

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2011

Present: Councillors Humphrey, Carroll, Holt, Mrs Humphrey, Mrs Hunns and Mrs Hall

Councillor Tierney

Apologies: Councillor Ridley and PCSO Bogunovic

76/11 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present.

77/11 Minutes of previous meeting held on 2nd August 2011 were confirmed and signed.

78/11 Consultation on the new Local Development Framework

79/11 None of the Councillors had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

80/11 **POLICE LIAISON**

PCSO Bogunovic unable to attend the meeting but had e-mailed a report to the clerk. Reported crimes since the last meeting: 4 incidents of criminal damage, 4 thefts which included two wooden benches being taken from the playing field, 1 case of arson and 1 burglary, 1 report of anti social behaviour on the playing field and 3 reports of youths causing problems at the bowls club.

A meeting has been arranged on the playing field for Monday 5th September to discuss the possibility of deployable CCTV cameras. Chairman will be attending.

Next Speed Watch date 8th September Churchill Road/High Road junction.

81/11 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Report of rats at Richmond Green

Contractors for Fenland DC have survey the site and sent a report. Clerk not able to find out the findings of the report. Repair work is now being carried out at the site.

Land rear of 21-31 Churchill Road Draft farm business tenancy

This was circulated with the correspondence and is satisfactory. Clerk to notify Legal Services.

Village Sign

Councillor Mrs Hall has spoken to Mr Howlett about looking after the base of the sign. He is very happy to do so but would like some new soil putting it. Councillor Holt will arrange this. Mr Howlett also mentioned that with the help of his neighbour would like to refurbish to seat at Richmond Green. There is no problem with this.

(1) Highway Matters

Chairman has tried to contact Neil Band but as yet has been unsuccessful. Councillor Tierney suggested Charles Baxter be contacted as he does reply to e-mails. Councillor Ridley has met Matt Pickering Traffic Engineer for Cambs CC at Cattle Dyke junction. Report to be made at next meeting as Councillor Ridley unable to attend due to ill health.

(2) Rural Transport

Nothing to report

(3) Chapel Grave Yard

Clerk has received a voice mail message from Rev Warren. The chapel grave yard is owned by a company of which he is a director. They have always kept the grave yard tidy until recently due to lack of a mower. The playing field committee has promised that they can have their old mower. This should be provided shortly. Streetpride should be asked to cut back the trees on the perimeter.

(4) Play Equipment

A quotation has been received from FLP for resurfacing under the roundabout. For wet pour it will be £4,610.13 and softfall it will be £5,086.36. As these options are very expensive it was agreed that the roundabout should be removed and the area back filled with soil and reseeded and the safety matting re-laid.

Councillor Carroll has been helping Cambs Acre with a promotional video which will feature the village sign, some of the scarecrows and the play equipment.

Chairman has been advised that Fenland DC do have someone that does play equipment inspections but as yet has not been advised as to their charges. Clerk to contact them. A Parish Council inspection of the equipment is due, Councillors Carroll and Holt will undertake this.

Councillor Carroll has completed all the information required to register the field with the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge. Meeting with Phillip Peacock on Friday 9th September.

Two seats have been stolen from the playing field on two consecutive nights. The third one has been removed for safe keeping. If an insurance claim is made each theft would be considered separately therefore the excess of £125 would be payable on each seat. It was agreed that an insurance claim should be submitted for the seats and the litter bin.

(5) New Pavilion

Councillor Carroll has been looking into putting in an application for a grant from the Rural Communities Fund. He is at present getting questionnaires completed around the village.

(6) **Parish Plan**

The Chairman is unable to attend the meeting has arranged for 22nd September at 11 am outside the school to discuss parking and speeding problems due to other commitments. Councillors Carroll and Holt will attend on his behalf.

Letter has been received from Fenland DC explaining how they are working in partnership with Cambs Acre to deliver Community Led Planning (Parish Plans) support to local parish councils and CLP groups. Chairman has passed this information to John Timms chairman of the Parish Plan committee.

(7) **Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

The meeting held on the 1st September was fairly well attended. It was agreed that an event should be held on the Playfield consisting of service, sports, tea party and some evening entertainment. Another meeting has been arranged for Thursday 22nd September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall to form a committee. Letter has been received from Fenland DC asking for information as to how the Parish Council intends to spend the £1,000 promised for the Jubilee. If there is enough interest they will hold a workshop to deal with all aspects if event management. Clerk to respond to the letter.

83/11 **REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR TIERNEY**

Councillor Tierney recently held a surgery in Gorefield where 9 problems were reported to him. Eight problems have now been resolved leaving only one about speeding in the village. Parish Councillors are very welcome to attend the next surgery which will be held in November.

84/11 **CORRESPONDENCE**

North East Cambs Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places.

Clerk to complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Council.

Cambs Acre 13th Annual General Meeting

To be held on Tuesday 27th September at 5.30 pm at St Ives. Councillor Carroll will be attending.

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

85/11 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Applications received:

F/YR11/0624/F - erection of single storey side and front extensions including rising the roof of the existing dwelling - El Cotillo 103 High Road - support application will improve the street scene.

F/YR11/0656/F – erection of a single storey 2 bed dwelling and detached triple garage involving demolition of existing dwelling – Fircroft 98 Cattle Dyke – this is a re-application - support application it will be a great improvement to the existing bungalow

Application approved:

F/YR11/0468/F – erection of extension to existing garage – 9 St Paul’s Close

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

Clerk’s Salary Review

Clerk left the room whilst this item was discussed

It was agreed that the hourly rate paid to the clerk be raised to £9.941 back dated to 1st April 2009. From 1st April 2011 the clerk will be paid for 6 hours of work per week instead of the present 5 hours. Clerk to keep a log of time spent.

Accounts to be paid:

Clerk’s expenses	(6 months)	£86.80
Clerk’s salary	(6 months)	£1,227.00

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£725.29
Business Premium Account	£5,152.05
High Interest Account	£72,519.58
	<u>£78,396.92</u>

Action Plan from Internal Auditor

Several points have now been completed. Clerk to look at the other outstanding points.

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REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Pocket Park - request has been received for the conifers running along the front to be cut down as youths are hiding in them after carry out act of anti social behaviour. Streetpride to be asked to consider this.

88/11

CONSULTATION ON NEW LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Four Councillors attended a workshop for this. Any comments must be made by 23rd September 2011 Councillor Carroll has reviewed the document and has the following comments to make:

2.3 Our Vision - the whole paragraph is about providing a future, with new infrastructure, nothing about improving what is existing to create a starting point for future, nothing can be built on dodgy foundations

CS1 - Small Villages - if there is a limit of a group of 2 or 3 dwellings, is there a limit of how many single dwellings can be built in the village

4.3.2 - End of the first bullet point, evening transportation, this is most important if the education ambitions of the rural villages wishing to attend evening classes are fulfilled, if they have no other means of transport

This is the most comprehensive and understandable document I have read in a long time, well done.

Councillor Mrs Hall will take the document away to study and let the clerk have her comments to be passed on the Fenland DC.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 4th October 2011

Signed Date.....