

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2013

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

Councillor Alan Lay and 2 members of the public

Apologies: PCSO Dave Russ

343/13 **Public Participation**

A member of the public wished to bring attention to the Council the fact that Cambs Highways had promised to reinstate the triangle at the junction of Black Lane with High Side and also to do carry out some remedial works on Black Lane. To date nothing has been done. It was also reported that there was as large pot hole at Chalk Road/High Side. These matters to be reported to Cambs Highways again.

It was also reported that travellers have moved onto land at Elbow Lane. The Chairman stated that this lane falls in the Parish of Parson Drove and he would bring the matter to the attention of the Fenland member for that area.

An incident of mini motor bikes using the bridal way had been reported to the police. This has been included on the police report to follow.

344/13 Minutes of previous meeting held on 6th August 2013 were confirmed and signed

345/13 Additional item for consideration – none

346/13 Councillors Humphrey, Holt and Mrs Humphrey 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 and will be able to speak and vote on any items concerning the playing field

347/13 **POLICE LIAISON**

There was no police presence at the meeting but the following information had been e-mailed before the meeting:

Crimes since last meeting:

Back Road – theft – caravan taken

Incidents:

Black Lane – vehicle nuisance – 4 youths riding mini motor bikes on bridleway

It was suggested at the last meeting that the PCSO's could arrange for post coding of cycles in the village. Clerk to contact PCSO Russ and him if he could arrange this.

Chapel Yard

Contractors have returned to the Chapel Yard and removed the suckers from the bottom of the trees. Clerk to enquire with Bob Ollier if he organised the contractors.

MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**(1) Highway Matters**

Councillor Ridley contacted Neil Band again following the last meeting but still have had no response and nothing has been done about the overhanging bushes and trees. Neil Band to be contacted again and copy of e-mail sent to Councillor Lay.

(2) Play Equipment/Playing Field

The application made to QE Fields in Trust has been successful and £13,084 has been promised for wet pour to be put around the roundabout, the tea cup and the spinner. A third party funder is required for 11% of the grant approximately £1,400. When the application was made the Playing Field Association agreed to be this funder but at the moment they are not in a position to do so. It may be that the Parish Council will have to take on this responsibility.

Bowls Club Lease – the secretary of the Bowls Club has contacted the clerk with reference to the draft lease. The Bowls Club are of the opinion that a lease is not required as they had permission to use this part of the playing field as a green when the playing field was purchased. But they agreed that as the Parish Council have now taken over as Trustees they will be prepared to sign an agreement but feel that the some points of the draft one presented does not apply. They have therefore presented an agreement of their own for consideration. Councillors were each given a copy of the draft lease and the agreement provided by the Bowls Club for consideration to be discussed at the next meeting. A meeting has been suggested between the Chairman and Vice Chairman of each organisation after the 16th September.

(3) New Pavilion

Still waiting for the completion certificate before the final payable can be made to the contractor.

(4) Inspection of Village Assets/Replacement of brick base to Village Sign

Chairman has inspected the village sign base and thinks that only one course of bricks needs replacing. He will contact Peggs Construction who were quoting for a complete replacement and ask for a revised quote.

Councillor Mrs Humphrey has carried out inspection of the village assets:-

Village award plaques on the School fence have rusty screws
 Gate post on pedestrian gate on playing field needs concreting in
 Village on the year sign on Pocket Park needs cleaning and painting
 Bottle Bank needs cleaning up – Street Pride could probably do this
 Pocket Park bench needs cleaning and painting
 Richmond Green bench needs cleaning and painting
 Path way along Richmond Green is covered with overhanging bushes
 Parish Council notice board needs cleaning

350/13 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Vacancy on the Parish Council

The 14 day notice period for electors to request an election to fill the vacancy ended today. Notice to be put in the next addition of Village Voices asking for anyone interested in filling the position to contact the clerk.

Letter from Fraser Dawbarns re land rented from Leverington Feoffees

The information contained in the letter was rather vague therefore the Chairman will discuss this matter further with Fraser and the Chairman of the Leverington Feoffees and the matter will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

351/13 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning applications received:

F/YR13/0555/F – erection of a 3 bed 2 storey dwelling – land north of St Marks Gote Lane – the dwelling is too big for the site causing over development.

F/YR13/0594/F – erection of a single-storey side extension to existing dwelling – At Last 7 High Road – no objection

352/13 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£18,188.82
Business Premium account	£2,157.58
High Interest account	<u>£800.86</u>
	<u>£21,147.26</u>

It was agreed that Councillor Mrs Hunns will be added to the bank signing mandate in place of Councillor Carroll.

353/13 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Cambs County Councillor Lay is trying to stop cars being advertised for sale on public highways. He has recruited the help of the legal department at Cambs CC.

Churchill Road has a trench across the road which is falling in causing two large pot holes. Cambs Highways to be informed.

There is some graffiti on the fence near the phone box.

Bramble in the Pocket Park need cutting back.

Street Pride needs some new recruits and the Chairman will contact Rebecca Robinett from Fenland DC with a view to getting some help.

Rave at Fen Road – Chairman and owners of the property had a meeting with Assistant Chief Constable and the Fenland Area Commander following the rave.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 1st October 2013

Signed Date