

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

### **HELD VIRTUALLY ON TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 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

#### 19/21 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting

20/21 Minutes of meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 were confirmed and will be signed at a later date by the Chairman.

21/21 There were no additional items for consideration

22/21 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.

#### 23/21 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

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

Councillor King has sent an e-mail with information received from the Highways officer following the last meeting. Green Lane opposite Fendyke Lane – unfortunately there is nothing that can be done with bridleway the field is water logged from the storms. Jetting will be done once specific location is reported, street cleaning is done by Fenland DC – any pot hole repairs that are come out again should be reported and they will be passed back to the contactors.

Fenland DC has been through the village doing street cleaning all other matters will be reported.

Grit bin has still not arrived Councillor King has been asked to look into this matter.

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

Is now plastered out and ready for second fix. Is on course to be completed by 9<sup>th</sup> April or shortly after. Final instalment of grant from Cambs CC has been applied for and will be passed over on receipt. There could be a shortfall in funding so the Playing Field will be putting a case forward for financial

support. A new electricity connection was required and this was not included in the budget.

(3) **Play Equipment**

Annual ROSPA inspection is due this will be booked. Cross trainer needs dismantling as unusable. Several hand grips missing but this does not cause a problem. Perhaps in the future it will be necessary to replace the exercise equipment.

(4) **Tree Planting Churchill Road**

Tree and plaque on its way. Family very enthusiastic. Old tree needs removing. Councillor Clifton offered to do this. New tree will be planted on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Councillor Thatcher will take photographs which will be sent to the press. Thanks should be given to Councillor King who helped to get this organised.

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

Councillor Clifton has carried out this. Village sign and entrance gates need cleaning Councillor Clifton will do these shortly. Trees at entrance to playing field need cutting back, these will also be done.

23/21 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

24/21 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning applications:

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

**F/YR21/0143/F** - Erect a 2 storey 2 bed dwelling involving removal of existing conservatory to No 57 – land west of 57 Back Road – no objections

**F/YR21/0096/FDC** – Change of use of land to extend current sewage treatment works and installation of RBC Sewage Treatment Works and pumping station kiosk and erect 2.1 metre high palisade security fencing gates at FDC Sewage Treatment Works Churchill Road – no objections

**F/YR21/0084/VOC** - Variation of Condition 8 (list of approved plans) of planning permission F/YR20/0360/F (erect an agricultural building for fruit storage and packaging and associated works) – Newling Fruitgrowers Ltd Allens Drove - no objections

**F/YR21/0126/F** - Change of use from residential caravan ancillary to the dwelling house to a self contained residential caravan (retrospective) – Caravan at Shepherds Chase Goredike Bank - do not support this application as it is development in the opening countryside and could set a precedent for siting of mobile homes in the open countryside

**F/YR21/0188/F** – Conversion of exiting agricultural buildings to 6 dwellings involving partial demolition of existing barns – Barns at Highfield Farm Popple Drove - Support this application will help to tidy up this area

Councillor Mrs Hall declared a personal or prejudicial interest in the following application and took no part in the decision making process

**F/YR21/0179/F** – Erect a dwelling (single storey 3 bed) involving the demolition of existing dwelling – Tweenus 95 High Road – no objections

## 25/21 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **Account to be paid:**

<b>Cheq No</b>		<b>Nett</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>
Gorefield Playing Field (hire of hall)	101025	£180.00	0.00	£180.00
R Gagen (Clerk's salary 6 months)	101026	£1,780.56	0.00	£1,780.56
HMRC (tax on clerk's salary)	101027	£54.00	0.00	£54.00
Clerk's expenses (6 months)	101028	£122.37	0.00	£122.37
St Paul's Church (Church yard maintenance)	101029	£920.00	0.00	£920.00

Agreed to make the following donations to worthy causes

East Anglian Air Ambulance	101030	£500.00	0.00	£500.00
Cambs Police Shrievally Trust	101031	£250.00	0.00	£250.00
Magpas	101032	£250.00	0.00	£250.00

### **Setting aside finances to be held in reserve**

At the moment £25,000 is set aside for streetlight maintenance. It was agreed that a further amount of £30,000 should be set aside for replacement of play equipment and the Community Hall extension.

### **Balance of Accounts**

Current account	£51,411.50
Business Premium account	£21,249.38
High Interest account	<u>£805.82</u>
	£73,466.70

## 26/21 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Thatcher has noticed that other villages have leaflets setting out walking routes. Councillor Humphrey informed the Council that Fenland DC are working with the MP Steven Barclay around walking and cycling in the area.

Councillor Ms Reynolds is very concerned about the disgusting state of the road verges and dykes. There is rubbish everywhere.

Lots of pot holes around Gorefield Road near Mays Lane and Gote Lane. Gote Lane is scheduled for some work to be done on it.

The trees overhanging at Oxfield Drive entrance have been cut back and the fence mended

Scam phone calls are being received and on checking the number they look like a local number.

Mobile homes have appeared in Bona Lane to be reported to planning enforcement.

Arch for corner stone outside church should be done shortly

Recycling clothes bin has been removed. Received no notification of this from British Heart Foundation.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021

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