

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2013

Present: Councillors Humphrey, Holt, Mrs Humphrey, Mrs Hunns, Walpole and Fraser

Councillor Alan Lay

Apologies: Councillor Mrs Hall, PCSO Russ and 1 member of the public

375/13 Public Participation

No one who attended the meeting wished to make any comment

376/13 Minutes of previous meeting held on 5th November 2013 were confirmed and signed

377/13 Additional item for consideration – None

378/13 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

379/13 POLICE LIAISON

There was no police presence at the meeting but the following information has been received by the Clerk.

Crimes since last report:

Black Lane – Theft of heating oil from tank in the garden

Incidents:

Cross Drove – Poaching – 2 males and 2 dogs hare coursing

Oxfield Drive – Rowdy nuisance – dogs barking disturbing neighbours

There are now 3 community led Speedwatch Teams in operation and it is hoped that a further 2 will be set up shortly.

Officers have been out undertaking enforceable speed checks, 2 speeding tickets were issued in Friday Bridge and monitoring undertaking in Elm and Parson Drove. These were carried out following data supplied by Community Led Speedwatch Teams.

380/13 MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

Footpath High Road to Fitton End

Reported to Cambs Right of Way officer who will visit the site and report back

Co-option of new Councillors

Chairman welcomes Councillors Fraser and Walpole. They both completed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

381/13 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

E-mail received from Neil Band – a temporary repair will be carried out at Churchill Road then a more permanent repair be completed by the end of the month.

Leverington Common has been inspected and it did not score enough to be included in the highway improvements schemes and is beyond maintenance budget intervention.

Letters are being hand delivered to residents with overgrowing hedges shortly.

Wolf Lane will be inspected shortly

(2) **Bowls Club Lease**

Parish Council are now custodial trustees of the playing field. The Bowls Club have no agreement at the moment. Copy of the draft lease agreement has been given to Vice Chairman and a meeting will be arranged shortly.

(3) **Play Equipment**

The new safer surfacing is now being put under the roundabout, disc spinner and tea cup. Documents have been sent back to Sita Trust and once the invoice for the work is available it will be sent on to obtain the grant.

(4) **Purchase of land from Leverington Feoffees**

Following negotiations with the Leverington Feoffees they have now agreed to sell the .44 acres of land at Cattle Dyke for £1,325. Proposed by Councillor Holt and seconded by Councillor Mrs Hunns that this be accepted agreed by all. Leverington Feoffees to be informed.

382/13 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Copy of letter from a Resident of St Mark's Road sent to Cambs Highways

It points out the deteriorating condition of the pavements in St Marks Road and the uneven condition of the entrance of the road from High Road. As this was incorrectly addressed the clerk will e-mail a copy to Neil Band and copy to Councillor Lay.

383/13 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no planning applications to be discussed

384/13 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Accounts Paid:

Supplies Direct (officer stationery)

£35.14

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£9,328.47
Business Premium account	£2,157.58
High Interest account	<u>£800.86</u>
	£12,286.91

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REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Lay had attended a meeting at Leverington Parish Council where Streetpride had been discussed. There appeared to be a problem with the provision of insurance for those taking part. The Chairman explained that Fenland District Council have agreed to fund this for the next two years and probably this will be extended after that for the foreseeable future.

The hedge at Wolf Lane/Leverington Common junction is very overgrown and restricts visibility. To be reported to Neil Band.

Precept to be set at the next meeting.

Streetlights in the village are being surveyed by Fenland District Council and if it is found that any owned by the Parish Council are sub-standard then the Parish Council could have to fund their replacement.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 7th January 2014

Signed Date