

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD REMOTELY ON TUESDAY 2ND JUNE 2020

Present: Councillors: A Holt, M Humphrey and P Thatcher

Councillors S King and Mrs Clark

Apologies: Councillors Mrs Hunns and Mrs Hall

282/20 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting

283/20 Minutes of meeting held on 5th May were confirmed and will be signed at a later date

284/20 There were no additional items for consideration

285/20 Councillors Holt and Humphrey both declared a personal or prejudicial interest in the item concerning the extension to the Community Hall as they are members of the Playing Field Committee. Councillor Humphrey declared an interest in an item to be discussed under planning as he had already made comments through his position on Fenland DC.

286/20 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

The LHI bid for the Bellamy Bridge lining has now been allocated to the 3 Parish Councils. The cost was £1,094.55 and has been allocated by the number of electorate as £636.44 to Wisbech St Mary PC, £243.35 to Parson Drove PC and £214.76 to Gorefield PC. Invoices for these amounts will be issued shortly.

(2) **Extension to Community Hall**

An application has been made for Cambs CC Capital funding and Councillor King confirmed that this project meets the criteria. A business case now needs to be submitted. An application for a Public Loan Board loan has been submitted and they have come back asking for more information, one being the amount of loan required. This should be answered by 17th June but this may not be possible until all the other grants are confirmed.

287/20 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

288/20 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning applications:

Councillor Humphrey declared a personal or prejudicial interest in the following item and took no part in the decision making process

F/YR20/0360/F – Erect an agricultural building (for fruit storage and packaging) and associated works at Newling Fruitgrowers Ltd Allens Drove – Parish Council supports this application as it will encourage local business and bring employment to the area and will improve the access to the site.

F/YR20/0452/NONMAT- Non-material amendment: Change of roof line to front and rear elevations and amendment to window arrangements; relating to planning permission F/YR20/0226/F (Erect a single-storey extension to rear of existing dwelling) – no objections

Planning application approved:

F/YR20/0226/F – Erect a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling – 80 High Road

289/20 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

To approve the account for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020

Copies of the receipts and payments for the year had been circulated to the Councillors before the meeting. It was proposed by Councillor Humphrey and seconded by Councillor Holt that these be approved.

To complete the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20

A copy of the return had been circulated to the Councillors before the meeting. It was agreed that as the Parish Council's gross income is less than £25,000 the Certificate of Exemption will be submitted. The annual internal audit report has been completed and this will be considered at a later date. The Annual Governance Statement was completed and Councillors were able to answer yes to the questions. The Chairman will sign the return on behalf of the Council at a later date.

Accounts to be paid:

| | Cheq No | Nett | VAT | Gross |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| Cambs Acre (annual subscription) | 101007 | £47.50 | 9.50 | £57.00 |

Balance of Accounts

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| Current account | £45,835.85 |
| Business Premium account | £21,249.38 |
| High Interest account | <u>£805.82</u> |
| | £67,891.05 |

Dragon patcher has been down Wolf Lane

Grants for Community Facilities are available through Cambs Acre those with a rateable value of £15,000 will get £10,000

Refurbishment of roundabouts and signage is about to begin. Dragon Patcher is doing more at the moment as larger schemes are on hold.

Community Capital Fund - there are also 2 more applications in the area.

A new committee has been set up detailing Highway Policy – Councillor King is a member.

Is it possible for pot holes to be filled in farm gateways which are used as passing places on rural roads. Councillor King suggested that photographs of these be sent to him.

Chapel Cemetery could be an interesting wild life asset for the village. Local School and Play Group could be interested in this project.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 7th July 2020 (Allotment inspection)

Signed Date