

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

**HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010**

**Present:** Councillors: Humphrey (Chairman), Mrs Hunns, Mrs Hall, Holt, Ridley and Carroll  
Natalie Rowlands, Mrs E Harvey and J Timms

**Apologies:** Councillor Cooke and PC Coales

100/10 Minutes of previous meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010 were confirmed and signed.

101/10 Child Protection Policy

102/10 None of the Councillors had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

103/10 **POLICE LIAISON**

P C Coales was unable to attend the meeting but gave the chairman the following information:  
Crimes reported since last meeting: Shed burglary, theft from car, theft of a motor vehicle.  
Another meeting is being arranged for Rural Crime Issues

102/10 **NATALIE ROWLANDS NOMINATED OFFICER FOR FENLAND DC**

Rural Capital fund launched with £600,000 for rural projects. Annual canvas for the electoral role is taking place. Consultation being undertaken to consider the opening times of the One Stop Shops. Mrs Rowlands has e-mailed a copy of the Fenland DC Child Protection Policy which hopefully can be modified for use by the Parish Council. The most efficient way to report fly tipping is to the Rapid Response Team. Will e-mail number to the clerk.

103/10 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**BMX Track**

Is a not a figure of 8 circuit as reported in the last minutes

104/10 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

A new post and give way sign has been ordered for the junction of Allens Drove and High Road  
A new post and junction sign for High Road/West End  
A new sign post to replace damaged one at the junction of High Road and Hassock Hill.

(2) **Play Equipment**

Thirteen bits of new equipment have been erected. Signs erected for Lottery and Wren grants. Damaged matting has been replaced. The zip wire has had some modifications done to it. Tyre has been replaced with a spring, 12 mm bolts have been replaced with 16 mm ones. Ratchet was installed incorrectly this has now been corrected. Design for the concrete square has been agreed and will be funded by a grant from the Playing Field Committee. Sign to be placed near BMX track "Use at own risk and recommendations to use safety equipment". Nothing heard about the Denarbon grant yet. Councillor has been invited to attend a Royal Reception at Winsor Castle on 17<sup>th</sup> November, nominated by Cambs Acre for all his hard work for the new Adventure Patch. Safety inspection will be carried out, new equipment to be added to log which appears to have gone missing in the post. Willow tunnel to be maintained by the Parish Council at the present. The present litter bins are not adequate to cope with the increase in litter on the playing field. Clerk to ask Jeanette Milner about some more litter bins possibly one with recycling facilities.

(3) **Parish Plan**

Environment Group still not met. Chairman will organise this through Fenland DC.

(4) **Playing Field**

Meeting took place on the playing field with Chairman, Councillor Holt, Jason Richardson (Fenland DC Sports Development Officer), David Broker (architect) M W Peggs (builder), Tim Marriot (Timber Building Supplier). It was agreed that an eco building should be used to replace the fire damaged pavilion. CR Peggs Ltd would provide a quotation for ground works and drains. Timber Building Supplier would give a quotation for the supply only of a timber framed building. English Bros would be asked to quote for a similar building. Insurance claim payment to be used to help finance new building. Insurers to be asked if it is possible to tidy up and use old pavilion until new building is ready.

(5) **Street Pride**

Very useful event. Next event organised for 6<sup>th</sup> November at 10 am. Leaflet drop to be done again. Jeannette Milner to be asked to organise this.

105/10 **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Proposed cuts to Police Budget**

Letter received from Steven Barclay MP. Will be circulated with correspondence.

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

106/10 **PLANNING MATTERS**

**Applications received:**

**F/YR10/0643/F** – erection of detached garage/garden store with 2 no bedrooms and shower room over – Parkfield Honey Hill Road – This is a very unusual application for bedrooms over a detached garage. Concerned that it could have the potential for a change of use in the future.

**F/YR10/0649/F** – erection of single storey side and rear extensions, 2 storey side extension with Juliette balcony and porch to front of existing dwelling – Homefield Fendyke Lane – no objections

107/10 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Accounts paid:**

David Broker (VAT from insurance claim)	£68.25
Fenland DC (replacement street light)	£1,443.14
Fraser Dawbarns (land rent)	£39.60
Office Key (printer cartridges)     £36.61	
Councillor Carroll (travel)	£26.40

**Balance of Accounts**

Current Account	£27,167.96
Business Premium Account	£4,149.35
High Interest Account	£64,028.77
	£95,346.08

Councillor Carroll explained how the Luncheon Club committee had now dwindled down to only one member who had to do all the organising. Councillor Carroll asked if some financial help could be given. It was agreed that a donation would be given towards the Christmas luncheon.

Due to the comments made by the external auditor and subsequent advice from CPALC all the Councillors agreed that the financial regulations circulated after the last meeting should be adopted. It was proposed by Councillor Holt and seconded by Councillor Ridley that a new internal auditor should also be appointed.

108/10 **Reports from Councillors**

Councillor Carroll attended Cambs Acre AGM which was followed by a presentation about The Big Society. Information to be circulated to Councillors

Councillors Mrs Hall asked if the seat in the Pocket Park and the Parish Council Notice Board could be added onto the Health and Safety checks made on the play equipment. Councillor Carroll will find out from Philip Peacock.

Wreath for Remembrance Sunday to be ordered

When the Street Pride event was carried out some of the volunteers notice that one of the gardens in Churchill Road was very untidy. Chairman will mention this when the next estate inspection is carried out.

109/10 **Child Protection Policy**

A copy of the document provided by Mrs Rowlands will be circulated to Councillors so that any suggestions on how it should be altered to suit the needs of the Parish Council.

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2010

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