

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD VIRTUALLY ON TUESDAY 6TH APRIL 2021

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

Councillors S King and Mrs D Clark
One member of the public

Apologies: Councillor Mrs Hall

27/21 **Public Participation**

There was one member of the public joined the meeting but did not wish to speak

28/21 Minutes of meeting held on 2nd March 2021 were confirmed and will be signed at a later date by the Chairman.

29/21 There were no additional items for consideration

30/21 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.

31/21 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

The LHI project to continue the footway re-surfacing along High Road is seventh on the list for approval. Confirmation of this should be received shortly.

(2) **Extension to Community Hall**

Unfortunately there has been a hold up with getting the floor laid but everything else is on track. Hopefully it will fully functional for the local election on 6th May.

A letter has been received from the Gorefield Playing Field Association asking for financial help to cover a slight shortfall in funds due to having to put in an upgraded 3 phase electricity supply which was not budgeted for in the initial plans. As 3 members of the Council are members of the Gorefield Playing Field Association it was agreed that further discussions on the matter will be left until the end of the meeting and those 3 members will be asked to leave

then the matter will be discussed by the other 3 Councillors present at the meeting.

(3) **Play Equipment**

Chairman has carried out an inspection. One bench has rotten pieces in it. Cross trainer has been de-commissioned. The annual ROSPA inspection will be carried out during April.

(4) **Corner Stone Arch**

Councillor Thatcher is to do an article to be put in the local press and Village Voices. A quote is to be obtained for the supply of an information board to be free standing next to the arch. Everyone is to be commended for their help with this project.

32/21 **CORRESPONDENCE**

E-mail received from local resident asking if the Parish Council would help with getting bollards erected in front of their property as there has been quite a few vehicle incidents on their corner and bollards could help with this. Parish Councils thought that were not able to support this as firstly it would set a precedent for other requests being received and bollards all through the village would not be a good look. Also it was thought that bollards would not stop a vehicle going off the road.

33/21 **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 – revised design to reduce ridge height, dormer window details and cart shed – no objections

F/YR21/0214/F – erect a single stored extension and 3 by garage to front of exiting dwelling – Tawnys Hassock Hill Drove – no objections

F/YR21/0202/O – erect 1 dwelling (outline application will all matters reserved) land south of 17 Churchill Road – no objections

For information only:

F/YR21/0270/PNCO4 – Change of use from agricultural building to a single storey 4 bed dwelling - barn west of Pleasant View Bona Lane.

Referred to planning committee:

F/YR21/0022/VOC – variation of condition 11 (1.8 m of footway) of planning permission **F/YR21/0690/F** – south of Gorefield House Cattle Dyke – officer recommendation is to be refuse. This meeting has now been held and the officer's recommendation was upheld.

34/21 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Account to be paid:

Cheq No		Nett	VAT	Gross
Cambs CC (LHI scheme Wolf Lane)	101036	£175.67	0.00	£175.67
Cambs CC (LHI scheme High Road)	101036	£448.74	0.00	£448.74
Cambs CC (LHI scheme Bellamys Br)	101036	£214.76	0.00	£214.76
Cambs CC (LHI scheme High Road)	101036	£1,182.94	0.00	£1,182.94
Tin Fish (Hosting web site)	101037	£180.00	36.00	£216.00
Ancestry (annual subscription)	101038	£120.00	0.00	£120.00

First instalment of 2021/22 Precept received (£9,500)

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£28,049.23
Business Premium account	£51,249.38
High Interest account	<u>£805.82</u>
	£80,104.43

35/21 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Birds Drove pots holes need reporting

Councillor Thatcher would like to thank Councillors King and Mrs Clark for their help with getting the tree planted in Churchill Road

Councillor Clifton has now cleaned the village gateways but they could do with painting at some point.

Councillor Mrs S Clark as Chairman of Gorefield Streetpride reported that the group has been running for 10 years and as such the group has been offered a gift – a trolley and long handled litter pickers. These will be presented after the election. There has been lots of interest on the Face Book page. Thanks to those who have been out litter picking. Fly tipping has been very bad.

Wisbech Leisure Centre will be opening next week.

Asbestos tipped in Popple Drove being investigated by Fenland DC.

Councillor King has been monitoring incidents of asbestos being dumped. If Councillor King is re-elected he will make it one of his priorities to see what other councils do to crack down on fly tipping. Cambs CC have not changed their rules, but neighbouring councils have.

Councillor Humphrey has approach Fenland DC monitoring officer about the situation of 3 councillors being on the Playing Field Committee and not able to make decisions concerning the playing field. As there is still a quorum of 3 Councillors present at the meeting without these Councillor decisions can be made.

Councillors Holt, Humphrey and Clifton left the meeting.

Councillor Thatcher took over as Chairman of the meeting.

The letter received from the Playing Field Association was discussed and it was proposed and agreed by the 3 Councillors that a grant of £15,000 be made to the Playing Field Association to cover their shortfall for the extra charges caused by the 3 phase electricity having to be installed.

In the letter the Association mentioned the fact that they would like to provide some new picnic benches and replace those existing on the playing field which are now showing signs of wear. It was agreed that all these benches would be provide by the Parish Council and any expenditure made will be deducted from the proposed £15,000 grant.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 4th May 2021 (Annual General Meeting)

Signed Date