

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

**HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009**

**Present:** Councillors: Humphrey (Chairman), Holt, Mrs Hunns, Mrs Hall, Cooke and Carroll  
Mrs Harvey

**Apologies:** Councillors Davall and Tierney, Natalie Rowlands and PC Coales

345/09 Minutes of previous meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2009 were confirmed and signed.

346/09 No extra items to be discussed

347/09 None of the Councillors had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

348/09 **POLICE LIAISON**

P C Coales unable to attend meeting.

349/09 **NATALIE ROWLANDS NOMINATED OFFICER FOR FENLAND DC**

Not able to attend meeting

350/09 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**North Level District IDB visit**

Councillors Carroll and Mrs Hall will attend the open day to be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

351/09 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Dropped gullies along Gorefield Road and large pothole opposite Leverington Church. To be reported to Cambs Highways. Interactive sign needs recalibrating – comes on too soon. Still no progress with getting trees cut back along Mill Lane. Councillor Tierney is trying to make some progress with the problem through Highways

(2) **Play Equipment**

Councillor Carroll has received the results from two consultations. Designs and costings are now being prepared. This will then have to be presented for a final consultation possibly with the children at the school. All this has to be completed by 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2009. A design also required for a new entrance gate. The project should be completed by end of March 2010, when a launch event will have to be held. Signs will have to be erected giving information about the funders. £1,028 which is to come from Fenland DC is to be used for seats. Councillor had a brochure showing

wooden ones, which go around a tree trunk. It was unanimously agreed that 3 of these should be purchased and erected at the same time as the new play equipment.

(3) **Parish Plan**

Parking outside the school still remains a problem. No response received to the letter sent to the school at the end of last term.

(4) **Playing Field**

The Chairman has been in contact with David Ball from Frasers and will be setting up a meeting to discuss the Parish Council taking over as custodial trustees and also the Deed of Dedication, which ensures that the playing field is never able to be sold for development etc.

(5) **Replacement Pavilion**

Still waiting for the outcome of the funding bid. Councillor Carroll has still to receive the final valuation for the Sports & Amenity Centre accounts before the money can be passed over to the Parish Council.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Fenland CPALC Meetings**

Copy of letter circulated to all councillors. Councillors are being encouraged to attend meetings to represent their parishes and also to be a representative on committees which report directly to the Fenland Strategic Partnership.

**Fenland DC Community Fair**

Will be held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 10 am to 4 pm at Parson Drove Village Hall. Information to be circulated with correspondence

**The Cambridgeshire Regiment Association**

Letter received from their Memorial Appeal Committee asking for a donation to help provide a tree at the National Memorial Arboretum near Lichfield. This will be considered with other requests at the December meeting.

**Cambs Acre Annual General Meeting**

To be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 5.30 pm at The St Ivo Leisure Centre. Apologies to be sent

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

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**PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no planning applications to be discussed

Planning Enforcement to be contacted with reference to the stationing of a mobile home at Hassockhill Drove. This has been reported before but nothing appears to have been done about it.

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### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The audit of the annual return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 has been completed.

#### **Account to be paid:**

R Gagen (clerk's salary 6 months)	£1,275.82
R Gagen (clerk's expenses 6 months)	£81.84
Councillor Carroll (travel expenses)	£57.50
Moore Stephens (Audit fee)	£155.25

#### **Balance of Accounts**

Current Account	£201.64
Business Premium Account	£7,154.04
High Interest Account	<u>£5,087.81</u>
	<u>£12,443.49</u>

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### **Reports from Councillors**

Monthly playground checks need to be carried out. A different Councillor is needed each month. All Councillors present agreed that they could be available whenever required.

Wisbech Round Table placed signs in the village when they held their annual run. To be asked to remove them after the event.

Flooding outside The Woodmans continues to be problem. To be reported to Highways for attention.

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009

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