

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2005

Present: Councillors Humphrey, Davall, Carroll, Mrs Hall and Mrs Atkins
PC Coales, Gary Garford

Apologies: Councillors Holt and Cooke

738/05 Minutes of previous meeting held on 2nd August 2005 were confirmed and signed.

739/05 **Other matters for consideration**

None

740/05 No members had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

741/05 **POLICE LIAISON**

There was a firearms incident in village last weekend. Armed officers were brought in and they achieved a satisfactory conclusion. Other than this the village is very quiet.

Clerk read out a letter received from the Sector Inspector at Wisbech giving information on Community Beat Managers and their role in the community. PC Coales said she would endeavour to attend all Parish Council meetings and liaise with the clerk whenever necessary. Mr Garford queried the environmental audit mentioned and said that the examples given graffiti, streetlights and dog fouling are all areas that are covered by Fenland DC. Copy of the letter to be given to Mr Garford. At present PC Coales is undertaking an audit of how she spends her time, at present one third is being spent in the town. Four PCSOs have been appointed to the town.

742/05 **GARY GARFORD PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON OFFICER**

Clerk received a copy of an e-mail Mr Garford sent to Allan Millard Planning Enforcement officer asking him to keep the council informed of any progress he has made with planning breaches in the village. Have still not received a response from him. Councillor Mrs Atkins has spoken to him and he is now in negotiation with the owners of Catfield. Treatment plant at Churchill Road will look into but thought it had now been repaired.

743/05 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Safer Routes to School

Head teacher of local school will investigate the possibility of improvements to the crossing points at Cattle Dyke if the information is sent to her. Clerk will get the information for her.

Land At Black Lane

Occupiers have now decided to continue farming this.

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MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA

(1) Highway Matters

Fred Hardwick to be asked when the High Road resurfacing is being done and when the new footpath along the High Road to Fendyke Lane will be completed.

Mr Hardwick has written to the occupiers of Nos 94 and 96 requesting they remove their fences from the highway. Cycle sign at Hassockhill junction has been secured. Bridge Section have repaired the footbridge.

The interactive signs are to be changed to 30 mph and two new ones installed showing 30 Slow Down, either side of the school.

New Cambs CC Contact Centre from 1st September 0845 1455212

(2) Parish Plan Update

Meeting held last week. Councillor Mrs Atkins concerned about the numbers attending the meetings. First part of the questionnaire compiled. Piece put in the last News Letter.

(3) Village of the Year

Gorefield are category winners from the whole of Cambridgeshire for Community Life. Received a framed certificate and a cheque for £100.

(4) Streetlights

Streetlight opposite Richmond Green has been completely removed. Clerk has been told it will be replaced. Agreed to wait for this to happen before deciding on a position for a new light. There is a light along Cattle Dyke that is faulty.

(5) Dog Fouling Signs for Gote Lane

These have now been erected but only within the 30 mph zone

(6) Planning Awareness Raising Sessions

Two sessions to take place 10th November and 8th December at Fenland Hall. As many Councillors as possible to attend.

745/05 **CORRESPONDENCE**

(1) **Gorefield Village Hall**

Letter received from the committee asking for a further donation towards their building works at a further cost of £10,000 has been incurred. Proposed Councillor Carroll Seconded by Councillor Mrs Hall that a further donation of £500 be given, but this will be the final amount that the Council can give.

(2) **Fenland Council for Voluntary Service**

Notice of Funding Fair to be held on Thursday 13th October. Details to be given to the Gorefield Village Hall Committee.

(3) **Jointly Funded Minor Highway Improvements**

Submission has been sent in and it will come before the Fenland Traffic Management Area Joint Committee on 18th November.

(4) **Cambs Corporate Plan Questionnaire**

Councillor Mrs Hall took away to complete on behalf of the council.

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

746/05 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning applications received:

Application No. F/YR05/0956/F – erection of single storey extension to side of existing dwelling – Tall Trees The Barracks – application has now been withdrawn

Application No. F/YR05/1025/0 – Erection of a dwelling – 35 High Road – renewal of existing permission – no objections

Application No. F/YR05/1117/F – Variation of Condition 03 (stables shall not be used for commercial purposes) to be used for limited commercial use – land south of Tudor Lodge Hassock Hill Drove – Difficult to comment on this as has given no indication as to what the commercial use will be.

Application No. F/YR05/1119/F – Change of Use from kennels to domestic garage/gym and store – 176 High Road – no objections

Applications approved:

Application No. F/YR05/0739/F – Conversion of barn to a 2 bed dwelling – Black Lane Farm

Application No. F/YR05/0738/F – Conversion, improvements and extensions to existing building to form 4 bed dwelling – Black Lane Farm

Appeal:

APP/D0515/C/05/2001897 – unauthorised stationing of a mobile home at Land north of Newfields Allens Drove will be dealt with by a hearing.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

Second instalment of Concurrent Functions grant has been paid into the account

Clerk authorised to issue the following cheques:

Design Site (Web site)	£47.00
Frasers (Allotment rent)	£33.00
North Level IDB (drainage rates)	£256.71
Gorefield Village Hall (donation)	£500.00

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£1,042.45
Business Premium Account	£4,776.99
High Interest Account	£4,192.17
	<u>£10,011.61</u>

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REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Mrs Atkins attended the Golden Age Fair at Tydd St Giles it was very enjoyable and very well attended.

Owners of No St Paul's Close have left hedge cuttings on the road verge. To be reported to Fred Hardwick.

Pocket Park – Oak tree needs new stake. No 1 Cattle Dyke have removed the fence between themselves and Pocket Park. Housing officer to be informed.

Black Labrador from Richmond Green seen wondering onto the High Road dog warden to be informed.

Councillor Carroll attended a meeting where Director of Care Network attended was given leaflets on schemes they help to set up. To be circulated with correspondence.

Heath and Safety check by Councillor Mrs Hall:

1. 1991 Village of the Year plaque needs varnishing
2. New edge bricks on the Village Sign very good but some of the old bricks now need repointing.
3. Village Sign post showing signs of rust needs painting

Road surfaces along Mill Lane and Bona Lane are very uneven.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 1st November 2005

Signed Date.....