

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2006

Present: Councillors Humphrey (Chairman) Mrs Hall, Davall, Holt, Carroll, and Mrs Hunns

PC Coales

Apologies: Councillor Cooke

883/06 Minutes of previous meeting held on 3rd October 2006 were confirmed and signed.

884/06 Additional item for consideration – Report from CALC

885/06 Councillor Mrs Hunns has a personal interest in planning application No F/YR06/1122/O and will take no part in the decision process.

886/06 **POLICE LIAISON**

Crimes since last meeting:

Criminal damage to greenhouse
Criminal damage to motor vehicles
Criminal damage to dwelling
One theft
An incident of wounding with intent

Quantities of copper pipe and lead are being stolen locally.
Rural areas now have a community support officer but unfortunately at the moment she is off sick.
Following the Neighbourhood Policing Panel meeting speed checks are to be carried out plus antisocial behaviour checks.
PC Coales not able to attend the next meeting.

887/06 **JOHN DUBBER PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON OFFICER**

Will attend the next meeting.

888/06 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Streetlights

The new column opposite Richmond Green is still not lit but according to the Street Lighting Dept it should be lit by the end of this week.

Streetlight FPC3 in Gote Lane is out.

Positions for a new Streetlight should now be considered. One at the top of Churchill Road will be looked at.

MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**(1) Highway Matters**

Clerk and Chairman have had some contact with Fred Hardwick, but as yet no more progress has been made.

Councillor Carroll attended a Liaison Meeting where he was told to contact Mark Kemp Director of Highways and Access. He received an e-mail from him in which he stated that the new contractors Cambridgeshire Highways took over existing operatives from Ringway Services but before any work can be undertaken these people have to undertake safety training.

Clerk to e-mail Mark Kemp, Peter Vale and Fred Hardwick asking for a progress report on the implementation of the new speed limit.

A letter has been received from Peter Vale explaining that there are no funds available this financial year from the Traffic Management Discretionary Budget, therefore no further works will be undertaken only those which have already been agreed.

Fred Hardwick has supervised the cleaning out of the drains at The Woodmans but there is a problem with the outfall and this could have been caused by Barhales when the sewer was completed.

Questionnaire on Highway Services to be completed. Councillor Mrs Huns agreed to do this on behalf of the Council.

(2) Drain at rear of Churchill Road

Clerk has been in contact with Stockland Estates who it appears are still the owners of this stretch of drain. They are to liase with Twiggden Homes to get the drain cleared.

(3) Parish Plan

Chairman has some information from John Timms. All the information is now entered on the data base. 285 forms were returned. One issue brought up was speeding through the village. 77% wish to see an Amenity Centre built in the village.

(4) Village Welcome Pack

This matter will follow on after the Parish Plan completed

CORRESPONDENCE**(1) FDC Formal Consultation Documentation on the transfer of Council Houses to Roddons Housing Association.**

Each Councillor was given a copy

(2) **Standards Committee**

Case summary referred to the Adjudication Panel. Each Councillor was given a copy.

(3) **CALC Bulletin September/October 2006**

Given to each Councillor

(4) **Quality Council Status**

Invitation from CALC for clerk and a councillor to attend a meeting. It was agreed that it would be more beneficial to invite Ian Deward the Parish and Town Council Support Officer to attend a Parish Council meeting.

(1) **Countryside Alliance**

Parish Councils are being asked to support the keeping open of Post Offices in rural areas. Clerk to write to the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Employment Relations and Postal Services on half of the Council.

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

891/06 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Clerk authorised to issue the following cheque:

Office Key (printer cartridge)	£30.45
Design Site (web site hosting)	£47.00
Councillor Carroll (Travel expenses)	£30.40

All allotment rents have been paid

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£1,178.63
Business Premium Account	£5,401.74
High Interest Account	£6,267.89
	<u>£12,848.26</u>

892/06 **Reports from Councillors**

Councillor Carroll attended the CALC AGM where a decision was made to change their constitution.

Key points of a new white paper which is to be adopted next spring were discussed.

Rapid Response Team to be notified of several cases of fly tipping along Highside.

Rocks have put along the side of the highway opposite the Post Office

PLANNING MATTERS

Planning applications received:

Application No F/YR06/1211/O – Erection of a 3 bed house with integral garage – land north of Fran Healy The Barracks – Lack of amenity space for adjoining property – not in keeping with the surrounding area

Councillor Mrs Hunns left the meeting and took no part in the decision making process for the following item

Application No F/YR06/1122/0 – erection of a bungalow with garage involving demolition of existing workshop – land south of Catfield Back Road - Out of keeping and detrimental to the surrounding area – lack of amenity space for the adjoining property.

Applications Approved:

Application No F/YR06/1069 – Siting of storage container for building materials (renewal of planning permission) – The Gote Inn 106 High Road

Next Meeting – Tuesday 5th December 2006

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