

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

**HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2016**

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

Councillors Lay and Ms Clark

**Apologies:** None

176/16 Public Participation

No members of the public attended the meeting

177/16 Minutes of previous meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016 were confirmed and signed

178/16 There were no additional items for consideration

179/16 Councillors did not have any personal and prejudicial interests under the Local Code of Conduct to declare

180/16 **POLICE MONTHLY UPDATE**

No report has been received.

Councillor Lay reported that the police were having a blitz on parking and that a number of parking tickets have been issued in Wisbech. Police Commissioner says it is an obligation for the police to enforce the law.

181/16 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**Village Health Check**

Chairman will undertake this shortly

**Solar light bollard**

Chairman has put in a concrete base and will install the light shortly

182/16 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Speeding traffic on Back Road route used by children to the playing field. If vehicles can be identified they can be reported to the police.

(2) **Play Equipment**

Still no reports received. Clerk will contact them again. Report from annual inspection should be available shortly.

(3) **Notice Board**

Expected shortly

(4) **Churchill Road Allotments**

Abandoned vehicles have been reported to Fenland DC.

(5) **Streetlights/Concurrent Functions Grants**

Letter received from Councillor King explaining the procedure for claiming the Fenland DC contribution towards CAT2 streetlight replacements.  
If the installations are not undertaken by Balfour Beatty an inspection fee of £44.01 per column is payable.

Further e-mail received from Chairman of Doddington Parish Council stating that she is not aware that any of the Parish Councils are at the stage of replacing streetlights but were awaiting the outcome of Fenland DC's look at other contractors.

What is to happen to Concurrent Functions Grants in the future is still ongoing.

(6) **Transparency Code**

Clerk has been advised by the internal auditor that a new Transparency Code for Small Authorities has been brought in. This means that information will have to be published on the web site. Every month the agenda and minutes will have to be published. Yearly the end of accounts, the governance statement and the internal audit report. Councillor details are also required, this needs updating on the web site. Clerk to contact John Timms to get all details updated.

183/16 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Copies of correspondence will be circulated to Councillors

184/16 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no planning applications to be consider

185/16 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Approval of Accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

Copies of the receipts and payments for the year was circulated to Councillors

It was proposed by Councillor M Humphrey and seconded by Councillor Mrs Hunns that the account be approved. All agreed

## Annual Governance Statement 2015/16

Councillors were able to answer yes to all the questions and the statement will be signed by the Chairman.

### Updating of Standing Orders

To get an up to date copy of these the Parish Council needs to be members of CPALC so then we can have access to information published by the National Association. The annual membership fee for this is £326.39 payable by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016. This item to be discussed further at the next meeting.

### Accounts to be paid:

		<b>Cheq No</b>	<b>Nett</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>
Cambs Acre	Annual subscription	100883	£45.00	£9.00	£54.00
Zurich	Insurance premium	100884	£1,408.92	£0.00	£1,408.92
Auditing Solutions	Internal audit	100885	£185.00	£37.00	£222.00

### Balance of Accounts

Current account		£24,471.97
Business Premium account	£2,160.30	
High Interest account		<u>£802.18</u>
		£27,434.45

## 186/16 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Nothing to report

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016

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