

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

**HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2006**

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

PC Coales and John Dubber

**Apologies:** None

872/06 Minutes of previous meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2006 were confirmed and signed.

873/06 Additional item for consideration – Report from CALC

874/06 No Councillors had a personal or prejudicial interest to declare

875/06 **POLICE LIAISON**

Crimes since last meeting:

Bird table taken from Cattle Dyke  
Telephone kiosk vandalised  
Hay stack and barn set on fire  
Break in at Building site

Quad bikes have again been seen in the village, an incidents to be reported to PC Coales.

Neighbourhood Policing Panel Meeting – Councillor Holt attended on behalf of the Council. Agreed to concentrate on speeding, antisocial behaviour and vandalism to property. Another meeting will be held in 2-3 months time. PC Coales was not very optimistic that this would make any improvements to rural policing.

PC Coales spent the day in the village on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September – a village engagement day. Visited people in Churchill Road and Back Road. One of the main concerns for people is speeding through the village. Will be returning at a later date to visit other parts of the village.

876/06 **JOHN DUBBER PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON OFFICER**

Distributed various Fenland DC literature including:  
A-Z of Council Services in conjunction with Cambs CC  
Concessionary Fares Scheme  
Fenland Eye  
Getting it sorted – changes to recycling

A three year satisfaction survey is now being undertaken. 1 in 10 households will be receiving a survey to complete. People should be encouraged to complete and return these as they have a bearing on what services are provided.

One Stop Shops are being Charter Marked in the next few weeks this will show what if any problems there are and help improve services to the public

Street Pride Scheme – joint campaign with Fenland Citizen to encourage village groups to help tidy up their neighbourhoods

Fitness in the Fens is being promoted in conjunction with the Cambs Times

Community Grant Scheme ends this week

Wisbech Christmas Market takes place on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2006.

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## **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

### **Christmas Tree for Church Yard**

Councillor Cooke is still looking for one

### **Streetlights**

The new column opposite Richmond Green is still not lit but there is some electric wire next to it now so hopefully it will be connected soon.

Streetlights in Cattle Dyke and Back Road have been reported.

Positions for a new Streetlight should now be considered. Councillor Davall reported that he had been asked for one at the top of Churchill Road.

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## **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1)

### **Highway Matters**

No information received from Fred Hardwick. Some places have been marked up with yellow paint but still no work undertaken by new contractors. Councillor Carroll will have this matter brought up at a CALC meeting.

(2)

### **Fendyke Lane Bridge**

Cambs CC have now agreed to repair this bridge but can only be done when the new contractors supply a crew.

(3)

### **New Development off High Road**

The footpath has now been topped. Still a problem with the drain at the bottom of Churchill Road. Chairman will speak to the Internal Drainage Board foreman.

(4) **Parish Plan**

No information received yet

(5) **Village Welcome Pack**

This matter will follow on after the Parish Plan completed

(6) **CALC workshop on Freedom of Information Act**

Councillor Mrs Hall attended this on behalf of the Council. Parish Council's have two years to put in place a system whereby members of the public can request access to any information held by the Council. Information can be found on the web site [www.ICO.gov.uk](http://www.ICO.gov.uk).

(7) **"No Ball Games" sign for Pocket Park**

Chairman to bring back a price for this at the next meeting

879/06 **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Street Pride Project**

As explained above by John Dubber. Agreed that the Parish Council would register an interest in this project.

**Litter Bin at Primary School**

This bin will be replaced in the near future as part of Fenland DC's replacement programme

**All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors**

880/06 **PLANNING MATTERS**

**Planning applications received:**

**Application No F/YR06/1069/F** – siting of storage container for building materials (renewal of temporary planning permission) The Gote Inn 106 High Road – no objections

**Applications Approved:**

**Application No F/YR06/0869/RM** – Erection of a 3 bed detached bungalow – Plot 1 land east of 5 High Road

**Appeal Lodged:**

**Application No F/YR06/0682/O** – erection of a dwelling land north of Merlins Back Road

**FINANCIAL MATTERS****Clerk authorised to issue the following cheque:**

North Level IDB (drainage rates)	£255.02
Frasers (land rent)	£33.00

The above is an historic payment made for a parcel of land in Cattle Dyke to Leverington Feoffees.

Second instalment of Precept paid into account on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2006.

**Balance of Accounts**

Current Account	£111.48
Business Premium Account	£5,401.74
High Interest Account	£6,267.89
	<u>£11,781.11</u>

**REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Luncheon Club dates supplied by Council Davall – 17<sup>th</sup> October, 14<sup>th</sup> November and 12<sup>th</sup> December can they be put in the News Letter.

Pot hole in Cattle Dyke on corner of Back Road to be reported.

SV marker post reported broken, these are the responsibility of Anglian Water

Councillor Carroll reported information received from CALC. By 2007 it is hoped to widen the scope of concessionary fares to cover the whole country. In the future Parish Councils could be asked to help finance PSO's in rural areas.

Heavy rain has once again caused problems in front of the Woodmans. Blocked drain, which has an outfall to the rear of Richmond Green, needs cleaning out.

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2006

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