

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 3RD MARCH 2020

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

Apologies: Councillors S King and Mrs Clark

273/20 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present at the meeting

274/20 Minutes of previous meeting held on 4th February 2020 were confirmed and signed

275/20 There were no additional items for consideration

276/20 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

277/20 MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA

(1) Highway Matters

With regard to the flooding at Gote Lane, the highways officer has visited the site on Monday 24th February and Tuesday 25th February and took photographs, on Monday there was flooding there but on Tuesday it had disappeared. He says that he has done everything he is able to do under his remit for maintenance. Any other work would have to be subject to an LHI application. All agreed that this was not acceptable so when there are any heavy rains photographs need to be taken at all the areas that are flooded so they can be passed onto Highways.

Councillor King was unable to attend the meeting but has e-mailed some information. The flooding at The Barracks will be sorted out in the new financial year. The subsidence at Cattle Dyke, Harrolds Bridge, Hassockhill Drove and High Side will be fixed in the next financial year. The highways officer has been in discussions with Skanska regarding the repairs to Fen Dyke Lane bridge but he is yet to receive a realistic price for the work.

(2) Play Equipment

Still nothing heard from Tivoli Services who should be carry out the inspections. Nothing also heard from Fenland DC re their survey of all play area. Councillor Humphrey will chase this with them.

(3) **Defibrillator**

A loan machine has now been installed in the phone box. Still waiting to find out what is to happen to the old one.

(4) **Extension to Community Hall**

Further applications are being made for funding and Councillor Humphrey is liaising with Councillor King for the Cambs CC Capital funding. Use of the Community Hall is very high and is producing a good income the suggestion was made that a Public Loan Board loan could be financed by the Community Hall. It was unanimously agreed that a loan be applied for by the Parish Council.

(5) **Review of Governance and Management Risk Register**

A copy of this has been circulated to all Councillors for comment. It was agreed that this was acceptable and no changes need to be made.

(6) **Incinerator Proposal for Wisbech**

A discussion was held and it was agreed that as this matter has not been raised with any of the Councillors they would not take any action at this time but this will be reviewed if or when it was felt necessary.

(7) **Streetlights**

A letter has been received today from Councillor Boden Leader of Fenland District Council setting out an additional financial contribution towards the costs of streetlights for Parish Councils:

In 2020/21 a one off payment of £8,190 a contribution towards past, current and future renewal of lights

From 2020/21 increase to the Concurrent Functions Grants of £728 every year for energy and maintenance costs taking this up to £2,548 per annum

In 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 only an additional £1,000 to made in those years where all or almost all of the lighting stock has been converted to LED.

In 2020/21 an additional on off payment of £1,000 will be paid in recognition of administrative costs incurred by smaller Parish Councils.

Parish Councils will have until 30th June 2020 to accept this offer.

Those Parish Councils that do accept the offer will have until March 2020 to claim the Category 2 capital streetlight replacement contribution support as set out in the Cabinet report dated 17th September 2015.

It was unanimously agreed that this offer be accepted.

Clerk to query how the streetlight replacement contribution support can be claimed by March 2020. The point should also be made that using the Concurrent Functions Grant model does not seem a very fair way of calculating the extra payment to Parish Councils as some gain by this and others lose out.

(8) **Gote Bridge Key Stone**

The Chairman has made a replica of what is to be situated on the grass verge along the side of the Church yard on Gote Lane so everyone will be able to see what it will be like before it is erected. The chairman will be preparing the concrete base shortly and Andrew Humphrey has kindly donated the 200 bricks which will be required to complete the project.

278/20 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

279/20 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no applications

280/20 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Accounts to be paid:

	Cheq No	Nett	VAT	Gross
R Gagen (clerk's salary 6 months)	100991	£1,402.84	0.00	£1,402.84
HMRC (tax on clerk's salary)	100992	£350.60	0.00	£350.60
R Gagen (clerk's expenses for 6 months)	100993	£84.20	0.00	£84.20
T A Blackamore (grass cutting)	100994	£1,537.00	£307.40	£1,844.40
Gorefield Playing Field Assoc (hire of hall)	100995	£360.00	0.00	£360.00
Fenland DC (Uncontested election costs)	100996	£247.08	0.00	£247.08
St Paul's Church (Church yard maintenance)	100997	£920.00	0.00	£920.00
P Thatcher (Ancestry renewal)	100998	£120.00	0.00	£120.00
Air Ambulance (Donation)	100999	£500.00	0.00	£500.00
Magpas (Donation)	101000	£250.00	0.00	£250.00
Bobby Scheme (Donation)	101001	£250.00	0.00	£250.00

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**

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 7th April 2020

Signed Date