

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2020

Present: Councillors: A Holt, G Clifton and P Thatcher

Councillor S King

One member of the public

Apologies: Councillors M Humphrey, Mrs K Hall, Mrs J Hunns, Ms P Reynolds and Mrs S Clark

254/20 **Public Participation**

Gote Bridge Corner Stone

The vicar has checked all the Parish records for the piece of land on the corner of Gote Lane but there is nothing so he quite happy for this to be used for the corner stone. The Diocese has also been contacted but have received no response yet.

255/20 Minutes of previous meeting held on 2nd December 2019 were confirmed and signed

256/20 There were no additional items for consideration

257/20 Councillors Holt and Clifton 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

258/20 **POLICE MONTHLY UPDATE**

To be forwarded on to Councillors on receipt

259/20 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

E-mail received from a member of the public asking if action could be taken to get the pot holes repaired along Hassockhill Road and also rubbish cleared. These points will be reported to Cambs Highways and Fenland DC.

Councillor King reported that Cants Drove is to be completely re-surfaced but is being funded by Biocow.

(2) **Streetlights**

PC1A and PC2A Churchill Road are not working to be reported. Light opposite Oxfield Drive was replaced by the developer after it was knocked down in an accident but has never been re-commissioned. This light does not form part of the development so it should be a PC light. Fenland DC to be asked for a quotation to re-commission this light and will be considered again at the next meeting. It was agreed that a new light for Cattle Dyke is necessary as this is a very dark area. Should be situated near the give way sign at the junction with the High Road. Quotation to be requested.

(3) **Play Equipment**

No report received

(4) **Extension to Community Hall**

Nothing to report

260/20 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

261/20 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning Application received:

F/YR19/1069/F – Siting of a portable building for use as a beauticians and residential touring caravan (retrospective) – land south of the bungalow Hassock Hill Drove – this is development in the open countryside with no justification

Planning Applications approved:

F/YR19/0862/F – Conversion of existing barn (with 1 bed annex over) to a 2 storey 4 bed dwelling involving infilling existing covered area – Barn south of Oxfield Farm Gote Lane

F/YR19/0889/O – Erected up to 5 no 2 storey dwellings (outline application with matters committed in respect of access and scale) – land north of 3A-15 High Road

262/20 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Setting of Precept for 2020/21

A spreadsheet showing previous years Precept and spend to date was presented to the Councillors. It was agreed that only an increase of £1,000 should be made to the Local Highway Improvements to cover the extra required for the proposed gateways. It was proposed by Councillor Clifton and seconded by Councillor Thatcher that the Precept for 2020/21 be set at £18,000. Everyone agreed.

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

263/20 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

It was reported that Rex Mallett has stepped down as Chairman of Tydd St Giles Parish Council.

The state of many of the country roads around the village are in a very poor conditions. Allen's Drove, Harold Bridge, High Side and Hassockhill Drove. Councillor King will report these to Cambs Highways.

Studs lights for Chapel Lane were mentioned at a previous meeting. Councillor King is still trying to find out about these, which have been installed in March.

The pavement outside the school is very slippery due to leaf fall. Fenland DC to be asked if they can get it swept.

Large puddle outside the Playgroup every time it rains probably due to blocked drain. To be reported

Children have been seen playing in the derelict buildings on Dennicks Yard. Developer to be informed.

Fly tipping at Chalk Road/Highside junction to be reported.

Councillor King said that a salt bin could be installed in the village as discussed at a previous meeting. Chairman intimated that he would be interested in finding out about this.

Streetpride is struggling to keep going. A meeting is to be held in the Community Hall on Saturday 18th January at 10 am.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 4th February 2020

Signed Date