

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2004

Present: Councillors Humphrey, Davall, Holt, Carroll, Cooke, Mrs Hall and Mrs Atkins

PC Coales, Councillor P Hatton, D Horn, Fenland DC Housing Policy and Enabling Manager and Annie Appleby

Apologies: Gary Garford

634/04 Minutes of previous meetings held on 28th September and 19th October 2004 were confirmed and signed.

635/04 There were no additional items for consideration

636/04 No members had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

637/04 **POLICE LIAISON**

Only one crime since the last meeting; garage burglary. Has received no further complaints about the stock cars in Churchill Road. People using the off roads bikes in the village have been stopped and asked to produce their documents. These are all in order. Have been asked to use a different route through the village. Small bikes seen in the village, these have to have the same documents as any other motorbike. Councillor Davall has asked if the speed camera can be sent to the village. Councillor Mrs Hall mentioned the article in the Newsletter about a member of staff being attacked. PC Coales did not think this incident had been reported to the police. She said that everyone should be careful when walking out alone in the dark.

638/04 **DAN HORN HOUSING POLICY AND ENABLING MANAGER**

Mr Horn explained how it is a requirement from government to ensure that all social housing meets the appropriate standard by 2010. Options Fenland is to consider the long term ownership of Council housing. An executive group consisting of 6 council tenants, 4 councillors, members of staff and a Strategic Partnership representative will consider the following options:- to stay with Fenland DC, stay with Fenland DC but be managed by a management organisation, long term voluntary transfer to a housing association or a combination of all three. By end February 2005 recommendations should be presented to all stakeholders. Further information can be got by phoning 01354 622470.

639/04 **GARY GARFORD PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON OFFICER**

Unable to attend meeting

MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**Water Pressure in Gote Lane**

Letter received from Anglian Water Services Ltd Customer Services. They point out that the new sewage pumping station works has no detrimental effect on the water pressure. Tests have been carried out in the area and there appears to be no problem with the water pressure. Asked to be informed which property has reported a problem. Having gained the permission of the resident clerk has written back with the information.

MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**(1) Streetlights**

Quotation received from EDF Energy for three streetlights: Outside St Paul's Church £424.00, (query this one as want the light opposite side of the road to the church) Outside No 23 Churchill Road £424.00 and outside Diamond Villas High Road £400.00 + £774.00 for trenching. Agreed to erect the first two lights once confirmation received for the one opposite the church.

(2) Christmas Tree Project

In response to a letter sent to the PCC Mr W Peggs has discussed the matter with the Chairman, it has been agreed that the Christmas tree will not go in the church yard. Other suggestions are Pocket Park, Playing Field and School grounds. Possibly one can be obtained in a large container then moved again at a later date.

(3) Cattle Dyke Allotment

Colin Pooley has offered to take on the allotment for this year rent free. This was agreed due to the poor condition that it is in and also it is not know whether it has been registered for IACS payments. Chairman to speak to Mr Pooley.

(4) Highway Matters

The owners of Chiltern House, High Road have been written to asking them to cut back the hedge row. Blocked gullies outside The Woodmans have been cleaned and the lateral jetted out. Off lets within Churchill Oad will be jetted. The owners of 12 St Pauls Close have been asked to cut back their conifers. Costs for the reinstating of the High Road are to be put before the engineer. High Road/Allens Drove junction name plate has been ordered.

(5) Litter Bins

All the village litter bins are emptied by the Rapid Response team and they advise if any are damaged and if necessary they will be replaced.

(6) Parish Plan

Karen Wicklen from Acre will attend the next meeting to give a further insight in to the procedure for compiling a plan.

(7) **VE and VJ Days 2005**

Councillor Mrs Hall would very much like to honour those people in the village who were involved in the war in any way. Possibly organise a lunch. The village school children will be doing a project on the 2nd World War next year and Councillor Mrs Hall will be happy to try to do some taped interviews with them. Parish Council will be happy to give a donation towards any celebrations organised.

(8) **Filing of drain at the Playing Field**

The Chairman has been negotiating with the North Level IDB with a view to filling in the drain. This could be financed through a 50% grant from the Rural Renaissance Fund, plus donations from the Playing Field, The Amenity Centre Committee and the Parish Council. Have not as yet got a final costing.

642/04 **CORRESPONDENCE**

(1) **Police Community Support Officers**

Letter received from Brian Partridge Fenland DC Strategic Director asking of the Parish Council wish to put any funding into a bid to get 9 additional PCSO's to cover Fenland. Clerk to write for further information.

(2) **CALC Training**

Not interested in any of the courses at this time

(3) **Town and Parish Council Liaison**

A meeting has been arranged for 6th January 2005 at the Oliver Cromwell Hotel March starting at 6 pm. Two representatives invited to attend. Chairman and Councillors Holt and Mrs Hall are all willing to attend. To be confirmed at the next meeting.

(4) **Questionnaire from East Cambs and Fenland NHS**

Asking for information about community facilities. Playing Field and Village Hall Committees to be asked to complete.

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

643/04 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning applications

Application No F/YR04/4107/RM – erection of a 3 bed detached house with detached garage – land south of Congregational Church High Road – Condition of outline permission a single storey development only is appropriate here.

Application No F/YR04/4079/F – Change of use of barn and erection of single storey extension to side to form 3 bed dwelling – no objections.

Applications approved:

Application No F/YR04/3936/F – Variation of Condition 02 to allow kennelling of greyhounds for racing purposes – The Cottage Green Lane Fitton End Road

Application No F/YR04/3914/F – siting of storage container for building materials – The Gote Inn 106 High Road

Applications refused:

Application No F/YR04/3931/0 – erection of a bungalow land west of Primrose Cottage West End

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

Model contract of employment to be sent around to all councillors for their comments. Clerk to check whether covered by the council's insurance.

Concurrent Function Gant

To be completed and returned. An increase of 2½% to be added to this years figure. An allowance of £700 is available for street lighting

Precept 2005-6

To be set at the next meeting

Clerk authorised to issue the following cheques:

Whiting & Partners (internal audit)	£146.87
North Level IDB (drainage rates)	259.85
Design Site (Setting up of Web site)	£587.50

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£774.28
Business Premium Account	£7,173.01
High Interest Account	£7,124.18
	<u>£15,071.47</u>

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REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Mrs Hall has made a health and safety check. Notice board is fine, the wooden Village of The Year sign could do with a coat of Sadolin, the seat at Richmond Green needs some repairs, base of Village Sign needs looking at. Chairman to ask Steve Mann to look at all these matters. Seat in Pocket Park is perfect.

Parish Surgery: Saturday 18th December 2004 10 am to 11 am Chairman,
Councillors Davall, Mrs Hall and Mrs Atkins to attend

Date of next meeting: 21st December 2004 (Donations)

Planning Meeting to be arranged if required.

Signed Date.....