

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

### **HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2009**

**Present:** Councillors: Humphrey (Chairman) Mrs Hunns, Holt, Cooke, Carroll and Mrs Hall  
P C Coales, Mr & Mrs Harvey and Mr S Tierney prospective Tory candidate for Cambs CC

**Apologies:** Councillor Davall

Chairman wishes to thank Phillip Peacock and Rex Mallett for attending the meeting held recently. Clerk to send letter of thanks. .

300/09 Minutes of previous meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2009 were confirmed and signed.

301/09 No extra items to be discussed

302/09 Chairman and Councillor Carroll declared an interest in item 6 (Playing Field) to be discussed later in the meeting. Councillor Holt declared a personal interest for a planning application.

#### 303/09 **POLICE LIAISON**

Crimes reported: Criminal damage and burglary

Shed burglaries, theft of garden ornaments, scrap and lead continue to be a problem. A member of the public saw something happening at Murrow School recently but failed to report it. PC Coales will be putting an article in Village Voices to try to encourage people to report any incidents.

The next panel meeting will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 at Elm. Councillors wished to know if Neighbourhood Watch was useful and if so were local schemes working. PC Coales explained that some schemes were working well but there were not enough of them.

#### 304/09 **NATALIE ROWLANDS NOMINATED OFFICER FOR FENLAND DC**

Will be attending the next meeting

#### 305/09 **MATETRS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

##### **Village of the Year**

Chairman had only one response to the article in the Village Voices

#### 306/09 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

##### **(1) Highway Matters**

Letter received from Cambs CC Area maintenance engineer advising of the carriageway surface dressing programme which will cover Allens Drove and Popple Drove

(2) **Parish Plan**

Chairman now has a list of names and addresses of the volunteers collected from the Parish Plan questionnaires. Clerk will write to them all first to make sure they are still interested in helping before Chairman arranges a meeting.

Councillor Holt will look at the action plan with a view to updating it.

Two problems highlighted in the Parish Plan – parking outside the school and speeding continue to be a problem

(3) **Play Equipment**

There were ten things than needed to be done before funding can be applied for. Most of these have now been completed. The grants of £50K are available for 8 to 13 year olds. Under 8's will have to be funded elsewhere. Application form will have to be in by August, result by September and money spent by March 2010. Chairman and Councillor Carroll will be attending a meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May where they will receive the application form. Survey to be carried out at Gorefield Show, results to be reported by end June/July.

(4) **Streetlight**

Clerk has not been able to find out anywhere where solar light bollards have been installed. Will continue to look at other possibilities

(5) **Cambs Acre Membership**

The cost of joining Cambs Acre and the Cambs Playing Field Association is £35.00 per annum. Proposed by Councillor Holt and seconded by Councillor Carroll that the Parish Council join both organisations. Agreed by all.

(6) **Playing Field Replacement Building**

Chairman and Councillor Carroll both left the meeting and took no part in this item.

All the Councillors had attending the meeting held in the pavilion with the representative from Acre where the role and the responsibilities of Councillors with regard to putting a replacement pavilion on the Playing Field were discussed.

Councillor Holt proposed that having agreed to support the project in principal (Minute 296/09 (7) and having now received further information as requested, this Council now agrees to provide full support as allowed under the powers and duties of the Council, subject to any statutory provisions that apply. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Cooke and agreed by all present.

307/09 **CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

**PLANNING MATTERS**

**F/YR09/0224/F** – erection of 2 x 4 bed detached houses with attached single garages – land south west of Magnolia 2 Cattle Dyke – comments were made about the access following previous meeting

**F/YR09/0267/F** – erection of a dwelling - adjacent to No 17 Churchill Road – Parish Council object to this application because of lack of vehicle parking left with No 17, affects the existing street scene and is out of keeping with the character of the area.

Councillor Holt left the meeting and took no part in any decision made for the following item

**F/YR09/0279/F** – erection of a detached garage to existing dwelling – Fablow 48 Back Road – no objections.

**Application Approved**

**F/YR09/0110/F** – erection of a 2 storey side extension for use as an elderly persons annexe – 19 Cattle Dyke

**Application Refused**

**F/YR09/0139/O** – erection of a dwelling in connection with applicants adjacent business - land south of R T Motors Hassockhill Drove

**Application Withdrawn**

**F/YR09/0151/F** – erection of a 3/4 bed agricultural dwelling at land south of Little Acre Farm Fendyke Lane

**FINANCIAL MATTERS****Account to be paid:**

Allianz Cornhill Insurance	£758.59
Cambs Acre	£35.00

**Balance of Accounts**

Current Account	£541.68
Business Premium Account	£7,654.04
High Interest Account	£5,087.81
	<u>£13,283.53</u>

**Approval of Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Hunns and seconded by Councillor Cooke that the accounts as presented be accepted. All agreed.

Councillors were able to answer all the questions on the Annual Governance statements in the affirmative.

Chairman and clerk signed the annual return on behalf of the Council

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**Reports from Councillors**

Hedges need cutting back both end of Mill Lane and Leverington Common end of Popple Drove.

Pot holes in Wolf Lane

Pocket Park dog fouling to be reported to Dog Warden.

Stephen Brown to be asked to spray the Pocket Park for weeds

Cattle Dyke/High Road dropped gulley to be reported

30 mph sign still missing from entrance to village

High Side drain 2 mattresses have been dumped. To be reported to North Level IDB

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2009

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