

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2015

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

Apologies: Councillor Mrs Clark

110/15 Public Participation

No members of the public attended the meeting

111/15 Minutes of previous meeting held on 6th October 2015 were confirmed and signed

112/15 There were no additional items for consideration

113/15 Councillors did not have any personal and prejudicial interests under the Local Code of Conduct to declare

114/15 **POLICE MONTHLY UPDATE**

Schools – PCSO's have been attending schools in the Wisbech and Rural areas on a regular basis

Theft of Garden ornaments – Garden ornaments are an easy target for thieves who often work during the hours of darkness, it is most probably that a van or lorry is used to transport the items away. Photographs of garden ornaments are useful in the event of a theft to help identify any stolen items. It is well worth marking ornaments on their bases with a post code and house number. If possible ornaments should be secured to make it harder for would be thieves.

Halloween – Regular patrols were undertaken over the Halloween weekend in response to intelligence that a Rave was planned somewhere in the Fenland area.

North Rural Forum – Will take place in February 2016

115/15 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Blacksmith's Shop

This was reported to Building Control but no response as yet. It is thought that the property has now been sold.

Citizens Advice Outreach Session

To be held on Thursday 12 November. Chairman will contact the other councils involved to find out how many people attended their sessions and then a decision should be made as to whether they should continue.

Notice Board

Chairman will approach the proprietors of the Post Office with a view to trying to find a position where the notice board can be re-sited. The existing notice board is in a very poor condition. Councillor Holt will speak to a local joiner about the cost of having a new one made.

116/15 MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA

(1) Highway Matters

The poor condition of Churchill Road carriageway surface was again reported to Highway officer Steve Nicholson. He responded by saying that the carriageway is scabby and not very aesthetically pleasing and is due to the surface dressing coming away from the concrete road underneath. There are no defects which meet the current intervention level.

A copy of this was sent to the resident of Churchill Road who had brought this to the attention of the Council.

An application has been submitted for the Local Highway Improvement Initiative 2016/17. Following on from several e-mails with Matthew Pickering the application is to move the 30mph zone further along Wolf Lane towards where the Gorefield sign is. The application also includes making a gated entrance with 30mph signs.

(2) Play Equipment

No inspection reports have been received recently but the inspector has been seen carrying out the inspections. The zip wire is now back in place.

(3) Streetlights

Skanska should be undertaking the survey of the streetlights for 7 Parish Council shortly. Following on from their report the Chairman of Doddington PC would like to call another meeting and Councillor King has expressed his willingness to attend one of the meetings.

117/15 CORRESPONDENCE

CAPALC Meeting followed by Planning Training

The Chairman, Councillors M Humphrey and Ms Reynolds will attend this meeting which is being held at Fenland Hall on Thursday 26 November at 7 pm.

118/15 PLANNING MATTERS

Planning applications:

F/YR15/0896/F – erection of 2 storey side and single storey rear extensions, formation of 2 first floor windows to front and erection of 2.1 metre high (max) gates, wall and railing to front boundary of existing dwelling – Warren House Black Lane – no objections

For Council records only no comments to be made as application was submitted by PC.

119/15 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Accounts to be paid:

Fenland DC	(land rent)	£50.00
Citizens Advice Bureau	(outreach session)	£78.70
Gorefield Playing Field	(hire of hall)	£20.00
British Legion	(Poppy wreaths)	£50.00

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£22,380.99
Business Premium account	£2,159.76
High Interest account	<u>£801.98</u>
	£25,342.73

120/15 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Bona Lane pot hole on first bend – to be reported

A suggestion was made about changing the amount of times the PC meets. It was agreed to keep to monthly meetings as changing it to say 6 weekly would not be so easy to remember the date.

Leaves on the footway outside the Old Chapel are very thick and could do with being swept up. Clerk to ask Fenland DC.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 1st December 2015

Signed Date