

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

**HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014**

**Present:** Councillors M Humphrey, Mrs Hall, Holt, Mrs Hunns,  
Mrs Humphrey Fraser and Walpole

Councillor Alan Lay and two member of the public

**Apologies:** PCSO Russ

83/14 **Public Participation**

One member of the public who attended wish to bring to the attention of the Council the terrible state of the road surface of Black Lane. Highways had promised to re-instate the island at the junction but this still has not been done. The Parish Council has been informed that this road is earmarked for repairs, but is could be in the 2015 budget. Clerk will try to have this clarified by the Highways engineer.

Another member of the public wished to bring to the attention of the Parish Council a problem with drainage at The Barracks adjacent to the garage. This will be reported to Highways engineer.

Mention was made about the up and coming meeting to be held to discuss subsidised transport in the village. It is hoped that Councillors attending meeting will lobby for the keeping of subsidies on the local bus service.

84/14 Minutes of previous meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2014 were confirmed and signed

85/14 Additional item for consideration – None

86/14 Councillors Humphrey, Holt, Mrs Humphrey and Mrs Hunns 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

87/14 **POLICE LIAISON**

There was no police presence at the meeting but the following information was sent by e-mail:

Reported crimes

Black Lane – theft – chain and combination lock taken from gate

Incidents of note:

None

Emerging Issues

There have been a number of thefts of railings and gates in rural areas. It is a good idea to take photographs of railings so scrapyards can be given full details in the event of a theft.

Ongoing issues

The main issue raised at the North Rural forum was that of speeding. Dog fouling, fly tipping and litter we also raised and these will be reported to Fenland D C in order that they can take remedial action. Next North Rural Forum will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at Tydd St Giles.

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## **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

### **Green Lane**

This was reported to Cambs CC Rights of Way officer but received a rather negative response. It stated that we have to be tolerant of the agricultural landscape and practices, which is the fens.

### **Councillor Training**

Councillor Walpole is booked in to attend sessions 8<sup>th</sup> September and 6<sup>th</sup> October. Councillor Fraser booked in for 27<sup>th</sup> October. All commence at 6.45pm at Parson Drove Sports Pavilion.

### **Bowls Club Lease**

Meeting with Bowls Club confirmed for Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7 pm at Community Hall.

### **Sinking Fund for Community Hall**

This is being set up by the Playing Field Committee. Amount will be confirmed at the next meeting.

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## **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

### **(1) Highway Matters**

Clerk will try to find out the programme of work for Black Lane from County Highways.

### **(2) Play Equipment**

E-mail received from Landscape Group saying that the company who supplied the Ogo gym equipment has gone out of business so they are unable to obtain genuine parts so they will have to supply substitute parts. Chairman will contact Andy Griffiths to try to get the repairs done immediately. Wasp nest in Willow tunnel needs attention. Councillor Humphrey will contact Will Wyles. Willow tunnel needs cutting back and reweaving. Councillor Mrs Humphrey will undertake this.

### **(3) Cambridgeshire Future Transport Brief Meeting – Area L**

The meeting will take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2-4 pm at Fenland Hall. Chairman will attend. Drop in events are being held for public consultation on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October 10 am to 12 noon at Wisbech Library and 2-4 pm at Newton Village Hall. A Transport Questionnaire is available at <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CambsFT3>

90/14 **CORRESPONDENCE**

**North Level District IDB Day Visit**

To be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am to 4 pm commencing at their Thorney offices. The invitation is for two Councillors preferably those who have not attended before. Councillors Fraser and Walpole will attend.

**Invitation to Macmillan Coffee Morning**

To be held at Fenland Hall on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 9.30 to 11.30 am.

91/14 **PLANNING MATTERS**

**Planning applications**

**F/YR14/0555/PNCOU** – Change of Use of office to dwelling at office building at Tyrell Mill Lane Leverington – following on from comments made at the last meeting the planning officer has pointed out that at this application was made under a prior notification application the Parish Council can only comment on flood risk, highway safety and contamination impacts.

**F/YR14/0674/PNCOU** – Change of use of agricultural building to 2 bed dwelling and associated building operations at Willow Farm Honey Hill Road – As this is also a prior notification application Parish Council have no comments to make.

**F/YR14/0690/F** – erection of 4 x 2 storey 4 bed dwellings with double garage – south of Gorefield House Cattle Dyke – this site has already had permission for 3 large houses so this is just a change to 4 smaller houses – Parish Council support the application as it did the previous application.

**Enforcement issues:**

Enforcement officer has been advised about Nos 6, 8 and 10 Cattle Dyke having no bin store as required by their planning permission.

92/14 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Accounts Paid:**

None

**Balance of Accounts**

Current account

£8,340.47

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| Business Premium account | £2,185.44      |
| High Interest account    | <u>£801.58</u> |
|                          | £11,327.49     |

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**REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Lay has had a meeting with Inspector Sissons. He cannot enforce speed limits or illegal parking because he is under resourced and under staffed.

Post Office still waiting to hear about planning permission.

Report of a noisy dog made to a Councillor. This is dealt with Environmental Health. Complainant would have to keep a diary of incidents.

Overgrown hedges – clerk to write to owners to ask if they will get them cut back.

Councillor Mrs Humphrey and Chairman will arrange to paint the seat at Richmond Green

Councillor Walpole is able to produce a map showing all the streetlight in the village. Still waiting to receive confirmation from Fenland DC about which lights are defective and need replacing.

Councillor Gavin Booth Chairman of Parson Drove PC has contacted the Chairman to ask if Gorefield PC would be willing to put in a joint application for a minor improvement with them and Wisbech St Mary PC to help improve road safety at Bellamy Bridge. Our own application has already been submitted and it was felt that to make any difference to this junction would require more finance than could be achieved through a minor improvement grant.

Openness in Local Government. From 1<sup>st</sup> August members of the public are able to video, take pictures and record Council Meetings.

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

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