

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2009

Present: Councillors: Humphrey (Chairman), Holt, Mrs Hunns, Cooke, Mrs Hall and Carroll
Natalie Rowlands, Mr and Mrs Harvey, Mrs A Appleby and Mr G Ridley

Apologies: P C Coales

366/09 Minutes of previous meeting held on 6th October 2009 were confirmed and signed.

367/09 Co-option of Councillor to be discussed at Agenda Item 12

368/09 None of the Councillors had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

369/09 **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Coales unable to attend meeting. Asked if Chairman would advise people about elderly people living alone in rural areas being targeted by masked raiders.

370/09 **NATALIE ROWLANDS NOMINATED OFFICER FOR FENLAND DC**

Circulated copies of the 'Fenlander' which has an article about Gorefield in it. Parson Drove Community Fair was very successful and very well attended. Clerk asked to display notice advertising extra help for families with children. Taxi relocation consultation document will be circulated with other correspondence. Gambling Act consultation also taking place. Natalie will send clerk a copy. Crime Buster bus has again visited the village. Still a problem with flooding outside The Woodmans, Natalie will speak to Highways about it.

371/09 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

No response from Fred Hardwick.

Jointly Funded Minor Highway Improvements Programme 2010-11 were not successful with scheme for footway improvements. Top 4 schemes will be completed. Gorefield came 8th out of 21.

(2) **Play Equipment**

Bid has been put in but has not been approved as the panel wish to see the layout changed and more natural play added. Meeting arranged on the field for Tuesday 10th November. This will only cover equipment for 8 to 13 year olds. Quote for 5 pieces of equipment for toddlers and 9 pieces for adults received. £20,000 should cover the purchase of these.

(3) **Parish Plan**

John Timms is still contacting people interested in environmental issues. Will probably end up with 8 to 10.

(4) **Playing Field**

Chairman has still to organise a meeting with David Ball

(5) **Replacement Pavilion**

Chairman has contacted Jason Richardson Sports Development Officer to get his help with drawing up an action plan for a new building using funding that is already available.

(6) **Land at Black Lane**

Tenants have give notice that they will vacate land in October 2010. Other tenants will be asked if they wish to tender early next year.

372/09 **CORRESPONDENCE**

A1101 Sutton Road Accident Black Spot Team

Leaflets given to Councillors

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

373/09 **PLANNING MATTERS**

F/YR09/0667/F – erection of 4 bed detached house with attached garage – Plot 1 land south west of Magnolia Cattle Dyke - this as an amendment to a previously approved application – no objections

F/YR09/0669/F – erection of 3 bed chalet bungalow with associated parking – land west of Magnolia 2 Cattle Dyke - Concerned about more traffic using the access onto Cattle Dyke
Bungalow is in very close proximity to No 4 Cattle Dyke and could cause loss of light and overlooking

PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPROVED

F/YR09/0518/F – erection of single storey extension to front of existing garage – Beeches Row The Barracks

F/YR09/0517/F – erection of part 2 storey part single storey rear extensions – Homedale 2 High Road

APPEAL DECISION

Appeal has been allowed for 3 bed bungalow at 43a Cattle Dyke

ENFORCEMENT

Mobile home at Hassockhill Drove – enforcement officer will be visiting the site again and if no application received in 6 to 8 weeks will consider further action.

374/09

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Account to be paid:

Councillor Carroll (travel expenses 3 trips)	£61.60
Agriscape (UK) Ltd (Grass cutting)	£488.76

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£717.47
Business Premium Account	£12,241.85
High Interest Account	£64,000.00
	<u>£76,959.32</u>

It was agreed that £2,029.00 be allocated towards the purchase of the play equipment.

375/09

Reports from Councillors

Hedges in Mill Lane still not cut back
Streetlight in Cattle Dyke not working
Trees overhanging in private garden, not under jurisdiction of Parish Council
Highways to be contacted about property left on grass verges in Cattle Dyke
Fridge dumped in dyke along Mill Lane
Little bin damaged High Road/The Barracks Fenland DC to be asked for replacement
Richmond Green – is there a policy to let to only elderly people. No if no elderly person on the housing list can be let to anyone.
Chairman wishes the Parish Council to lay a wreath in the church for Remembrance Day.
Clerk will purchase one and Vice Chairman will attend the service. Vicar to be asked permission to lay the wreath on the memorial in the church.
Councillors Carroll Holt to carry out safety check on play equipment

Before the next item was discussed the Council went into confidential session. All members of the public left the meeting

376/09

Co-Option of Parish Councillor

Two applications were received – Mrs A Appleby and Mr G Ridley
Each candidate was asked to answer 5 questions. Copies of these submissions were circulated to the Councillors
After some discussion it was agreed that Mr George Ridley be invited to take up the position.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 1st December 2009

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