

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2012

Present: Councillors Humphrey, Carroll, Holt, Mrs Hunns and Ridley
and five members of the public

Apologies: Councillors Mrs Humphrey and Mrs Hall and PCSO David Russ

224/12 Public Participation

Notification has been received that Norfolk Green have taken over the bus route for Gorefield but the local residents present were concerned that the new service was terminating at Cattle Dyke thus cutting out the stop outside the Post Office and the only one designated stop was outside the School. Would the Parish Council please contact Norfolk Green and request that the bus continue through the village and turnaround at Hassockhill Drove, which is a much safer place for this manoeuvre. Could they also be asked to stop at Churchill Road to collect passengers. Parish Council will contact Norfolk Green requesting these changes but also expressing how grateful the village is that they have taken over the service.

225/12 Minutes of previous meeting held on 4th September 2012 were confirmed and signed

226/12 No additional item for consideration

227/12 Councillors Humphrey, Holt, Ridley and Carroll 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 for 5 years and will be able to speak and vote on any items concerning the playing field.

228/12 **POLICE LIAISON**

PCSO Dave Russ unable to attend the meeting but had e-mailed the following information to the clerk:

Back Road – Rowdy/nuisance 9 youths shouting and scooter beeping horn constantly

Wolf Lane – Rowdy/nuisance noise complaint

Hassockhill Drove – suspicious circumstances – vehicle towing trailer entering fields

St Marks Road - suspicious circumstances – young male knocked on elderly ladies' door state he would clear front garden for payment

Back Road - suspicious circumstances – vehicle believed to be collecting charity bags – black transit believed to be on false index plates

Gorefield Road - suspicious circumstances – male seen at 01.18 hours pushing trolley containing tiles towards Gorefield

Goredike Bank - suspicious circumstances – Vehicle index Y484 EEB noted parked in driveway of unoccupied property

Back Road - suspicious circumstances – Male mid 20's knocked on informant's door for spurious reason

Black Lane – theft – large quantity of electric fencing stolen

Has spoken to developer of sports pavilion and promised regular patrols whilst construction is on-going. Only a few building materials will be left on the site to help reduce the risk of theft from the site.

There have been no reports of anti social behaviour at the Play Park over the last month. PCSO Russ will continue with regular patrols of the area.

229/12 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Tree in the Chapel Yard

E-mail sent to the Fenland DC tree officer, but no response received yet.

Enforcement Issues

Enforcement officer to be reminded once again about – West End overgrown area – Hasockhill Drove and new case in Cattle Dyke

Visit to CCTV Control Room

Very interesting and educational for all those that attended

230/12 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Cattle Dyke junction alterations have now been completed.

(2) **Playing Field/Play Equipment**

Zip wire seat is still to be replaced.

(3) **New Pavilion**

Successful ground breaking event held. Area has now been marked out ready for piling to begin.

(4) **Parish Plan**

Meeting held on 11th September with Chairman, Councillor Mrs Hunns, John Timms and Mike Barnes from Cambs Acre. Will have a stand at the launch event for the new Pavilion next year where a questionnaire can be completed to refresh the existing Parish Plan. Same could also happen at the Gorefield Show. Details of the questionnaire should be reviewed.

(5) **New Bus Service**

Details as discussed in Public Participation

(6) **Emergency Plan Co-ordinators**

The Chairman and Councillor Holt have agreed to take on these roles. Clerk will advise David Vincent Fenland DC Emergency Planning manager of their contact details.

231/12 **CORRESPONDENCE**

CPALC AGM

Millennium Suite Newmarket Racecourse Monday 19th November at 12 noon.

Village Health and Safety Check List

Councillor Ridley has prepared a new version of this. The Chairman will carry out the next check.

232/12 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning applications received:-

F/YR12/0685/F – erection of a 2 storey rear extension to existing dwelling involving demolition of workshop/store/conservatory – Casa Syn The Barracks – no objections

Planning Approvals:

F/YR12/0559/F – erection of a 2 metre high close boarded fence and 0.9 metre high picket fence to boundary – 106 High Road

F/YR12/0547/F – erection of a single storey 3 bed dwelling – Plot 2 land east of 5 High Road

Planning Appeal:

Erection of 4 no wind turbines at land at Treading Field Tydd St Giles. Appeal to be by public inquiry date to be advised.

233/12 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Annual Return for year ended 31st March 2012 has been signed off by the external auditor.

Second instalment of Precept paid into the bank account on 1st October 2012

Cheques to be paid:

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| Moore Stephens (External Auditor) | £356.40 |
| R Gagen (clerk's salary 6 months) | £1,549.60 |
| HMRC (clerk's tax) | £1.20 |
| R Gagen (clerk's expenses 6 months) | £98.59 |
| Hampshire Flag Co (banner for new pavilion) | £33.53 |
| Leverington Feoffees (land rent) | £39.60 |

Balance of Accounts

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| Current account | £10,709.91 |
| Business Premium account | £5,155.36 |
| High Interest account | <u>£69,792.72</u> |
| | <u>£85,657.99</u> |

Clerk presented copies of the bank reconciliation at 30th September 2012 and actual spend for 6 months against the agreed Precept for 2012/13. Copies attached to the minutes.

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REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Hedges along Mill Lane need cutting back. Footpath from West End towards Allens Drove needs siding to allow more room for wheelchairs and push chairs.

Parish Council page in the Village Voices. Chairman put in an article and photograph about the new sports pavilion. Unfortunately some of the content was left out making the page look empty.

Chairman has received an e-mail from a village resident very concerned about the speed cars go outside the school. Gorefield is one of the few villages locally that does not have any physical speed reduction measures. Chairman will answer the e-mail. Highways to be asked for their views on the matter.

Notice board outside the school is in a very poor condition and could do with being replaced. Prices for one to be brought to the next meeting.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 6th November 2012

Signed Date.....