

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2016

Present: Councillors : Holt (vice chairman), M Humphrey, Walpole, Mrs Hunns and Ms Reynolds

Councillor Ms Clark

Apologies: Councillors Mrs Hall and Lay

132/16 Public Participation

No members of the public attended the meeting

133/16 Minutes of previous meeting held on 1st December 2015 were confirmed and signed

134/16 There were no additional items for consideration

135/16 Councillors did not have any personal and prejudicial interests under the Local Code of Conduct to declare

136/16 **POLICE MONTHLY UPDATE**

The next Wisbech North Rural Forum will be held in February 2016. The New Horizon Outreach vehicle will be visiting villages in the North Forum Area in order that members of these communities can raise any issues or concerns that affect them or their community.

1st February

10.00 – 11.00 Leverington – Perry Road

11-15 - 12.15 Gorefield – Gote Lane

12.30 – 13.30 Newton – Church Lane

Crimes reported in Gorefield area December 2015

1 theft of garden furniture.

There have been a number of shed burglaries in the Wisbech rural areas,. There are a number of measures the public can take to help protect their possessions:

1. Good security lighting
2. Shed alarms
3. Secure items to fixing points or by padlocking several items together
4. Ensure tools such as bolt croppers etc are not on display
5. Ensure the hinges on the shed have at least one headless bolt on the door and door frame.

137/16 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Notice Board

Councillor Walpole has been approach by a staff member from Purina who is living in the village at the present time. He has asked if there is anything they could provide for the village. The only provision is that their name is put on the item. It was agreed that this would not be a problem. A Notice Board would be the best item for them to provide. Councillor Walpole will liaise with them regarding size and positioning of it.

138/16 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

There is a large pot hole down Gote Lane opposite village hall. This will be reported.

(2) **Play Equipment**

The latest inspection highlighted a problem with the gate mechanism and a cross shaft worn and loose on the elliptical cross trainer. ISS to be asked to quote for the necessary repairs.

(3) **Streetlights**

The results of the survey undertaken by Skanska have been received today. Of the 5 lights tested only one was not classed as Cat 2. A meeting has been arranged for 29th January to discuss this report and Fenland District Councillor Simon King is to attend. Councillor M Humphrey will attend on behalf of Gorefield PC.

139/16 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Tourism Action Plan.

Councillor Ms Clark who attended the meeting is involved with the Cambridgeshire Fens Partnership. They are currently delivering a tourism action plan. They would welcome any suggestions on what you would like to see being delivered to develop tourism in Fenland . They also wish Parishes to supply information about their Parish to enable them to develop a section for each Parish on their website. Councillor M Humphrey will pass on information already included on the village web site.

140/16 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no planning applications to consider

Planning application approved:

F/YR15/0918/F – erection of a covered area to rear of existing building – Gorefield Community Hall, Wolf Lane.

Planning application withdrawn:

F/YR15/0548/F - erection of a 4 bed 2 storey dwelling involving demolition of existing barn and outbuildings – Willow Farm Honey Hill Road

There we no accounts to be paid**Balance of Accounts**

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| Current account | £23,209.14 |
| Business Premium account | £2,160.03 |
| High Interest account | <u>£802.80</u> |
| | £26,171.97 |

Setting of Precept for 2016/17

See attached spreadsheet.

It was proposed by Councillor M Humphrey and seconded by Councillor Mrs Hunns that the Precept for 2016/17 be set at £15,500 less support grant of £1,123 (£14,377)

142/16 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

A member of the public has requested that the foot path be extended along Wolf Lane. This might be a consideration if we are successful in extending the 30 mph limit away from the playingfield entrance.

Water laying on the footpath as you enter the village from Leverington is a problem. To be reported to Cambridgeshire Highways.

A request has been received for a streetlight in Chapel Lane. The cost of getting power to one would be exorbitant. A solar powered one could be considered. Clerk will try to find out about them for the next meeting.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 2nd February 2016

Signed Date