

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

**HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2009**

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

Mr and Mrs Harvey

**Apologies:** Councillors Cooke, Mrs Hall and Tierney

356/09 Minutes of previous meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 were confirmed and signed.

357/09 No extra items to be discussed

358/09 None of the Councillors had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

359/09 **POLICE LIAISON**

Crimes reported since last meeting: one theft, one case of criminal damage and two cases of criminal assault. In rural areas metal continues to be taken, including field gates. Fuel also continues to be taken.

Community Fair will be held at Parson Drove on October 17<sup>th</sup> Banner going up outside the school.

Parking outside the school still causing a problem. PC Coales will speak to Highways to see if they are prepared to put in some more road markings.

360/09 **NATALIE ROWLANDS NOMINATED OFFICER FOR FENLAND DC**

Not able to attend meeting

361/09 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Resignation of Councillor Davall**

The Chairman received a letter of resignation from Councillor Davall on 7<sup>th</sup> September. He has resigned due to ill health. Letter of thanks to be sent by the clerk. Councillors all wish him well.

The vacancy was advertised on 24<sup>th</sup> September and electors have until 14<sup>th</sup> October to request an election. The Chairman has put a piece in the Village Voices asking for any volunteers. To date one person has responded. Decision to be made at the next meeting.

(2) **Highway Matters**

E-mail received from Councillor Tierney he has persuaded Highways to cut back the hedges in Mill Lane, hopefully should be done shortly.

(3) **Play Equipment**

Councillor Carroll has found a suitable gate to be installed at the pedestrian entrance to the field. A one metre high one will cost approximately £1,500, which the Playfield Association have offered to fund if not covered by grant.

The pieces of equipment chosen by the children will cost approximately £41,200 with an additional £20,000 needed for toddler and adult equipment. Councillor Carroll has prepared a plan showing how all the equipment will be arranged and this will be submitted along with details of the equipment required on 14<sup>th</sup> October.

As the grant is for £40,000 it was agreed that the Parish Council would help cover the short fall.

Councillor Holt proposed and Councillor Mrs Huns seconded the proposition that the Parish Council would pay up to £2,000 if required. This was unanimously agreed

(4) **Parish Plan**

A letter has been received from the head teacher at the school. She has asked parents to be considerate regarding parking outside residents' homes. The school has no power to stop parents for parking where they like outside the school. She suggested the police are contacted. PC Coales has been advised.

John Timms has been making contact with the people who registered their interest in environment issues. Will probably have 4 to 6 people willing to be involved.

(5) **Playing Field**

Chairman has arranged a meeting with David Ball to sort out the legal obligations for the Parish Council to take over as custodial trustees. Councillor Carroll will need information about this for his grant application

(6) **Replacement Pavilion**

Unfortunately Gorefield has been unsuccessful in getting a grant from Sport England. Chairman is looking into the possibility of getting fund through the Football Association. The other option would be to build something with the funds that are available at the moment and add onto the building at a later date.

Councillor Carroll gave the clerk a cheque for £64,000 from the Gorefield and Amenity Centre Committee, which is to put into a building fund account. The balance of their funds £212 has been given to the Playingfield Association

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

Copies of a consultation document on the future of Primary Care out of hours services for residents in Cambridgeshire were given to the councillors.

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

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## **PLANNING MATTERS**

**F/YR09/0517/F** – erection of a part 2 storey, part single storey rear extensions to existing dwelling – Homedale 2 High Road – no objections

**F/YR09/0518/F** – erection of single storey extension to front of existing garage – Beeches Row The Barracks – no objections

**F/YR09/0378/F** – erection of 3 bed agricultural dwelling at land south of Little Acre Farm Fendyke Lane – appeal lodge with Planning Inspectorate

Mobile home at Hassockhill Drove – enforcement officer has been contacted and will make a report on it shortly

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## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **Account to be paid:**

Office Key	(printer cartridge)	£8.91
Fraser Darbarns	(land rent)	£39.50
Councillor Carroll	(travel expenses)	£12.80

### **Balance of Accounts**

Current Account	£140.43
Business Premium Account	£12,241.85
High Interest Account	£64,000.00
	<u>£76,382.28</u>

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### **Reports from Councillors**

Mobile has appeared in Cattle Dyke – it appears to be un-occupied at the moment.

Dropped gullies along Gorefield Road.

Flooding outside The Rhodham Gote Lane

Gorefield sign stripped of letters

Footpaths in two locations in dangerous condition – at the new West End development and outside No 35 High Road

All to be reported to Highways

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009

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