

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2007

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

P C Coales and Nigel Brown

Apologies: Councillor Cooke

102/07 Minutes of previous meeting held on 2nd October 2007 were confirmed and signed.

103/07 Additional item for consideration: Problem reported with drain adjacent to the Highfield site.

104/07 No Councillors had a personal or prejudicial interest in any of the items to be discussed.

105/07 **POLICE LIAISON**

The number of crimes reported have begun to rise. Incidents of vehicles being taken and theft from vehicles. Trailers are being taken and increasing amounts of lead and scrap metal are being taken.

The tragic accident along Leverington Common is being investigated by the Road Policing Unit and any recommendations they make will be put to County Highways for implementation if possible. PC Coales will speak to Peter Vale at County Highways about any improvements that can be made to make this stretch of road safer.

106/07 **NIGEL BROWN DEVELOPMENT CONTROL MANAGER FOR FENLAND DC**

Mr Brown gave an update on all the planning enforcement issues reported in the Parish and explained how the system for enforcement should be improved in the future as the enforcement officers will be joining with the planning teams. Stephanie Thompson is to head up the northern team which covers Gorefield, so she will be the best person to contact with any planning issue.

Mr Brown explained the roll Parish Councils play in the planning process. Can not necessarily influence the decision made for one dwelling but opposition to an application for more than two dwellings will take an application to a Development Control meeting where representations can be made.

Chairman questioned Mr Brown about the 106 Agreement for St Marks Road which was to provide play equipment. It appears that residents do not wish to see any provided in St Marks Road but possibly it could be used elsewhere in the village.

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MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

Village Maintenance

The company that is doing some repairs to the school fence have been asked to replace the fence at the rear of the re-cycling centre.

D Humphrey & Son have been asked to remove the two dead trees in Churchill Road.

The Pocket Park will be tied up in the near future.

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MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA

(1) Highway Matters

Letter received from Cambs CC Highways reference North Division Highways issues. Parish Councils have been asked to use a contact centre to report Highway matters instead of e-mailing to individual officers. Clerk to write to show dissatisfaction with this new system.

New streetlights on High Road erected by Twiggden homes. Seems to be some confusion as to who is responsible for connecting power to these. Clerk to make enquiries.

(2) Village Action Plan

The price for a Topsy Jubilee litter bin is approximately £200 each. Chairman will do a survey all the existing bins in the village and decide where new ones are needed. To be discussed further at next meeting

(3) Village Welcome Pack

Councillors gave the Chairman updated copies of the Village Welcome Pack to be passed back to John Timms for insertion into the finish document

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CORRESPONDENCE

(1) CALC Bulletin

Copy circulated to each Councillor

(2) Parish Plan

The final printed copy of the report was distributed to all the Councillors.

(3) Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvements Programme 2008-09

Were unsuccessful in this years bidding round, those successful were Friday Bridge, March and Wisbech (West Street).

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

PLANNING MATTERS**Planning application received:**

Application No F/YR07/1015/F – Change of Use of barn forming kennels to 4 bed dwelling – Red Barn Boarding Kennels Black Lane - no objections

Application No F/YR07/1066/RM – Erection of a 3 bed bungalow with detached double garage – Plot 2 Land East of 5 High Road – no objections

Application No F/YR07/1087/F – erection of extension to side of existing garage – Adnams Lodge 77 High Road – no objections

Application No F/YR07/1126/F – erection of 2 storey side and rear extensions to existing dwelling involving demolition of existing garage – no objections

Application No F/YR07/1099/O – erection of a dwelling – land north of St Marks Gote Lane – no objections

FINANCIAL MATTERS**Concurrent Functions Grant 2008/2009 application**

Increases for these will be 2.5% thus the 2008/2009 estimate for Church Yard maintenance will be £892 and for Playing Field maintenance will be £1,005. Additional items (footway lighting) will be £760.

Clerk authorised to issue the following cheques:

Fenland Citizen (Advert for Code of Conduct)	£71.91
Design Site (Web Site Hosting)	£47.00
Micromac Printers (Printed copies of Parish Plan)	£340.00

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£891.56
Business Premium Account	£7,588.93
High Interest Account	£6,414.46
	<u>£14,894.95</u>

Reports from Councillors

Councillor Mrs Hunns has a Christmas tree that is being cut down in her garden which would be suitable to use in the Church Yard.
Chairman will arrange to have it collected and erected.

Encroachment onto the highway at Honey Hill Road to be reported to Highways

Dyke at rear of bungalows on High Road and fronting the Highfield Estate.

Rats have been reported seen in this dyke. Environmental Services to be advised. Also North Level IDB to be asked to clean out the dyke as it has once again become over grown.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 4th December 2007

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