

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2010**

**Present:** Councillors: Humphrey (Chairman), Mrs Hunns, Mrs Hall, Cooke Ridley and Carroll  
P C Coales, Mr & Mrs Harvey

**Apologies:** Councillor Holt

110/10 Minutes of previous meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2010 were confirmed and signed.

111/10 Wind Turbines

112/10 None of the Councillors had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

113/10 **POLICE LIAISON**

Crimes since last meeting:- One shed burglary and battery stolen. Please report all crimes. Newton Church lead taken from roof. Rural crimes meeting for farmers and land owners will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm at Wisbech St Mary Social Club. Joint town and village panel meeting will take place at the Queen Mary Centre on 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm

114/10 **NATALIE ROWLANDS NOMINATED OFFICER FOR FENLAND DC**

Not able to attend meeting

115/10 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**Health and Safety inspections**

Notice board, village sign and seat can be added to inspection log.

116/10 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Nothing to report

(2) **Play Equipment**

Concrete area is to be painted on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, being funded by Playing Field Committee. The application for a grant from Donarbon has been successful. Ten pieces of exercise equipment have been ordered. Councillor Carroll presented two design for the scheme.

(3) **Parish Plan**

Street Pride meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November at 10 am. Bulb planting on the playing field and trees to be cut back along side the chapel yard. Jeanette Milner has agreed that if the Parish Council provides more litter bins for the playing field she will authorise the emptying of them. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

(4) **Playing Field**

Still waiting for a response from insurers as to whether old building can be utilised until new building is completed. Quotes are still be prepared for the new building.

(5) **Child Protection Policy**

To be discussed further at the next meeting

117/10 **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Fenland DC Proposed changes to opening hours**

It is proposed to change the opening hours for one stop shops, contact centre and business reception to 9 am to 5 pm on weekdays. One Stop Shops and contact centre will continue to be open on Saturdays from 9 am to 12 noon.

**Cambs Acre Volunteers Wanted**

The national “Switchover Help Scheme” is being well publicised but local volunteers are needed to help with local awareness raising. Information to be put on the notice board

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

118/10 **PLANNING MATTERS**

**Applications received:**

**F/YR10/0741/F** – Change of Use of barn from boarding kennels to 4 bed dwelling – Red Barn Boarding Kennels Black Lane – no objections

**Approvals**

**F/YR10/0584/F** – conversion of building to form 2 x 2 bed dwellings and erection of a war memorial wall – The Christian Centre High Road

**F/YR10/0643/F** – erection of detached garage/garden store with 2 no bedrooms and shower room over – Parkfield Honeyhill Road

119/10 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Appointment of an internal auditor**

Clerk has spoken to Richard Leighton a local accountant but he feels he is not able to take on the role as he is unfamiliar with the workings of a parish council. Parson Drove

PC clerk has given the clerk details of the people used by both themselves and Wisbech St Mary PC. Clerk will contact them.

**Accounts paid:**

AON (additional insurance premium for play equipment)	£165.54
Fenland Leisure Products (replacement matting)	£41.13
Fenland Leisure Products (Toddler equipment)	£9,611.51
Fenland Leisure Products (BMX track)	£6,930.32
Fenland Leisure Products (Toddler swings)	£2,532.13
Fenland Leisure Products (Indicator post)	£182.13
Councillor Carroll (postage)	£1.32

**Balance of Accounts**

Current Account	£8,031.92
Business Premium Account	£4,149.35
High Interest Account	£64,028.77
	£76,210.04

Councillor declared an interest in the following item and took no part in the decision making process

**Luncheon Club**

The Luncheon Club met today for a lunch provided by the new landlords of the Woodmans. A new committee is being formed and hopefully it will now be run more efficiently. Councillor Ridley proposed and Councillor Mrs Hunns seconded the proposal that a donation of £50 be given towards help with running costs and their Christmas luncheon. Everyone agreed.

**120/10 Reports from Councillors**

Councillor Carroll asked if any improvements could be made to the junctions at Bellamy's Bridge.

Enforcement cases at Cattle Dyke and Hassockhill Drove to be reported once again to the enforcement officer

**121/10 Wind Turbines between Sutton St Edmunds/Tydd St Giles/Gorefield**

Notices about a meeting organised by Fenrats (Fenland Residents Against Turbines) have been posted in the village. As the turbines are not in the Parish it is unlikely that the Parish Council would be consulted on the planning application. It was considered appropriate that Parish Councillors should remain impartial at this point in time.

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2010

Signed ..... Date.....