

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 1st MARCH 2016

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

Councillor Lay

Apologies: Councillors Walpole and Ms Clark

154/16 Public Participation

No members of the public attended the meeting

155/16 Minutes of previous meeting held on 2nd February 2016 were confirmed and signed

156/16 There were no additional items for consideration

157/16 Councillors did not have any personal and prejudicial interests under the Local Code of Conduct to declare

158/16 **POLICE MONTHLY UPDATE**

No report has been received

159/16 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) Highway Matters

Local Highway Improvement Initiative – 2016/17 Gorefield has been successful with the project to extend the 30 mph speed limit along Wolf Lane with speed control measures.

Three property owners in the village have placed bollards etc outside their properties on the Highway verge. Clerk to write to them asking them to be removed.

(2) Play Equipment

Still have not received a quotation for repairs from the contractors and they are very slow sending in their weekly report. Weekly inspections are still being carried out. A net has been ordered for the basket ball post. Annual inspection will be carried out during April.

(3) Streetlights

Some Parish's have increased their Precept's considerably this year. Gorefield 's is only 1.7 %, whilst Doddington 65%, Manea 55%, Tydd St Giles 58% Wimblington 78% and Benwick 1.3%. These are to cover replacement street lights.

The price of a 41” high solar light bollard is £249.00. It was proposed by Councillor D Humphrey and seconded by Councillor Ms Reynolds that one be purchased as a sample and then if this is successful more will be purchased. Councillor Holt will visit Chapel Lane to decide on the most appropriate site.

(4) **Notice Board**

Councillor Walpole was not able to attend this meeting so no further information was available

160/16 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth

Invitation to Councillors by the Vice Chairman of Fenland DC to attend this ceremony on Monday 14th March 1t 10 am at Fenland Hall.

Other correspondence will be circulated to Councillors

161/16 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning application withdrawn:

F/YR12/0947/F - Change of use of land to equine business and siting of 2no mobile homes and formation of a ménage (retrospective) at Land West Of Newfield Cottages 2 Chalk Road.

Councillors very concerned that no enforcement action is ever taken against breaches of planning matters.

162/16 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Councillor Holt took no part in the following discussions as he has a pecuniary association with one of the organisations.

It was agreed that £150 be given to:

FACT
Magpas
Air Ambulance

It was also agreed that the local Church be given £920 towards Church Yard maintenance which comes from Concurrent Functions Grant

Accounts to be paid:

Fenland DC	Uncontested election costs	£231.08
Gorefield Playing Field	Hire of hall	£360.00
R Gagen	Clerk's salary 6 months	£1,352.52
HMRC	Tax on Clerk's salary	£338.00
R Gagen	Clerk's expenses 6 months	£87.30
Donations	As above	£450.00
St Paul's Church	Church Yard Maintenance	£920.00
T A Blackamore Ltd	Village grass cutting	£1,799.28

A quotation has been received from T A Blackamore Ltd for grass cutting for the 2016 season. Decided to remove the additional hand cutting of fenced area behind Pavilion at a cost of £90. The cost for the year will be £1,454.40 + VAT.

Balance of Accounts

Current account		£17,132.93
Business Premium account	£2,160.30	
High Interest account		<u>£802.18</u>
		£20,095.41

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REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

A parishioner had reported a problem with a conifer hedge on Cattle Dyke obscuring his access. Councillor Holt will visit the site and look at the problem. Owner's of the hedge will be written to if is thought to be necessary.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 5th April 2016 (Annual Assembly)

Signed Date