

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 5TH APRIL 2016

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

Councillors Lay and Ms Clark

Apologies: Councillors D Humphrey and Ms Reynolds

164/16 Public Participation

No members of the public attended the meeting

165/16 Minutes of previous meeting held on 1st March were confirmed and signed

166/16 Churchill Road allotments to be discussed later in the meeting

167/16 Councillors did not have any personal and prejudicial interests under the Local Code of Conduct to declare

168/16 **POLICE MONTHLY UPDATE**

No report has been received

169/16 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Hedge on Cattle Dyke

Councillor Holt has looked at this and spoken to some of the other residents and there does not seem to be a problem.

Solar Light bollard for Chapel Lane

This has now been purchased and is ready to be installed. Councillor Holt will get a slab of concrete put in and then will need to be bolted on.

170/16 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) Highway Matters

Cambs CC have advised that Cattle Dyke is to be closed for electrical works from 30th June until 6th July.

(2) Play Equipment

Clerk has received a communication from Solutions 4 Playgrounds quoting for carrying out inspections. They are suggesting monthly visits at a cost of £90. It was agreed that weekly inspections are required.

Clerk has had problems getting reports from the ISS Group who are at present doing the weekly inspections. In their latest e-mail they advise that they have appointed a new manager to oversee the work in this area. Clerk will make contact with him and try to get a quotation for the outstanding works. It was agreed to carry on using the ISS Group at the moment.

(3) **Notice Board**

Quote is in for a new board which we should have by the next meeting. Letter of thanks to be sent to Purina after it is installed.

(4) **Streetlights**

There has been no further information received about the Category 2 streetlights.

A meeting has been arranged to discuss Concurrent Functions Grants. It has been suggested that it should be calculated on tax base as the Precept or population. At the moment there is inequality between the Parishes and if changes were made 6 would gain and 6 would lose. All agreed that Councillor M Humphrey who is to attend the meeting should push for changes to make equality for all Parish Councils.

171/16 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Fenland Twinning Association

Fenland residents are invited to join a Civic visit to Stadt Nettetal from 8th September to 12th September at £100 per adult and £80 per student. Accommodation is normally by “homestay” with a family. If more information is required contact Mike Cornwell on 01354 653757

Safety Reflective Posts

Letter has been received in response to one sent by the clerk following the last meeting with regard to posts being put in the highway verge. The resident states that they are used to allow safe exit and entry from his property. Clerk to send a copy to the Highway’s officer for his comments.

Other correspondence will be circulated to Councillors

172/16 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning applications:

F/YR16/0160/F – erection of a 3 storey 5/6 bed dwelling with detached double garage and formation of a car park for use with Old Wood Yard – Land east of Old Wood Yard Birds Drove fronting Cattle Dyke – no objections

Prior approval application:

Y/YR16/0187/PNC04 – Change of use of agricultural building to 1 x single storey 2 bed dwelling (Class Q (a) and (b)) at barn south of Willow House Fendyke Lane – this is a prior approval for a General Permitted Development and not a consultation.

Accounts to be paid:

		Cheq No	Nett	VAT	Gross
North Level IDB	Drainage rates	100881	£268.20	0.00	£268.20
Solar Illuminations	Solar bollard	100882	£249.99	0.00	£249.99

Balance of Accounts

Current account		£26,156.89
Business Premium account	£2,160.30	
High Interest account		<u>£802.18</u>
		£29,119.37

174/16 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Lay has been speaking to the Police about problems in Wisbech especially traffic enforcement – their only response is that they have to prioritise and lack of resources. He has also written to Gary Garford at Fenland DC asking if it a statutory duty for the Police to enforce the law.

Pot holes need reporting in Wolf Lane and Back Road.

Hedge at the top of Wolf Lane view is being restricted along Leverington Common towards Wisbech. Clerk to write to the occupiers.

Tree in the Chapel yard has fallen over - Streetpride will get it cleared up

Heath and Safety check needs doing – Chairman and one of the new Councillors to do it shortly

Mays Bridge has been damaged will be reported

Standing Orders have still not been updated to cover recording of meetings.

Chairman wished to send good wishes to Councillor Ms Reynolds who is taking part in the London Marathon.

175/16 **Churchill Road Allotments**

Councillor Holt reported that 2 vehicles have been left on the parking area for the allotments for about 2 months. He has photographed them. Rubbish is also a problem there with people parking up there in the evenings and then leaving all there rubbish behind. These problems to be reported to Fenland DC and the Police.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 3rd May 2016 (Annual General Meeting)

Signed Date