

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2020

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

Councillor S King

Apologies: Councillor Mrs Clark

321/20 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present at the meeting

322/20 Minutes of meeting held on 1st September 2020 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

323/20 There were no additional items for consideration

324/20 Councillors Holt, Humphrey and Clifton 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.

325/20 MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

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(1) Highway Matters

There was nothing to report

(2) Extension to Community Hall

Construction has now commenced, piling has been completed

(3) Play Equipment

Contractor has been instructed to carry out the repairs and they will be contacting the Chairman before they arrive.

(4) **Streetlights**

Quote received for the replacement of the streetlights. This was £16,517.74 + VAT this is for 16 lights. It was agreed that Cable Test Ltd be given go ahead to carry out the work.

(5) **Tree Planting Churchill Road**

Still waiting for a response from the Highways officer. Free trees are available from the Woodland Trust.

(6) **Dog bin for Green Lane off Gote Lane**

A quote has been received from Fenland DC for a bin. The cost will be £166.40. There was some opposition to this therefore a vote was taken and the proposal was passed 4 for 2 against. The clerk was instructed to proceed with instructing the Council to proceed.

327/20 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

328/20 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no planning applications to be discussed

Planning application refused:

F/YR20/0637/LB – Internal and external works to a Listed Building to include erection of single storey front and rear extensions and chimney stack – Lime Tree Barn 492 Leverington Common.

329/20 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Review of Council Budget

A copy of the Council's spending to date was circulated to Councillors before the meeting. The figures show that spending is in line with that set out when the Precept for 2020/21 was set.

A copy of the latest bank statement was available for inspection and was signed off by 2 Councillors

Account to be paid:

	Cheq No	Nett	VAT	Gross
R Gagen (clerk's salary 6 months)	101012	£1,834.56	0.00	£1,834.56
R Gagen (expenses for 6 months)	101013	£163.18	4.80	£167.98
Cambs CC (2019/20 LHI scheme)	101014	£1,043.45	0.00	£1,043.45

Second instalment of Precept (£9,000) has now been received

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£56,533.18
Business Premium account	£21,249.38
High Interest account	<u>£805.82</u>
	£78,588.38

330/20 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Damaged road sign on Wolf Lane has been reported

No news has been received about the salt bin for the village, clerk will chase this up

Last meeting it was reported that some of the repairs along Highside were breaking away again. Councillor King has instructed the Highways officer to inspect it.

Councillor King reported that Cambs CC housing and transport budget round was starting which will be very difficult this year because of the extra costs imposed on the Council through the Covid Pandemic. Councillor King is to be part of a LHI working group to consider how this money is allocated.

Village Voices – the clerk has been contacted and asked if the Parish Council will submit a report once every three months. It was agreed that this will be done starting in December.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 3rd November 2020

Signed Date