

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD VIRTUALLY ON TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021

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

Councillors S King and Mrs S Clark

**Apologies:** Councillor Mrs K Hall

### 1/21 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting

2/21 Minutes of meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 were confirmed and will be signed at a later date by the Chairman.

3/21 There were no additional items for consideration

4/21 Councillors Holt, Humphrey, Clifton and Mrs Clarke 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.

### 5/21 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

#### (1) **Highway Matters**

Gote Lane junction – Councillor King has spoken to the Cambs Highway officer about this. He says the drain cannot be relocated this is the best it can be other than that it is drained into the Church Yard which is not an option. Councillor King will arrange a meeting with the Highway officer on the site to discuss.

Pot holes along Highside will be repaired.

There are lots of other pot holes to be reported along High Road and Decoy Road.

#### (2) **Extension to Community Hall**

This is progressing very well. A claim has been sent into Cambs CC for the next instalment of the grant. This will be paid over to the Playing Field when received.

#### (3) **Play Equipment**

Chairman and Councillor Humphrey have done some work on the Elliptical trainer and it now works.

(4) **Tree Planting Churchill Road**

Councillor King has spoken to Cambs Highway officer about arranging a meeting with Councillor Thatcher. He did say he was waiting for the results of a questionnaire which he thought was being carried out. Councillor Thatcher was not aware of this so Councillor King will contact the officer again.

6/21 **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was none.

7/21 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning application: None to be discussed

Planning applications approved:

F/YR20/1005/F – erect a first floor side extension and single storey front extension to existing dwelling – The Old Nurses House 94 High Road

F/YR20/0974/F – Erect a bay window to front elevation of existing dwelling – Montrose Cottage 43 Back Road

F/YR20/0923/F – Erect a detached garage block to front of exiting dwelling – Tawnys Hassockhill Drove

8/21 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Setting of the Precept for 2021/22

A breakdown of the Precept agreed for 2020/21 and spend to date was circulated to Councillors before the meeting. There is no support grant this year and the net tax base is 396.

Following discussion it was decided that an increase of £1,000 be added for streetlight repairs, maintenance and electricity.

The proposition was proposed by Councillor Humphrey and seconded by Councillor Holt – everyone was in agreement. Copy of breakdown of costs attached to the minutes

**Account to be paid:**

There were no accounts to be paid

**Balance of Accounts**

Current account	£57,215.35
Business Premium account	£21,249.38
High Interest account	<u>£805.82</u>
	£79,270.55

**REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Rubbish dumped along the grass verge in Wolf Lane. This will be reported. Councillor Humphrey will send details of how to report this to Fenland DC to all Councillors.

Grit bin – Chairman has confirmed that this can be situated along the High Road. Cambs CC have been informed of this.

Streetlight PC1 still not working along Back Road will be reported again

Back Road – grass verge is encroaching onto the road making it into a single carriageway. Chairman and Councillor Thatcher will have a go at clearing this. There is also an Elder bush growing there. Councillor Clifton will cut this down.

Streetpride will not be on during the lock down.

Councillor King found out over Christmas that if an emergency repair is required contact has to be made through 101 and then they contact Cambs CC. This seems a very long winded method and he will bring this up with the CC.

Willow tunnel has been cut back but it is starting to rot off at the bottom. Chairman and Councillor Humphrey will have a look at this and make a decision as to whether it should be cut down.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

Signed ..... Date .....