

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2013

Present: Councillors Humphrey, Holt, Mrs Humphrey, Mrs Hunns and Mrs Hall

Councillor Alan Lay and 2 members of the public

Apologies: None

365/13 **Public Participation**

A member of the public who attended the meeting made comments about the improvements made to the Parish Council Notice Board.

The condition of the public footpath that runs from the High Road towards Fitton End was mentioned. Sometimes this is nearly impassable because of water laying across it which is caused by tractors etc. To be reported to Cambs CC Rights of Way Officer.

366/13 Minutes of previous meeting held on 1st October 2013 were confirmed and signed

367/13 Additional item for consideration – None

368/13 Councillors Humphrey, Holt and Mrs Humphrey declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item concerning the Playing Field as all are members of the Playing Field Committee. These Councillors have all been granted dispensation and will be able to speak and vote on any items concerning the playing field

369/13 **POLICE LIAISON**

There was no police presence at the meeting but the following information has been received by the Clerk.

Crimes since last report:

St Paul's Close – theft of 5 ft tall concrete statues from victims' property

Gote Lane – theft from vehicle – 800 lts of diesel taken from tractors

Black Drove – theft of two field harrows from a field where the victim kept horses

Incidents:

Ricmond Green – suspicious circumstances – 5-6 males banged on informant's window and walked off

Community led speedwatch teams are now operating in both Parson Drove and Murrow. Locations where speeding was a concern have been identified and Police enforcement has been undertaken. 12 motorists received a warning and 4 speeding tickets were issued.

Special Constables have recently been trained in the use of speed monitoring equipment.

There has been interest from members of the community in other villages to set up their own community led speed watch teams.

PCSO Russ was unable to do anything about post coding of bicycles until December so it has been agreed to put this off until the Spring.

370/13 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Resignation of Councillor Ridley

Councillor Mrs Hall wishes for a letter of thanks to be sent to Councillor Ridley

371/13 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) Co-option of replacement Councillors

The consultation period has expired for requesting an election so two new councillors can now be co-opted. Mr Martin Walpole was unable to attend but has sent an e-mail confirming his willingness to be co-opted. Mr Peter Fraser attended this meeting and also agreed to be co-opted. It was unanimously agreed that Mr Martin Walpole and Mr Peter Fraser be co-opted.

(2) Highway Matters

Chairman had a meeting with Neil Band and he agreed to get Churchill Road repaired and write to land owners who's hedges are over grown. Churchill Road has still not been repaired, will be reported again.

Councillor Mrs Hall reported above the poor condition of Leverington Common which is fall in next to drain and also Wolf Lane is breaking up again. These matters will be reported to Neil Band.

(3) Bowls Club Lease

Meeting to be arranged with Chairman and Vice Chairman of both the Bowls Club and the Parish Council to try to reach an agreement on a lease.

(4) Play Equipment

The Parish Council has acted as third party funders for the Sita Trust Grant making a payment of £1,439.24 towards the project. The total grant to be received is £13,084.00 which is to cover the cost of safer surfacing under the roundabout, tea cup and disc spinner. Fenland Leisure should be starting shortly. The project's funding success must be publicised.

(5) New Pavilion

The completion certificate has now been received and the contractor has been paid the final instalment. The Chairman has filled in the end of project report for Fenland DC and a copy is available for comment. Sinking fund needs to be set up by Parish Council and Playing Field Committee

372/13 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Cambs CC Local Highway Improvement Initiative 2014/15

This is the same as Jointly Funded schemes in previous years. Last year we put in for speed reduction measures for the High Road but were unsuccessful. Agreed to apply again for improvements and extension to the footpath from West End to Allens Drove. Application to be completed by 9th December.

373/13 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning applications received:

F/YR13/0741/F – erection of 2 storey side, two storey front and first floor rear extension involving demolition of existing double garage- The Priory 154 High Road – no objections

F/YR13/0774/TRTPO – fell a Copper Beach tree covered by TPO 10/2007 – Tree should be taken down on grounds of safety but would wish to see it replaced.

Planning applications approved:

F/YR13/1635/F – erection of a 2 storey 3 bed dwelling – land west of 60 Back Road

F/YR13/0555/F – erection of a 3 bed 2 storey dwelling – land north of St Marks Gote Lane

F/YR13/0645/F – erection of a 2 storey 3 bed dwelling with integral garage – Colwyn 9 High Road

F/YR13/0594/F – erection of a single storey side extension – At Last 7 High Road

373/13 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Accounts Paid:

Fenland DC (rent for land at Churchill Road)	£50.00
David Broker Design Services (Architectural Services)	£2,500.00
Royal British Legion (Two wreaths)	£50.00

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£9,363.61
Business Premium account	£2,157.58
High Interest account	<u>£800.86</u>
	£12,322.05

374/13 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Lay is meeting with Sir Graham Bright Cambs Police Commissioner he will discuss more resources for Policing the area.

Wreaths to be laid in the Church and at memorial in Chapel yard by Councillor Mrs Hall.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 10th December 2013 following Streetpride meeting (changed due to some Councillors not able to attend usual date)

Signed Date