

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2013

**Present:** Councillors Humphrey, Holt, Mrs Humphrey, Mrs Hunns and Mrs Hall

Councillor Alan Lay and 2 members of the public

**Apologies:** None

### 354/13 **Public Participation**

A member of the public would like to see the minutes of Parish Council meetings published on the Parish Council notice board. The biggest problem to achieving this is the size of the notice board. Minutes are published on the web site and are available in the Post Office. Will discuss the matter of the notice board at Item 12.

355/13 Minutes of previous meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2013 were confirmed and signed

356/13 Additional item for consideration – Parish Council Notice Board

357/13 Councillors Humphrey, Holt and Mrs Humphrey 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 and will be able to speak and vote on any items concerning the playing field

### 358/13 **POLICE LIAISON**

There was no police presence at the meeting and no report had been received. Clerk has been in contact with PCSO Russ in regard to post coding of bicycles. Agreed that Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November should be suggested and ask if smart water can also be available. Maybe the Fire Service could also be available for information on fire detectors etc.

### 359/13 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

#### (1) **Highway Matters**

Still no response from Neil Band. Chairman has also been trying to make contact with him through his superior.

#### (2) **Bowls Club**

Nothing further heard from the Bowls Club about signing a lease.

#### (3) **Play Equipment**

New hand grips are needed for one of the exercise machines. Revised quote received for the wet pour giving a saving of approximately £500.

(4) **New Pavilion**

Still waiting for the completion certificate before the final payable can be made to the contractor.

(5) **Brick Base for Village Sign**

A quote for £185.00 + VAT has been received from Peggs Construction Ltd to replace the middle plinth. Proposed Councillor Mrs Hall and seconded by Councillor Mrs Hunns that this be accepted.

(6) **Land at Cattle Dyke rented from Leverington Feoffees**

The Chairman and Councillor Mrs Hall declared an interest in this item as they are trustees of the Charity and took no part in the decision making process

It has been established that the land rented from the Feoffees is .44 acre at the bottom the road way attached to the bottom allotment. The tenant has agreed that this parcel of land is 1.44 acres and has agreed to pay extra rent for this area. The Feoffees are in the process of registering all their land with the Land Registry and they are prepared to transfer this small parcel over to the Parish Council for £1,500 without incurring any legal fees. One of the advantages of this would be that if in the future the allotments were all made into one field the roadway could be incorporated into the field. If it remained in the ownership of the Feoffees they would have a right of way over the roadway. It was agreed that the land should be purchased but negotiations should take place over the amount to be paid. £1,000 seems a more realistic amount.

360/13 **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Resignation of Councillor Ridley**

The clerk had received an e-mail from Councillor Ridley which he wished to be read out at the meeting. The e-mail was read out by the clerk. Councillor Ridley resigned from the Council on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2013. The clerk has informed Fenland DC electoral services and the necessary paper work has been displayed on the notice board. The time period for electors to call an election expires on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013.

The vacancy for Councillor Carroll has been advertised in Village Voices, which has not yet been delivered to all the village. To be discussed further at next meeting

**Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner**

A letter has been received announcing the launch of Neighbourhood Alert, which allows Parish Councils to be aware of police and crime activity within their area. To sign up visit:  
[www.ecops.org.uk](http://www.ecops.org.uk).

361/13 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning applications received:

**F/YR13/0337/F** – erection of single storey side rear extensions and porch to front existing dwelling – 7 Cattle Dyke – revised proposals received for this but consultation period has expired. Side extension has been changed to single storey

**F/YR13/0645/F** - erection of a 3 bed 2 storey dwelling with integral garage involving demolition of existing dwelling and garage – Colwyn 9 High Road – no objections

**F/YR13/1635/F** – erection of a 2 storey 3 bed dwelling – land west of 60 Back Road - no objections

**F/YR13/0697/F** – erection of 2 storey and single storey side, single storey rear and first floor side extensions to form 14 no en-suite care rooms, social rooms, gym, and ancillary offices, repositioning of shed and oil tank, involving the demolition of existing rear conservatory – Willow Lodge Fitton End Road – no objection to the development but would wish to see that the right of way is protected.

362/13 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The accounts for 2012/13 have now been signed off by the external auditors. The only point noted was a slight discrepancy of £5.00.

Second instalment of annual Precept received.

**Accounts Paid:**

Peggs Construction (final account)		£10,092.00
	(to be paid on receipt of completion certificate)	
PKF Littlejohn	(External auditor)	£720.00
Clerk's salary	(6 months)	£1,240.64
HMRC	(tax on clerk's salary)	£310.16
Clerk's expenses	(6 months)	£94.32

**Balance of Accounts**

Current account	£11,733.85
Business Premium account	£2,157.58
High Interest account	<u>£800.86</u>
	<u>£14,692.29</u>

363/13 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Holt reported that the trench across Churchill Road remains un-repaired. This was reported last month to Highways, will be reported again.

Councillor Lay continues to pursue the problem of cars being advertised for sale in Wisbech. When Lynn Road is resurfaced parking bays are being marked up with 2 hour waiting zones so people can not leave cars there all day.

364/13 **Item from No 3 – Parish Council Notice Board**

Councillors did not feel it is practical to provide a new notice board so that minutes of meetings can be published. The old one will be cleaned up and a new notice put in pointing out that the minutes are available on the web site and in the Post Office and also from the clerk on request.

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013

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