

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2012

Present: Councillors Humphrey, Carroll, Holt, Mrs Hall, Mrs Hunns and Ridley
Councillors Cottrell and Sutton, David Vincent, PCSO David Russ
and two members of the public

Apologies: Councillors Mrs Humphrey and Tierney

212/12 Public Participation

It has been confirmed that Fowlers are to discontinue their bus service from Gorefield to Wisbech from 30th September 2012. This will leave the village with only the FACT dial a ride service. The main factor for this is the fact that Fowlers only received 52p for every £1 for people using bus passes. The FACT bus has to be booked the day before required and it will also mean the people using it for doctors and hospital appointments will probably have to change them to afternoons instead of mornings as they do at moment. This information has been circulated in Village Voices and at the Luncheon Club.

213/12 Councillors Cottrell and Sutton attended the meeting with David Vincent a Fenland DC Officer responsible for Emergency planning. Councillor Cottrell is visiting all the Parish Councils in the district encouraging them to set up their own emergency plan. The idea is for each village to have possibly two co-ordinators who would liaise with emergency services, Fenland DC etc. A meeting is to be organised at the end of October or beginning November for co-ordinators to have a meeting with the Emergency Planning team at Fenland DC. A leaflet drop will also be done during November. To be discussed further at the October Parish Council meeting

214/12 Minutes of previous meeting held on 7th August 2012 were confirmed and signed

215/12 No additional item for consideration

216/12 Councillors Humphrey, Holt, Ridley and Carroll declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item concerning the Playing Field as all are members of the Playing Field Committee. These Councillors have all been granted dispensation for 5 years and will be able to speak and vote on any items concerning the playing field.

217/12 **POLICE LIAISON**

PCSO Dave Russ attended the meeting. Incidents since the last meeting:-

Decoy Road theft of bird scarer, Fendyke Lane bicycle taken, High Road windows smashed in empty property.

There have been incidents of anti social behaviour reported at the playing field. A meeting was held there today with PCSO Russ, a representative from Roddens and other agencies to tackle the problem.

Youths are also congregating on the Pocket Park late at night causing a disturbance. PCSO Russ will patrol this area when in the village.

218/12 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Incident concerning resident of The Willows

Clerk wrote to the manager about a Councillor attending meeting but has as yet not received a response.

Hedge along High Road

Chairman has not as yet spoken to the resident but the hedge has been cut back but unfortunately it still overhangs the footpath.

Untidy area at West End

Has been reported to planning enforcement but no response received as yet.

219/12 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) Highway Matters

No information to report.

(2) Playing Field/Play Equipment

Not received any information about the safety checks recently clerk will contact them. Willow tunnel is to be tidied up. New seat for zip wire purchased.

(3) New Pavilion

Revised quotation received from Peggs Construction Ltd for £226,930 + VAT. This to be accepted subject to the following:-

Parish Council to engage the services of David Broker as a project manager

Monthly progress reporting meetings are to be held between Peggs Construction, the project manager and a PC representative

Monthly payments against invoice to reflect actual spend during that period

Savings to overall project costs by way of contributions of good will are to be clearly identified, valued and recorded.

Any changes to the project, including additional work commissioned by others to be agreed in advance with the Parish Council

Further discussion and agreement on the type of showers to be fitted, electric or plumbed.

Final payment will be withheld until completion of the project is agreed between the Council representative, project manager, building control officer and Peggs Construction.

All the above was proposed by Councillor Mrs Hunns and seconded by Councillor Ridley all agreed.

Expected start date early October. A project meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th September at 4.30 pm.

(4) Parish Plan

The Chairman has organised a meeting with Mike Barnes from Acre, Councillors Mrs Hunns and Holt and John Timms on 11th September to discuss ways of updating the current Parish Plan.

(5) Adoption of New Code of Conduct

Copies of this have been circulated to all Councillors before the meeting. It was proposed by Councillor Ridley and seconded by Councillor Carroll that it be adopted. Agreed by all Councillors to complete a new Register of Interests and return to the clerk by 19th September.

220/12 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Cambs Community Services News Letter

Copy circulated to all Councillors

221/12 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning applications received:-

Councillor Ridley declared a personal interest in the following application and took no part in the decision making process.

F/YR12/0571 – Erection of a 2 storey 2/3 bed dwelling with detached single garage involving demolition of existing building – land south of 1 Gote Lane - support the application as it is in keeping with the street scene and improves the site.

222/12 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Cheques to be paid:

Fenland Leisure Products (new zip wire seat)	£69.60
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Balance of Accounts

Current account	£6,970.08
Business Premium account	£5,155.36
High Interest account	<u>£69,792.72</u>
	<u>£81,918.16</u>

223/12 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Street Pride has cleared the Chapel Grave Yard. It was notice that one tree along Chapel Lane is dead and if it fell over it could cause damage to neighbouring properties. Owner to be written to and informed of this and also encouraged to keep the grave yard maintained now it has been cleared for him.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 2nd October 2012

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