

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2019

Present: Councillors: A Holt, M Humphrey, Mrs J Hunns, Ms P Reynolds, Mrs K Hall and P Thatcher

Five members of the public

Apologies: Councillors S King and Mrs S Clark

243/19 **Public Participation**

Gote Bridge Corner Stone

The Chairman has designed a brick arch to hold the corner stone which it is hoped can be sited on the grass area about 1 metre from the highway along-side the Church Yard on Gote Lane. The vicar and one of the church wardens attended the meeting and they said this was acceptable to them but they would have to also get confirmation from the Diocese.

Loss of light at Cattle Dyke/High Road junction

Two members of the public attended the meeting to ask why the light at this junction had been removed as this is a very dark area especially for those leaving the village hall. It was explained that this light had to be removed as it was a very old concrete column and was deemed to be unsafe. On previous meetings with highway officers at this junction it was thought that this light did not help the visibility for vehicle leaving this junction so it was agreed to have it removed and not replaced with a new one. Councillors agreed that they would have a look at the site in the dark and possibly find a different position for a new light.

Flooding at Gote Lane

Another member of the public attended the meeting to report the problem of flooding at the top of Gote Lane opposite the church. The problem has been reported several times and meetings have been held there with highway officers but nothing seems to have been resolved. One of the problems here is that Telecom cable trunking or the fence on the neighbouring property could have blocked the existing drain. The clerk will contact the highway officer and Councillor King for help with this problem.

244/19 Minutes of previous meeting held on 5th November 2019 were confirmed and signed

245/19 There were no additional items for consideration

246/19 Councillors Holt, Humphrey and Mrs Hunns declared a personal or prejudicial interest in the item concerning the extension to the Community Hall as they are all members of the Playing Field Committee

247/19 **POLICE MONTHLY UPDATE**

To be forwarded on to Councillors on receipt

248/19 **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Adoption of the roads etc at Oxfield Drive by Cambs CC

This is being held up by Anglian Water. The clerk has contacted them and has had the following response. They are limited under GDPR as to the extent of information that they can provide. If a solicitor's letter is provided asking for a status report and a payment of £40 made then they could provide details of the status of the sewer adoption agreement. It was agreed not to pursue this any further.

249/19 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

2019/20 LHI Scheme for the implementation of the 40 mph buffer zones at the east and west entries to the village. The costs for this have now been received and this has come out at £7,439 compared to £5,448 of which the Parish was to contribute £1,000. If this scheme is to go ahead in its entirety the balance will have to be financed by the Parish Council. It was agreed that this would be acceptable.

2020/2021 LHI Scheme for resurfacing work on the footway between Fendyke Lane and Wolf Lane. The cost of this has been estimated at £44,750 of which Cambs CC would fund £15,000. It has been agreed that the Parish Council would not be able to fund this amount at this time only the area opposite Fennelow's farm will be done at a cost of £16,500 with the Parish Council contributing £1,500 towards it. Possibly a further stretch can be done under the next years scheme.

(2) **Streetlights**

The streetlight at the top of Chapel Lane is working and at the moment it is not obscured by the tree there but this will become a problem when the leaves are back on the tree.

(3) **Play Equipment**

Fenland DC has asked for details of all the play equipment in the village. A response has been sent and we await any outcome from this

(4) **Extension to Community Hall**

Nothing to report

250/19 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Wisbech Green Dog Walkers

Information about this has been received from Councillor King. Members of the public are being asked to join the scheme to help change attitudes to dog fouling and encourage responsible dog ownership. Councillor Mrs Hall took this information away. As the village has no designated dog walking areas it would probably not be able to implement this scheme

251/19 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning Application received:

F/YR19/1004/F – Erect a 2 storey 4 bed dwelling (C3) with garage a.8 metre high steel fence railings and a gate and extension to existing workshop (B2) at land west of Bradleys Farm Honey Hill Road – support this application as it is for a work place home with a justifiable use on the site.

A report was made by Councillors who attended the planning training. Some seemed to find it quite interesting but others who attending the afternoon session were not so enthusiastic. A large part of it was the development of town centres.

252/19 **FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

There were no accounts to be paid

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£44,501.00
Business Premium account	£21,249.38
High Interest account	<u>£805.82</u>
	£66,556.20

253/19 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

High Side pot holes, Harrold Bridge road surface very poor and pot holes in Gote Lane. All to be reported.

Councillor Thatcher mentioned about slippery pavements. It was agreed that unless someone took responsibility to undertake this regularly every time frost was forecast it would not be viable to implement a scheme.

Flooding is also a problem along Wolf Lane – this to be reported along with Gote Lane

Conifers on Wolf Lane are now over hanging the highway and make it nearly impossible for 2 vehicles to pass each other. Cambs Highways to be asked to write to the occupants of this property.

There is the same problem along Gote Lane where pedestrians have to step of the pavement to pass over hanging bushes. This also to be reported to Highways.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 7th January 2020

Signed Date