

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

## **HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008**

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

**Apologies:** Councillors Cooke and Mrs Hall PC Coales

Three members of the public attended so held a public forum to discuss the proposed withdrawing of the 17.40 bus service from Wisbech via Gorefield to Holbeach Drove. Points raised were noted and were discussed later in the meeting

213/08 Minutes of previous meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2008 were confirmed and signed.

214/08 Land Rents to be discussed as extra item

215/08 No Councillors had a personal or prejudicial interest to declare

216/08 **POLICE LIAISON**

P C Coales is on annual leave

217/08 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

### **North Level District IDB**

Visit to of their pumping station to be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2008 commencing at 9 am. Councillors Holt and Cooke to attend

218/08 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

E-mail received from Fred Hardwick. He has marked and measures a few lengths of the footway in St Mark's Road for relaying the binder and surface courses. Will raise an order for the repair once the target cost has been received

(2) **Play Equipment**

Councillor Carroll has met with Wicksteed Park Ltd and received a quote for the supply of a new children's play area, utilising the existing rocking rocket and some items for older residents. Their quotation is £54,692. Have yet to receive a quote from Park Leisure and SMP

Gorefield is to receive a grant of £1,028 from the Big Lottery Funding to Support the Development of Play Facilities. Councillor Carroll will contact Philip Peacock from Cambs Acre who is working in partnership with Fenland DC in the administration of the grant.

(3) **Changes to Contracted Bus Services**

A consultation document has been received from Cambs CC Transportation Department asking for comments about the proposed withdrawing of the subsidy made to WHF for the journey at 17.40 from Wisbech via Gorefield to Holbeach Drove.

All the comments made by the members of the public who attended this meeting will be passed on to Cambs CC.

No alternative bus after 2 pm except the school service

If subsidy is withdrawn the whole service could come under threat

The cost of a taxi is £6.00 each way

They understand that there is not a great number of people using this service could not an alternative service to be found to cover this route

219/08 **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Fenland DC 2009/2010 Community Grants**

Applications need to be made by October 2008 for these. Councillor Carroll took away the information with a view to making an application for a grant towards the new play equipment.

**Fenland D C Liaison Meeting**

To be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October from 5 pm. Chairman and one other Councillor asked to attend. Councillor Holt will accompany the Chairman

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

220/08 **PLANNING MATTERS**

**There were no planning applications to be discussed**

**Planning Approval:**

**F/YR08/0541/F** – Erection of a timber shed (retrospective) – Stables Cottage Gote Lane

**F/YR08/0621/F** – Erection of a conservatory to rear of existing dwelling – Oakwood Mill Lane Leverington

221/08 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Account to be paid:

Gorefield Village Hall (Hire of hall)	£15.00
R Gagen (Salary 6 months)	£1,131.00
R Gagen (expenses 6 months)	£84.72

## Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£303.17
Business Premium Account	£5,432.57
High Interest Account	£6,068.95
	<u>£11,804.69</u>

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## Reports from Councillors

Pot hole at entrance to Halifax Yard on Wolf Lane to be reported once again

Rubbish dumped in the Pocket Park and in Birds Drove

Trees and hedges need cutting back in High Side

Councillor Mrs Hunns attended another meeting as Community Safety Champion. Notes from the meeting will be circulated with the correspondence. Volunteers are required to be trained to use speed watch equipment. Training to take place during October. No volunteers were forthcoming from the Parish Council.

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## Extra Item Land Rents

Three letters received from tenants not happy with the proposed increase of rent to £85.00 per acre from October 2008. After further discussion Councillors decided that it was a fair and proper rent comparing it with other land rents in the area. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to these tenants offering the increase from October 2008 of £85 per acre set for 3 years or if this is not acceptable the rent will be increased to £90 from October 2009 again fixed for 3 years. If this is not acceptable they must be reminded that they must give 12 months notice from October 2008 if they wish to terminate their tenancy.

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008

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