

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2016

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

Four members of the public

Apologies: Councillors Walpole and Ms Clarke

230/16 **Public Participation**

Two lads from the village attended the meeting to request that a skate ramp be installed on the playing field. One of the lads showed photographs of some that have been installed locally and also the specifications for the ramps. Councillor Mrs Hall proposed and Councillor D Humphrey seconded the motion that the Parish Council investigate sources of funding for a skate ramp.

231/16 Minutes of previous meeting held on 6th September 2016 were confirmed and signed

232/16 There were no additional items for consideration

233/16 Councillors did not have any personal and prejudicial interests under the Local Code of Conduct to declare

234/16 **POLICE MONTHLY UPDATE**

Councillor Mrs Hall had received a report from the Police saying that more speed checks are being carried out when time and personnel permit. Parking around schools is being monitored. Would still be interested in setting up a speed watch group in the village. There has been some shed burglaries and one dwelling burglary in Gote Lane. Mercedes Sprinters are being taken and left abandoned in villages. These should be reported.

Clerk has received an e-mail from Julie Bailey who is a Police Crime Prevention Officer for Cambridgeshire Constabulary covering the Fenland area. She has asked for the dates of the Parish Council meetings as Inspector Will Davis would like to attend one of the meetings.

235/16 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Bona Lane pot holes to be reported to Cambs Highways.

The consultation period for the 40 mph buffer zone along Wolf Lane is now in operation.

(2) **Play Equipment**

The clerk has been contacted by Darren Woods from ISS. He will be inspecting the play equipment on Wednesday and will then let us have a quotation for carrying out inspections.

(3) **Streetlights**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Hall and seconded by Councillor M Humphrey that as finances are now in place some of the Cat 2 lights should be repaired. Clerk to ask Balfour Beatty for a quotation for the 9 Cat 2 lights along the High Road.

Streetlight Bollard Chapel Lane

Unfortunately it has not been possible to repair this light. It would not be viable to claim on the insurance because of the access. The Chairman has seen small solar lights that are put into road and pavement surfaces. Prices to be found for these.

(4) **Pocket Park Maintenance**

Work has been carried out again on the brambles on the Pocket Park probably by Fenland DC. Shawn Bowles has quoted £150 to cut the hedge along the side. Proposed Councillor M Humphrey and seconded by Councillor Mrs Hall that he be given the go ahead to proceed.

236/16 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Copies of all correspondence will be circulated to Councillors

237/16 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning application approved:

F/YR16/0682/F – erection of a single storey side extension to existing dwelling – 2 St Paul's Close

238/16 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Parish Council Budget

See attached showing actual spend up to 4th October against what was budgeted for in 2016/17 Precept

Second instalment of Precept (£7,750) was received 30th September after budget document was prepared.

Annual Return for year ended 31st March 2016

There were no matters for concern other than information was submitted late

Accounts to be paid:

		Cheq No	Nett	VAT	Gross
R Gagen	Clerk's salary 6 months	100890	£1,352.52	£0.00	£1,352.52
HMRC	Tax on clerk's salary	100891	£338.00	£0.00	£338.00
R Gagen	Expenses 6 months	100892	£105.08	£0.00	£105.08
J Timms	Web hosting	100893	£44.00	£0.00	£44.00
PKF Littlejohn	Annual audit	100894	£130.00	£26.00	£156.00

Balance of Accounts

Current account		£32,154.78
Business Premium account	£2,160.57	
High Interest account		<u>£802.28</u>
		£35,117.63

239/16 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Fly tipping at High Side to be reported to Fenland DC

Two Wreaths for Remembrance Day to be provided

No more information has been received from Peter Thatcher. He should be invited to attend a meeting to explain what he wished from the Parish Council

The Chairman asked the clerk to submit an article in the next addition of Village Voices

Residents along Cattle Dyke are parking on the pavement and making it very difficult for pedestrians.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 6th December 2016

Signed Date