

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2008

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

P C Coales

Apologies: Councillor Cooke and Natalie Culver

235/08 Minutes of previous meeting held on 7th October 2008 were confirmed and signed.

236/08 No extra items for discussion

237/08 No Councillors had a personal or prejudicial interest to declare

238/08 **POLICE LIAISON**

Crime figures are very low only one incident of criminal damage and burglary. Heating oil continues to be taken around the area. Vehicle crime is being targeted in the Town. Any incidents should be reported. Speed Watch unfortunately villages who do not have a representative will not have any checks done in their village. Still have not had any volunteers come forward. PC Coales unable to attend next meeting

239/08 **NATALIE CULVER NOMINATED OFFICER FOR FENLAND DC**

Ms Culver sent her apologies and said she would attend every other meeting

240/08 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Play Equipment on Highfields Estate

Will become the responsibility of Cambs CC when Twiggdens leave the site

Visit to North Level Pumping Station

Councillor Holt gave information about the visit and also mentioned that North Level need a flood watch warden

241/08 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

E-mail received from Fred Hardwick. Gullies outside the Woodmans to be cleaned out.

(2) **Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvements Programme 2009-10**

Top 4 schemes to be undertaken – Chatteris Wenny Road, March Upwell Road/St Peter's Road, Newton High Road and Wisbech Bowthorpe Road. Gorefield came 6th on the list

(3) **Play Equipment**

Three quotes have now been received for different schemes: £64,000, £22,000 and £42,800. Councillor Carroll has been looking into sources of funding and has been advised by Acre that a consultation needs to be done in the village to find out what facilities would be required. They would undertake this over two days at a cost of £625 + VAT. Before agreeing to this Councillor Carroll will find out if this can be undertaken through the help of Fenland DC. Before any equipment is placed on the field the Playing Field should consider the possibility of the Parish Council taking over guardianship of the field. Councillor Mrs Hall will do a survey of the equipment that is available in the village.

(4) **Streetlights**

The replacement streetlight brackets have been order for Cattle Dyke at a cost of £800 each.

242/08 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Parish Chairman and Clerk's Seminar

To be held at Fenland Hall on Tuesday 16th December with buffet from 6 pm. As the Chairman will already be attending as a District Councillor the Vice Chairman can also attend

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

243/08 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Certificate of Lawful Use

F/YR08/0909/CERTLU – Use of former outbuilding as residential dwelling at Georgia Hassockhill Drove – Council not being consulted on the merits of its use only that the use has been carried out on the site for more than 10 years. As there have already been other applications for this site plus enforcement action Chairman will speak to the enforcement officer.

244/08 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The majority of the land rents have been received

There were no accounts to be paid

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£995.34
Business Premium Account	£7,246.58
High Interest Account	£6,068.95
	<u>£14,310.87</u>

Reports from Councillors

New footbridge at Chapel Lane still not finished off

Luncheon Club has met again at The Woodmans, 34 people attended and had a very good lunch

Richmond Green – fenced off area, Roddons to be asked what they are doing with it.

Pavement at the new entrance to Woodford Gardens has been damaged. Will be reported to Fred Hardwick

Garage being built in St Marks Road – Chairman will make enquiries about this with the enforcement officer plus any other on going matters

Next Meeting – Tuesday 2nd December 2008

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