

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

**HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2017**

**Present:** Councillors: Holt, M Humphrey, D Humphrey, Mrs Hall and Ms Reynolds

Councillors Lay and Ms Clarke

**Apologies:** Councillors Walpole, Mrs Hunns and King

1/17      **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present

2/17      Minutes of previous meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016 were confirmed and signed

3/17      There were no additional items for consideration

4/17      Councillor D Humphrey had a personal and prejudicial interest under the Local Code of Conduct to declare for an item under planning matters

5/17      **POLICE MONTHLY UPDATE**

There has been no reported crimes in Gorefield during December. The ongoing issue of drug paraphernalia being left at the allotments off Churchill Road now appears to have been resolved. If this situation changes in the future it should be reported again.

Hare coursing has been an issue in various rural locations throughout December. Extra patrols are being carried out throughout the rural villages. Any incidents should be reported.

PCSO Helen Norton-Smith and a new PCSO trainee Tom Horwood visited the Gorefield Community Centre Youth Club in December and gave a talk on internet safety.

The first rural forum will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> January in the Gorefield Community Hall from 14.00 to 15.30. This is to be confirmed as it appears that no booking has been made for the hall.

Unfortunately there is no one available to attend the meetings in January, February or March due to annual leave/rest days. Any issues should be reported and a meeting can be arranged if necessary.

6/17      **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1)      **Highway Matters**

Work has been carried out on the speed reduction measures along Wolf Lane but it remains uncompleted. Clerk will contact Cambs Highways for an update.

(2) **Play Equipment**

An inspection report has now been received which points out a few problems. The Chairman and Councillor M Humphrey will inspect these items and decide what work is required.

(3) **Grants for skate park**

Fenland DC has no funds available but suggests we apply to the Cambridgeshire Communities Innovation Fund. The Parish Council is also eligible to apply to the Grange Community Wind Farm Trust. Councillor Ms Reynolds passed on information about a skate park replacement in Deeping St James. The clerk to get copies of the application forms for these funders.

(4) **Consultation on Removal of BT phone box**

A reply has been received from BT stating that they will only pass over a redundant box if it is to be used for a defibrillator. They have been informed of the Council's intentions, but no further information has been received.

7/17 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Copies of all correspondence will be circulated to Councillors

8/17 **PLANNING MATTERS**

**Councillor D Humphrey declared an interest in the following application and took no part in the decision making process.**

**Planning application to be considered:**

**F/YR16/1106/F** – change of use of 1 bed annexe to 1 bed dwelling involving part demolition of existing building – Annexe at Beechwood Cattle Dyke – no objections

**Planning Application approved**

**F/YR16/0883/F** – erection of a single storey extension to existing dwelling – Warren House, Black Lane

**F/YR16/0905/TRTPO** – Works to 3 no Beech trees covered by TPO 15/1989 – Clematis Cottage The Barracks

**Planning enforcement**

Councillor Ms Clarke was asked to find out what was happening about the development off Cattle Dyke, adjacent to Magnolia. As a condition of this application a bin collection area was to be provided. This has still not happened even though the development has now been completed.

Stationing of a mobile home at Thistle Down Farm Cattle Dyke still continues without planning permission.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Setting of Precept for 2017/18

See attached spreadsheet

Proposed Councillor M Humphrey and seconded by Councillor Mrs Hall that the Precept be set at £15,000 a small increase to cover the loss of part of the support grant. Everyone agreed.

**Accounts to be paid:**

		<b>Cheq No</b>	<b>Nett</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>
P Thatcher	Subscriptions for research For Gorefield in the Past	100898	£239.17	£0.00	£239.17

Second instalment of Concurrent Functions Grant received (£910)

**Balance of Accounts**

Current account	£32,378.16
Business Premium account	£2,160.57
High Interest account	<u>£802.28</u>
	£35,341.01

**REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Pot hole reported on Gote Lane opposite junction with Glebe Close

Councillor has received a complaint about light pollution along Gote Lane. This is a matter for Environmental Heath.

There was a large amount of standing water along High Road following the heavy rains of last week end. To be reported to Cambs Highways.

Two hundred parking fines were issued in Wisbech, this does not seem a lot considering the amount of illegally parked vehicles in Wisbech

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017

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