

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD VIRTUALLY ON TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

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

**Apologies:** Councillors S King and Mrs S Clark

10/21 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting

11/21 Minutes of meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January were confirmed and will be signed at a later date by the Chairman.

12/21 There were no additional items for consideration

13/21 Councillors Holt, Humphrey and Clifton 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.

14/21 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Green Lane the bye way opposite Fendyke Lane is in a terrible condition making it impossible for people to walk through. Councillor King to be asked to report this.

Information has been received from Cambs CC about the supply of spreader etc but as yet no mention of when the grit bin will arrive.

Fly tipping is a big problem in the village, should be reported to Fenland DC.

Local Highway Improvement Initiative – a scheme has been submitted to complete the re-surfacing of the footway along High Road – a feasibility summary has been prepared by Cambs CC and if successful will cost the Parish Council £1,358.42. Agreed that was acceptable.

(2) **Extension to Community Hall**

This is progressing very well. First fix electrics and plumbing is being done. The second instalment of the grant from Cambs CC has been received and has been passed over to the Playing Field Assoc.

(3) **Play Equipment**

Chairman has carried out an inspection and everything is in good condition.

(4) **Tree Planting Churchill Road**

Councillor Thatcher has received the go ahead for the tree planning from Highways officer. He now has to canvas home of the residents to make sure they are agreeable. The family are in agreement. It was suggested that Flowering Cherry tree be used but these can make quite a mess when the blossom comes off so it is proposed to use a Rowan. It was suggested that the existing tree outside no 16 be replaced as this is in poor condition. Councillor Thatcher thanked Councillor King for all his help with this matter.

(5) **Village Health and Safety Check**

This has not been carried out for some time. Councillor Clifton agreed to do this and it was suggested that the new village entrance gates be added as these are beginning to look very dirty.

(6) **Annual Review of Risk Register**

A copy of this was circulated to Councillors before the meeting. The only point to be changed was no 11 the play area equipment is being check monthly by the Chairman.

15/21 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter received from Councillor Dee Laws who will be attending a multi agency meeting in regard to the flooding in the area over Christmas. She wishes to receive any information about blocked water courses etc before this meeting. There was nothing to report.

It was also mentioned that gullies are blocked causing large puddles to form. Cambs CC to be asked to carry out gully cleaning.

16/21 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning application:

F/YR21/0022/VOC - Removal of condition 11 (1.8 m footway) of planning permission F/YR14/0690/F (erection of 4 x 2 storey 4 bed dwellings with double garages) at south of Gorefield House Cattle Dyke – this condition required the developer to put in a footway joining up with the existing one which is very excessive. They are requested this be changed to 1.8 metres to the 30 mph sign – Parish Council supported this change and it was suggested that at a latter date the Parish Council may be able to complete this length of footway.

**Account to be paid:**

<b>Cheq No</b>		<b>Nett</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>
Find my Past (annual subscription)	101022	£102.00	0.00	£102.00
T A Blackamore (grass cutting)	101023	£1,537.00	307.40	£1,844.40
Fenland DC Dog waste bin)	101024	£166.40	33.28	£199.68

A Quote has been received for the grass cutting for the 2021 season. This will be increased by 2.5% making a cut for the planning field £48.50 and the other areas £38.00. Agreed that this was acceptable.

**Balance of Accounts**

Current account	£55,468.43
Business Premium account	£21,249.38
High Interest account	<u>£805.82</u>
	£77,523.63

18/21 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Pot holes are appearing all over the place and ones that have been filled are coming straight out again. Councillor King to be asked for his help with this.

Fly tipping continues to be a big problem. Should be reported via <https://www.fenland.gov.uk/article/14907/Report-fly-tipping-and-other-environmental-issues>

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

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