

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2014

Present: Councillors Mrs Hall, Humphrey, Holt, Mrs Hunns,
Mrs Humphrey, Fraser and Walpole

Councillor Alan Lay and two members of the public

Apologies: PCSO Russ

94/14 **Public Participation**

None

95/14 Minutes of previous meeting held on 2nd September 2014 were confirmed and signed

96/14 Additional item for consideration – None

97/14 Councillors Humphrey, Holt, Mrs Humphrey and Mrs Hunns 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

98/14 **POLICE LIAISON**

There was no police presence at the meeting but the following information was sent by e-mail:

Reported crimes

Cattle Dyke – criminal damage to vehicle

Wolf Lane – Shed burglary – Quad bike removed but recovered in ploughed field to the rear of the property.

Incidents of note:

Black Lane - Firearms – person shooting on informants land without permission

It was reported at the meeting that there has recently been a shed burglary in Newton

99/14 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Cambridgeshire Future Transport

From the meeting held on 15th September it was confirmed that only 40% of the budget will be available to subsidise buses. The bus services are being reviewed and it is anticipated that transport solutions will be in place around mid 2015. Bus Review Drop Ins are being held on Thursday 30th October at Wisbech Library 10 am to 12 noon and at Newton Village Hall 2 pm to 4 pm. A transport survey is being carried out over the next 2 months and Parish Councils are being asked to help in this process. It was agreed that the Parish Council should apply for some of the questionnaires and the majority of them to be distributed in the Fenland

Citizen if Mr & Mrs Fisher are agreeable. This will leave some parts of the village without them. Councillors will do these:

Allens Drove/Chalk Road/Birds Drove – Councillor Mrs Humphrey
Decoy Road/Honey Hill/ Harrold Bridge – Councillor Fraser
Oxford Drive – Councillor Holt
Park Lane/Fendyke Lane/Woodford Gardens – Councillor Walpole
Gote Lane/Fitton End – Chairman

Collection boxes will be placed in the Post Office and Butchers.

Playing Field Pavilion Sinking Fund

This has now been set up and £100 per month will be paid into it. This will be reviewed annually.

100/14 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

There has been some response to the letter sent out to residents with overhanging hedges. Some have now been cut back on Mill Lane and another resident has promised to do so after the leaves have dropped or the end of the berry season. One resident was concerned about the damaged caused to the hedge along Mill Lane. Unfortunately this is mostly Elder, which does not make a very good hedge.

Local Highway Improvement Initiative – funding application form requires some more information – Persistent problems – carriageway is reduced by persistent parking – frequently used by HGV's – Community improvement – safer route to Primary School, playing field and pocket park.

(2) **Play Equipment**

Chairman has spoken to Andy Griffiths from the Landscape Group. He is happy to carry out all small repairs after confirmation from the Parish Council. Will supply quotation for more costly repairs. He is of the opinion that hand grips are not required so these will be left. Caps are a real problem, they could be either stuck on or welded on. To be asked to quote for new bearings for Tea Cup. Street Pride will tidy up and re-weave the Willow tunnel.

(3) **Bowls Club Lease**

Very successful meeting. Small changes have been made to the original draft lease, which gives a sensible agreement for both parties. Would still like to have a small piece of ground down the side of the bowls green to be used for a wet weather shelter. As this has already been passed over to the Playing Field, they must negotiate this with them.

101/14 **CORRESPONDENCE**

To be circulated to all Councillors

102/14 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning application:

F/YR14/0745/F – temporary siting of a residential caravan within an existing building – The Old Orchard Mill Lane Leverington – Parish Council support the application – required for security and will bring old orchard back into production.

Planning applications approved:

F/YR14/0439/F – erection of single storey front extension – S & S Stores 83 High Road - granted

F/YR14/0555/PNCOU – Change of Use of office to dwelling at office building at Tyrell Mill Lane Leverington – prior approval granted subject to conditions

F/YR14/0674/PNCOU – Change of use of agricultural building to 2 bed dwelling and associated building operations at Willow Farm Honey Hill Road – prior approval granted subject to conditions

103/14 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

A review of Council spending was undertaken – see attached

The account for year ending 31st March 2014 have now been certified by the auditors

Accounts Paid:

R Gagen	(clerk's salary for 6 months)	£1,253.04
HMRC	(tax on clerk's salary)	£313.20
R Gagen	(clerk's expenses 6 months)	£79.20
P Wyles	(wasp nest removal)	£60.00
PKF Littlejohn	(annual audit)	£480.00

Second instalment of Precept £5,000 paid into account

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£11,155.03
Business Premium account	£2,158.68
High Interest account	<u>£801.58</u>
	£14,115.29

104/14 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor concerned about the time of day refuse lorries are doing their round as it coincides with School time. Clerk to contact Fenland DC about this.

Some of the work carried out by the contractors doing the foot way refurbishment is substandard. To be report to Cambs Highways.

Oxford Drive has now been completed and should now be adopted by the Council and then hopefully yellow lines can be put on the High Road opposite the junction.

Allotments 1 and 3 are being neglected by the tenants – clerk to write and ask them to clean them up.

Speed campaign has been carried out along High Road.

Any one using the Park and Ride in Cambridgeshire has to use electronic payments now because of vandalism. To get information about this phone 01223 845561

Horsefair toilets are to be re-opened in about a month.

Trees are over hanging street light in Gote Lane. Street Pride could possibly do this but it could be the responsibility of the land owner.

Two Poppy wreaths to be ordered for Remembrance Sunday. One to be laid in the Church and one in the Chapel Yard.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 4th November 2014.

Signed Date