr Garford explained some of the new initiatives the council are implementing:

One Stop Shop – each town to have premises in the centre for people to pay rates, rents or find out information.

Street Ahead – involved with street cleansing, fly tipping etc

Open for Business – encouraging new business and developments to the area.

It was agreed that Mr Garford should attend the next two meetings and be given an early Agenda position.

Councillors brought up the following matters for consideration:

Brown bins, when will Gorefield residents get them. Fenland has just received more funding so more can be distributed, will try to find out an exact date. Every household should eventually have three bins, recyclables, green and normal waste, being emptied alternate weeks.

Footpath High Road – this comes under Cambs CC but will see there is anything that can be done. This also applies to road surface along High Road and flooding problems in West End.

Risk assessment for Heath and Safety – If Mr Garford is given a list of all assets owned by the Parish Council then he will find out how they should be managed. This item to be added to next Agenda.

(6) **Allens Drove Bridge**

The headwalls have failed a strength assessment, so it is proposed to extend the culvert thus extending the width so new railing should not get hit by vehicles.

578/04 **CORRESPONDENCE**

(1) **Gorefield Village Hall**

Very grateful for the pledge of £1,500 towards their building work. Have now accepted a quote from L & D Builders and should start being in the near future

(2) **Licensing Reforms**

Hegarty & Co Solicitors are hoping to arrange a seminar to explain changes to the licensing system.

(3) **Wisbech Community Drug Project**

Invitation to attend the launch of this project on 5th July at Queen Mary Centre
Councillor Mrs Hall to attend

(4) **CALC evening for Chairman**

3rd September at St Ives. Chairman will attend confirmation to be made at a later meeting.

(5) **All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors**

579/04 **PLANNING MATTERS**

CALC Panning Course

Councillors Mrs Hall and Mrs Atkins attended. All planning applications should be discussed in a public place by the full council. One weeks notice of the meeting should be given plus details of applications to be discussed. It will not be possible to leave all applications to the normal meeting as only 21 days to make a response. Agreed to hold a special planning meeting on the 3rd Tuesday between meetings only if there are plans to discuss. Notice to be sent out either calling the meeting on cancelling it. A development of 10 dwellings or more should make contributions towards facilities for the village through a 106 Agreement. Very helpful if the village has a parish plan. Declaration of interests – if councillor related to the applicant should leave the room. If applicant known to the councillor can give information but must not vote.

Applications brought to the meeting:

Chairman declared an interest in this application and took no part in the decision process.

D Humphrey, Lonsdale Farm Allens Drove – Certificate of Lawful Use: Occupation of dwelling with out complying with condition relating to Agricultural Occupancy attached to planning permission F/0963/89/0 dated 17th April 1990 – the Parish Council is unable to confirm whether the business has operated from this site over the last 10 years

Rev L Warren, land south of Congregational Church High Road – erection of a dwelling – Should be restricted to two storeys only and in keeping with the adjacent Chapel

S Fisher, 24 High Road – erection of a conservatory – no objections

Mr & Mrs M Alden land south of Kelva Gates End Bridge High Side Parson Drove – erection of a dwelling – outside DAB and does not comply with Council policy for infill

D M Pooley, land north of Newfields Allens Drove – continued siting of 2 bed mobile home – rejected planning permission previously and as were no privy to special circumstances see no reason for the continued uses of mobile home.

Applications approved:

N Carter 3 Glebe Close – works to 1 maple tree covered by TPO

Mr Wright Honey Hill Farm Honey Hill Road – erection of a steel framed building for use as storage

Mr & Mrs D Gagen Edgefield 32 Cattle Dyke – erection of single storey rear extension

D Humphrey & Son Beechwood Cattle Dyke – erection of an agricultural building

Application refused:

Mr & Mrs H Rosenthal Grange Farm Lodge Leverington Common – erection of 2 storey side extension to existing dwelling

Appeal lodged:

Exor of J Mader (Dec's) land east of Edelweiss Back Road – observations made when application lodged – concern over size of plot and its proximity with the road junction

Planning issues:

Enforcement officer and Arboriculture officer have met with the developer at Glebe Close and agreed that the soil should be removed from the trees. Plot adjacent to Chiltern house will be discussed with Arboriculture officer and action taken if required.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

Each Councillor received a copy of the receipts and payments for 2002-03 and 2003-04 with the minutes. Approved the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2004 and were able to answer all questions on the audit form in the affirmative. Chairman and Clerk signed the form on behalf of the Council.

Clerk authorised to issue the following cheques:

Office Key (printer cartridge)	£12.61
Ringway Highway Services (streetlight)	£376.34
Allianz Cornhill (insurance)	£528.83
Cambs CC (contribution towards footway)	£530.40

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£21.45
Business Premium Account	£5,667.55
High Interest Account	£7,093.10
	<u>£12,782.18</u>

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REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Trees outside Chapel need cutting back

Date of next meetings: 6th July 2004 (Allotment inspection)

Parish Surgery: Saturday 3rd July 2004 10 am to 11 am
Councillors Mrs Hall, Cooke and Davall

Signed Date.....