

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2010

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

Apologies: PC Coales and Natalie Rowlands

88/10 Minutes of previous meeting held on 3rd August 2010 were confirmed and signed.

89/10 Equal Opportunities Policy and Standing Orders

90/10 None of the Councillors had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

91/10 **POLICE LIAISON**

P C Coales was unable to attend the meeting but gave the clerk the following information: Crimes reported since last meeting: Theft from dwelling in Cattle Dyke, theft at Hassockhill Drove, shed burglary at Fitton End, theft from motor vehicle Churchill Road, theft of mobile phone from Wolf Lane and assault reported at Willow Lodge Care Home.

Councillor Holt is very concerned about the reports in the media about cuts to the police budgets which inevitably will lead to less police officers in rural areas. Clerk to write to local MP about these concerns.

92/10 **NATALIE ROWLANDS NOMINATED OFFICER FOR FENLAND DC**

Unable to attend this meeting

93/10 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Undeveloped land at West End

A representative from Dene Homes contacted the clerk and said they have no immediate plans for this land but they will get it tidied up.

94/10 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Fred Hardwick has written to the owners of 66 Back Road requesting that they remove the laurel bush from the public highway. He will provide a road junction sign for West End. According to the contractors they jetted the whole length of the surface water drain along West End. The Chairman has also been in contact with Fred Hardwick and requested that the owners/occupiers of Mill Croft and Green Acre be contacted and asked to cut back their hedges from the road side. Fred Hardwick confirmed that he has done so.

(2) **Play Equipment**

Swing to be delivered on 27th September at a cost of £2,150. BMX track will cost £5,898, which gives an underspend of £126.88. It was agreed that £150 should be spent on providing a sign. Five pieces of toddler equipment should also be erected starting 27th September. It has been agreed that the BMX track will be a figure of eight with 7 elements in it. Lottery funded signs to be ordered could possibly be added to the existing sign. Playing Field Committee may be able to fund the painting of the concrete.

(3) **Parish Plan**

There was nothing to be reported

(4) **Playing Field**

A meeting to discuss proposals for the replacement pavilion has been arranged for Thursday 9th September with Jason Richardson, Fenland DC sports development officer, a representative from Fenland DC Property Services, a representative from Eco Buildings, David Broker the architect, C R Peggs, the Chairman and Councillor Holt. Fenland DC has set aside a further £600,000 for rural projects.

Litter continues to be a problem on the playing field. Street Pride to be asked about providing extra litter bins.

(5) **Street Pride**

Litter pick arranged for 25th September at 10 am. Clerk to e-mail Jeannette Milner asking if there is anything that needs doing.

95/10 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Cambs Acre AGM

To be held at St Ivo Leisure Centre on Tuesday 28th September at 5.30 pm. Councillor Carroll will be attending.

Neighbourhood Forum

A council representative is needed to fill the seat on the Forum Panel. The first meeting will be held on Monday 29th November at 6 pm at the Queen Mary Centre. The Chairman is prepared to be the representative but is unavailable for the meeting. Vice Chairman Council Mrs Hall will deputise for him.

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

96/10 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Applications received:

F/YR10/0542/F – erection of single storey rear extension – 78 Oxfield Drive – no objections

F/YR10/0584/F – conversion of building to form 2 x 2 bed dwellings and erection of war memorial wall – The Christian Centre High Road – Parish Council does not support this application, additional traffic movements, over development of the site, parking appears to be on top of existing graves, new windows at the rear are over looking adjacent property, inadequate bin provision, very poor access to rear property in case of emergency.

F/YR10/0630/F – erection of detached stables/tack room – Parkfield Honey Hill Road – no objections

97/10 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Accounts paid:

Moore Stephens (external audit)	£720.28	
P Wyles (Pest control)		£45.00
Clerk's salary (6 months)		£1,275.00
Clerk's expenses (6 months)		£83.20
Councillor Carroll (postage)		£2.36

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£8,823.78
Business Premium Account	£4,149.35
High Interest Account	£64,028.77
	£77,001.90

98/10 **Reports from Councillors**

30 mph sign needs replacing along High Road as you approach from Leverington. 30 mph signs have been turned around at Allens Drove end. Finger post at top of Hassockhill Drove has been damaged.

Parish Council have a page in the Village Voices next month. Any contributions need to be given to the Chairman before 15th September.

99/10 **Equal Opportunities Policy**

Councillor Carroll has been asked to produce this for the grant application being made to Denarbon. Agreed to adopt the policy CPALC have produced in their hand book. Clerk to e-mail copy to Marion Branch who is dealing with the grant application.

Standing Orders

Following comments made by the external auditor it has become necessary for the Parish Council to adopt standing orders. NALC produce a model document which can be used. Councillor Ridley proposed and Councillor Cooke seconded the proposition that the Parish Council adopt these standing orders. A copy will be e-mailed to all the councillors. A copy to be e-mailed to Marion Branch as she has also requested these.

Child Protection Policy

Denarbon have also asked for a child protection policy because of the council's involvement with the Play Area. Chairman will find out what Fenland DC do about this and report back to next meeting.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 5th October 2010

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