

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2015

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

Councillor Lay

Apologies: Councillor Mrs Clark and PCSO Tessa Morrison

87/15 Public Participation

No members of the public attended the meeting

88/15 Minutes of previous meeting held on 4th August 2015 were confirmed and signed

89/15 Additional item for consideration - streetlights

90/15 Councillors Walpole, Holt and Mrs Reynolds had personal and prejudicial interests under the Local Code of Conduct to declare reference item no 95/15 - planning

91/15 **POLICE LIAISON**

There was no police presence at the meeting but the following information has been received:

Wolf Lane – criminal damage – locked gates have been cut by bolt croppers
Back Road – burglary – compressor and a moisture meter have been stolen
Decoy Road – garage burglary – garage entered but no items taken
Cattle Dyke – shed burglary – lock smashed off but nothing taken
Cattle Dyke – shed burglary – cycles stolen

Wisbech North Rural Forum will take place on Friday 18th September 2015 at Newton at 4 pm. The New Horizon Outreach Vehicle will be in Gorefield (Gote Lane) on Wednesday 9th September 2.30 to 3.30 pm to get views from residents.

92/15 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Citizens Advice Bureau

Was held in the Community Hall on 13th August. Only 1 person attended. May have to reconsider whether to hold any more of these after the one to be held in November.

93/15 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Councillor Lay has contacted the Highways officer with reference to Churchill Road but he has had no response.

Decoy Bridge has been damaged and will be reported to Highways.

Gote Lane is in a very poor condition where sewer crosses. To be reported.

Councillor M Humphrey will attend the Highways Depot Open Day on 15th September.

(2) **Play Equipment**

The zip wire seat has been removed by the Landscape Group inspector as he feels it is unsafe. The supports are loose in the ground and need digging out and re-concreting back in. Landscape Group has been asked for a quotation for the work. Councillors M Humphrey and Holt have looked at it and can find no problem with it. Councillor M Humphrey will discuss this with the inspector on his next visit.

94/15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence

95/15 **PLANNING MATTERS**

F/YR15/0680/A – display of 1 externally illuminated fascia sign, 3 poster frames and 3 window graphics – S and S Storey Ltd 83 High Road – no objections

Councillor Walpole had a pecuniary interest in the following item and therefore left the room before any discussion took place.

F/YR15/0694/F – change of use of exiting detached building to form 4 x en-suite bedrooms for use in association with existing public house – 90 High Road – support this application as it enhances facilities of the village public house.

Councillors Holt and Mrs Reynolds had a personal interest in the following item and took no part in the decision making process.

F/YR15/0699/O – erection of 15 dwellings (maximum) (outline application with all matters reserved) involving demolition of existing dwelling and industrial outbuildings – Dennicks Yard Back Road - Supports the application but would wish to make the following points:

It should be a condition of the permission that construction traffic should use the entrance from Wolf Lane and not Back Road and Plot 8 should be used for the storage of the materials during construction of the other dwellings.

A 106 contribution should be requested towards village amenities.

Parish Council is concerned that some sites like this get left unfinished by developers and then the residents are left to contribute towards finishing off roadways etc.

Planning applications approved:

F/YR15/0626/F – erection of single storey extensions to side and rear, formation of 2 first floor windows to front and erection of 2.1 metre high (maximum) gates, wall and railing to front boundary of existing dwelling – Black Lane Farm House Black Lane

F/YR15/0435/F – erection of a single storey rear extension to existing dwelling – Fircroft 98 Cattle Dyke

96/15 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

There were no accounts to be paid

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£16,602.59
Business Premium account	£2,159.76
High Interest account	<u>£801.98</u>
	£19,564.33

97/15 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Fly tipping on High Side to be reported

A resident is interested in setting up a free book exchange in the village. It was thought that a similar scheme is already running in the Parish Rooms.

Peter Thatcher is setting up a catalogue of old village picture and may require funding for this at a later date.

98/15 **Replacement of Parish Council Owned Streetlights**

Letter has been received from the Portfolio Holder for Rural Affairs at Fenland DC. The Cabinet proposed to allocate £250,000 principally to replace all Category 1 lights and the balance was to be allocated to help replace the Category 2 lights in proportion to the number that needed replacing in any given Parish Council area. Cabinet decided to implement the Category 1 replacement but the decision on the Category 2 lights was deferred. Since the initial survey some of the Category 2 lights have been reclassified as Category 1. The replacement of all Category 1 lights will be completed very soon at no cost to any Parish Council. For the replacement of the 19 identified Category 2 lights in our Parish Council area this cost has been budgeted at £22,800, with Fenland DC providing £2,871. This offer will be considered by the Cabinet at their meeting on 17th September. Parish Councils are welcome to make comments before that date.

A meeting has been organised by Doddington PC for all Parish Council Chairman and clerk to attend to discuss these proposals. The date is yet to be confirmed. Councillor M Humphrey will attend as he has previously been involved in these negotiations.

Concurrent Functions Grant

No further decisions have been made about this grant. This will be reviewed as part of the Council's Comprehensive Spending Review process.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 6th October 2015

Signed Date