

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD VIRTUALLY ON TUESDAY 4TH MAY 2021

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

Councillors S King and Mrs S Clark

Apologies: None

36/21 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public

37/21 Minutes of meeting held on 6th April 2021 were confirmed and will be signed at a later date by the Chairman.

38/21 There were no additional items for consideration

39/21 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.

40/21 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

There was nothing to be reported

(2) **Extension to Community Hall**

Completion has been delayed by flooring not being laid. It will be opened for the election on 6th May and should be opened to the public on 17th May.

(3) **Play Equipment**

The annual ROSPA inspection has been carried and a copy of the inspection report was circulated to all the Councillors. The Chairman has been through the report and the following points need to be addressed:

Entrance gate need adjusting

Benches and beginning to rot these are to be replaced shortly

Tower slat missing

Soft pour shrinking (possibly wooden boards could be removed and back filled with soil)

Roundabout – finger entrapment (not easy to fix this)

Zip wire needs tensioning

Exercise equipment – caps and handles missing. (Will look to replace these in the future)

(4) **Corner Stone Arch Information Board**

Councillor Thatcher has received several quotes the best price being £564 for lectern design. Before a final decision is made quote should be passed around to all Councillors for a final decision. Councillor Clifton offered to collect from the manufacturer to save on the delivery cost.

(5) **Streetlights**

The quote for the repair of the streetlights which was circulated to Councillors is for the repairs to the Category 2 lights identified on the survey. The cost for repairs to 12 lights will be £4,296.60 + VAT. It was agreed that the contractors be asked to go ahead.

41/21 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

42/21 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning applications:

F/YR21/0179/F – erect a dwelling (single storey 3 bed) involving the demolition of existing dwelling at Tweenus 95 High Road – amended design of scheme as per planners comments – no objections

F/YR21/0379/VOC – variation of condition 7 to enable an amendment to the approved plans of planning permission F/YR19/0862/F (Conversion of existing barn (with 1 bed annexe over) to a 2 storey 4 bed dwelling involving infilling existing covered area) at barn south of Oxfield Farm Gote Lane – no objections

Planning applications approved:

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/YR21/0096/FDC – FDC sewage treatment works Churchill Road

Planning application refused:

F/YR21/0126/F – change of use from residential caravan ancillary to the dwelling house to a self-contained residential caravan (retrospective) at Shepherds Chase Goredike Bank

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Account to be paid:

	Cheq No	Nett	VAT	Gross
CAPALC (Affiliation fee and DPO scheme)	101039	£477.50	0.00	£477.50
Cambs Acre (Memebership)	101040	£47.50	9.50	£57.00
Auditing Solutions (internal audit)	101041	£220.00	44.00	£264.00
ROSPA (Annual inspection)	101042	£107.00	21.40	£128.40
Zurich (annual insurance prem)	101043	£1,591.19	0.00	£1,591.19
North Level IDB (drainage rates)	101044	£302.23	0.00	£302.23

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£25,228.91
Business Premium account	£21,249.38
High Interest account	<u>£30,805.82</u>
	£77,284.11

A copy of the receipts and payments made for year from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting. These were accepted and approved as a true record.

Annual Governance Statement 2020/21

A copy of this had been circulated to all Councillors before the meeting. Councillors were able to answer all the questions in the affirmative

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REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor King said it might be his last Parish Council Meeting if he was not re-elected at the upcoming election. He thanked the Councillors for making him so welcome and said it had been a privilege to be our Cambridgeshire County Councillor. Chairman passed on thanks from all the Councillors for all the help he has given to the Parish Council.

Councillor King is very concerned about the tipping of asbestos and all the fly tipping that is being carried out. County and District need to work more closely together to be more pro-active to catch and prosecute perpetrators. Councillor King has been approached by someone living in Goredyke Bank about speeding traffic. Perhaps traffic calming measures could be considered.

Councillor Clark reported that Fenland DC is working on measure to be implemented for asbestos tipping. A fridge that someone has tipped on Park Lane should be cleared away shortly.

Councillor Clifton will be putting grass seed on patches on the Playing Field shortly

Chapel Cemetery – volunteer who cut this last year has now moved away. Ivy needs to be removed from the fence, suckers need removing from the bottom of the

trees and grass need cutting. Councillor Clifton will take on these jobs through his contracting business on behalf of the Council.

Vacancy on the Council due to the resignation of Councillor Mrs Hall should be advertised.

Play equipment – Councillor Humphrey will approach someone in the village who works for a company who carry repairs on play areas.

Councillor Humphrey would like to invite Councillor King to attend the Annual Assembly even if he is not elected as our Councillor.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 1st June 2021 (Annual Assembly)

Signed Date