

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2020

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

Councillors S King and Mrs Clark

Apologies: Councillor Clifton

311/20 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting

312/20 Minutes of meeting held on 4th August 2020 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

313/20 There were no additional items for consideration

314/20 Councillors Holt and Humphrey 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.

315/20 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

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(1) **Highway Matters**

Dropped kerb at St Paul's Close has been installed and the bridge at Fendyke lane has been replaced and all the ivy removed. The old ivy has been dropped in the drain but this should be cleared up by the Drainage Board.

New signs have been ordered for Leverington Common and Cattle Dyke/Bona Lane junction

Kerb stone outside Post Office are dangerous will be reported

Details have been received for the LHI Project for 2020. Approximately 200 metres of footway will be resurfaced along High Road from 7 to 29 High Road Agreed that this was acceptable.

(2) **Extension to Community Hall**

Confirmation was received that Cambs CC have given a grant of £198,000 towards the new extension. Congratulations to the team from the Playing Field Association for all their work. Thanks to Councillor King for his support. Work should be starting on 1st October.

(3) **Play Equipment**

Annual ROSPA safety inspections have been carried out. Copies to be emailed to all Councillors. They have not picked up much more than were on the Chairman's report last month.

A quote has been received from Kompan for carrying out the repairs reported at last month's meeting. They require £1,225 + VAT. It was agreed that this was reasonable and they should be asked to proceed with the repairs.

(4) **Streetlights**

Garry Edwards Engineering Manager for Fenland DC has responded to request for information about the streetlight repairs. The contractor is now operating but columns and lanterns are taking longer to obtain. Still waiting to receive the quote for the work required.

(5) **Tree Planting Churchill Road**

Clarion's response on this has been very positive and is willing to help financially. Still waiting for a response from Cambs Highways.

317/20 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Invitation from the Acting Police and Crime Commissioner to join a virtual briefing session for parish, town and city councillors. The one for Fenland is arranged for 14th September at 6.30 pm.

318/20 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning application:

F/YR20/0775/F – Change of use of annexe to BnB – 41A Cattle Dyke – no objections

319/20 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Review of Internal Audit Report 2019/20

Standing orders and financial regulations should be reviewed for formal tenders.

The auditor also suggested that quarterly bank reconciliation should be carried out. Clerk will arrange this.

Clerk's salary should be reviewed in line with nationally agreed pay scales. It was agreed that the Clerk's salary should be set on SCP 13 (£11.76 per hour from April 2020).

Account to be paid:

	Cheq No	Nett	VAT	Gross
GGs (Spraying allotment)	101009	£20.00	0.00	£20.00
Fenland DC (Building Regs appl)	101010	£336.00	0.00	£336.00
Play Safety Ltd (Play area inspection)	101011	£300.50	60.10	£360.60

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£50,579.17
Business Premium account	£21,249.38
High Interest account	<u>£805.82</u>
	£72,634.37

320/20 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Hedge at the home on the corner of Cattle Dyke is over grown. Councillor Clark has mentioned it to them but clerk to write also.

Request for a dog poo bin at the end of Green Lane off Gote Lane. Clerk to find out the cost.

Highside repairs are starting to crack again. Councillor King will have it inspected

Councillor King reported that money allocated by the Government for encouraging cycling most of it will be used in Cambridge.

Dennicks Yard off Back Road is being used by children as a play area and could prove dangerous. Clerk to write to the new owners.

Thanks must go to a local family that looked after the church yard during lock down. Also to the person who is now cutting the Chapel Yard. They have all done a marvellous job.

The Willow trees at the entrance to Oxfield Drive are on their side of the drain so they are the responsibility of French Kiers.

The Parish Council has been asked to complete forms for the winter gritting scheme. As these were done at the end of the last season this seems unnecessary. Councillor King will check this. Permission has been granted for the siting of a salt bin during the winter but will have to be moved in the spring. This should not be a problem.

A litter pick is being organised for 19th September.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 6th October 2020

Signed Date