

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2007

Present: Councillors M Humphrey (Chairman) Mrs Hall, Mrs Hunns, Davall, Holt and Carroll

PC Coales, Perry Holmes and Elaine Harvey

Apologies: Councillors Cooke and Seaton

80/07 Minutes of previous meeting held on 7th August 2007 were confirmed and signed.

81/07 No additional items to be considered

82/07 No Councillors had a personal or prejudicial interest in any of the items to be discussed.

83/07 **POLICE LIAISON**

Following on from the Wisbech and District Neighbourhood Safer Neighbourhood Panel Meeting and the accident in Murrow speed checks will be taking place in the villages.

Caravans are being taken around the area. Quad bikes and mini motor bikes reported seen in the village. Road signs are being painted, this is a criminal offence.

84/07 **PERRY HOLMES MONITORING OFFICER FOR FENLAND DC**

Chairman introduced Mr Perry Holmes who is the Monitoring Officer for Fenland DC and is responsible for the conduct of District, Town and Parish Councillors. It was agreed at the last meeting that the Parish Council would adopt the new Code of Conduct with the inclusion of paragraph 12 which means that Councillors will be able to speak about a matter which is personal or prejudicial to them but will have to leave the room before a decision is made. This is also the case for the general public they can now speak at a Council meeting. This can be achieved by having a 10 minute slot at the beginning of a meeting for the general public. This should be added to standing orders. Perry Holmes will advise clerk on what the procedure is for advertising the adoption of the code by the Parish Council.

85/07 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Village of the Year

The Parish Council had an invitation to attend the presentation evening for this unfortunately it was this evening so no one was available to attend.

86/07 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Nothing to report

(2) **Parish Plan**

Chairman thanked the Parish Plan Committee for the hard work they had put in. Also thanks to Elaine Harvey who attended the meeting on behalf of the committee to make a presentation. A copy of the complete report had been circulated to all Councillors before this meeting. All agreed that it was a very comprehensive report, which will now be passed onto Acre and they in turn will present it to the Strategic Partnership. Proposed by Councillor Carroll and seconded by Councillor Holt and agreed unanimously that the report be accepted. Action Plan to be added to the Agenda for the next meeting for consideration. A grant of £1,500 was received from Acre and £915.67 has been spent.

(3) **Village Welcome Pack**

John Timms has this all in hand and should be available shortly

(4) **Planning Awareness Sessions**

Thursday 11th October The Local Development Framework

Thursday 6th December The role of Town/Parish Councils in the planning process

Thursday 7th February 2008 no subject proposed at this stage

As many Councillors as possible will attend these sessions especially the one in December

87/07 **CORRESPONDENCE**

(1) **Fenland Traffic Management Area John Committee**

Meeting will be held on Friday 7th September, Councillor Carroll will attend.

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

88/07 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning application received:

Application No F/YR07/0888/F – Siting of a mobile home – Avoir 308 Leverington Common – Outside Development Area Boundary but if Romany rights can be proved will support the application for the natural lives of the applicants

Application No F/YR07/0886/F – erection of 2 storey rear extension and single storey and conservatory to sides – Verdun Fendyke Lane

Applications approved:

Application No F/YR07/0627/F – Stationing of 2 mobile units for storage and retail of pet foods and accessories – The Pet Stop Black Lane - renewed for a further 3 years

89/07

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts for the year ending March 2007 have now been signed off by the Audit Commission

Clerk authorised to issue the following cheques:

North Level IDB (Drainage rates)	£255.10
Moore Stephens (Annual audit fee)	£158.63

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£224.71
Business Premium Account	£6,038.93
High Interest Account	<u>£6,414.46</u>
	<u>£12,678.10</u>

90/07

Reports from Councillors

Pot holes at High Side still not repaired to be reported again
Pot hole at entrance to Dennicks Yard on Wolf Lane

Speeding vehicle regularly seen along Decoy Road

Water laying outside No 40 High Road to be reported again

Fendyke Lane/Mill Lane very overgrown to be reported

Churchill Road – dog fouling reported more dog bins required – this will be discussed further next meeting under the action plan

Churchill Road sign broken and two dead trees need taking away.

School fence around re-cycling centre needs attention, agreed that this should be the responsibility of the Parish Council. Chairman will organise the repair.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 2nd October 2007

Signed Date.....