

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2020

Present: Councillors: A Holt, M Humphrey, Mrs Hunns, Mrs Hall , G Clifton and P Thatcher

Councillors S King and Mrs Clark

One member of the public

Apologies: None

264/20 **Public Participation**

Gote Bridge Corner Stone

A response has now been received from the Diocese and they have no objections to the corner stone being placed on the grass verge on the corner of Gote Lane.

265/20 Minutes of previous meeting held on 7th January 2020 were confirmed and signed

266/20 There were no additional items for consideration

267/20 Councillors Holt, Clifton, Humphrey and Mrs Hunns all 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

268/20 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Work has been carried out at High Road/Gote Lane junction to alleviate the flooding problem but unfortunately this has not been successful. Cambs Highways to be informed. Large pot holes in Bone Lane will be reported.

(2) **Streetlights**

Fenland DC has been asked for a quotation for the repair to Streetlight PC8 High Road. Before a quotation can be raised the Parish Council has to agree to the recharge for an inspection and if we agreed to the repair will have to add the light to the asset list.

There are several other lights not working. Chairman will inspect these and inform the clerk of the numbers.

A letter concerning streetlights was received from the Leader of Fenland DC on 7th January which was circulated to Councillors. Another letter was received today asking 4 questions which need to be answered by the end of the week. The questions are rather confusing so Councillor Humphrey will try to get further clarification from Fenland DC about these and answer them on behalf of the Parish Council.

(3) **Play Equipment**

No report received. Fenland DC are in the process of doing a survey of all play equipment in the area but there has been no update on this.

(4) **Extension to Community Hall**

Councillor King explained about the Innovate and Cultivate Fund that has been set up by Cambs CC which is to be used to encourage Health and Wellbeing in communities which the Community Hall extension should be able to achieve. Match funding would be required but this can be done as contributions in kind. Councillor King will be pleased to help with an application

269/20 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

270/20 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Appeal Decision:

Storage building for garden implements and highway access – land south of 58 Back Road – appeal was dismissed-

Planning Application received:

F/YR20/0080/F – Formation of a new vehicular access involving piping of drain and erect approx 1.6 m (max height) fence and gates (retrospective) – land south of 68 Back Road – no objections

Planning Application approved:

F/YR19/0905/F – Conversion of existing barn into a 2 storey 4 bed dwelling with integral garage including the erection of single storey and 2 storey front extensions and 1.307 m high (max height) gates to front involving the partial demolition of existing barn, the demolition of existing out buildings and the infilling and culverting of existing drainage ditch – Barn south west of Barbers Farm Gote Lane

Planning Applications refused:

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

F/YR19/1004/F – erect a 2 storey 4 bed dwelling (C3) with garage, 1.8 m high steel fence railing and gate and extension to existing workshop – land west of Bradleys Farm Honey Hill Road

271/20 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Accounts to be paid:

	Cheq No	Nett	VAT	Gross
Tin Fish (Setting up of Web Site) (Replacement cheque previous one cancelled with the bank)	100988	£1,740.00	348.00	£2,088.00
Fenland DC (Allotment rent)	100989	£50.00	0.00	£50.00
Find My Past (subscription)	100990	£101.96	0.00	£101.96

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£42,899.92
Business Premium account	£21,249.38
High Interest account	<u>£805.82</u>
	£64,955.12

272/20 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Request from a resident for a dropped kerb from the pavement which goes over the bridge on Cattle Dyke to St Paul's Close. Cambs Highways to be contacted about this.

The 2020/21 LHI bid has been successful for the pavement along the High Road. Confirmation of this should be received in March

Councillor King will pass on the details about the application for the incinerator in Wisbech if the Parish Council wishes to register its objections. Application will be determined by Government.

Oxfield Drive adoption by the County Council is being held up by AWA over the headwall in the grass verge in Gote Lane.

Flooding issue at the Barracks will be investigated.

Property owners with overhanging trees will be written to by Cambs Highways

Streetpride has been saved. Councillor Mrs Clark has taken over the rolls of chairman and treasurer. About 13 people turned to the recent litter pick. Extra equipment is to be acquired. A request has also been made for a trolley. A vote of thanks was made to Councillor Mrs Clark for taking over these rolls. The Youth Club will be also be helping with litter picking.

Golden Age Fair may come to the village later in the year.

Defibrillator in phone box is out of action, this has been reported to Heatbeat Trust.

Fendyke Lane Bridge has still not been repaired. Cambs Highways have promised to do this during this financial year.

Chairman has details about gritting of pavements in the village when it is frosty. He is prepared to do this but only if there are other volunteers to help. Councillors Clifton, Thatcher and Mrs Hall offered to help.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 3rd March 2020

Signed Date