

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 1ST JUNE 2021

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

Councillors S King and Mrs S Clark

Apologies: None

44/21 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public

45/21 Minutes of meeting held on 4th May 2021 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

46/21 There were no additional items for consideration

47/21 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.

48/21 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

The PC was successful with the LHI bid for the further resurfacing of the footway along High Road.

(2) **Streetlights**

Repairs to all Category 2 lights are ongoing lead time is 12 to 16 weeks

(3) **Play Equipment**

Councillor Humphrey has been trying to contact the local person who does work on play equipment but as yet has had no success.

(4) **Chapel Grave Yard Upkeep**

Unknown contractors have visited the site and cut the grass. Councillor Clifton has trimmed some of the trees along the front. Councillor Clifton will carry on with the work when it is required.

(5) **Plant a Tree for the Queen's Jubilee 2022**

Councillor Thatcher thought this would be a good idea as just recently quite a few trees in the village have been cut down. The Church could be interested in replacing some they have had cut down. The only place available in the village could be the open space in Oxfield Drive. Councillor King will make enquiries about this.

(6) **Review of Members' Register of Interests**

None of the Councillors wished to update their register

49/21 **CORRESPONDENCE**

E-mail has been received from a local resident asking if Highways could be asked to look at the situation at the property as they are concerned that as two trucks cannot pass together there could potentially be an accident. Their comments to be passed on to the Highways officer

50/21 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning applications:

F/YR21/0506/F –siting of a static caravan and construction of a hard standing (part0retrospective) at 40 Churchill Road – Councillors do not support this application because it will set a precedent for others in the area

Planning application refused:

F/YR21/0202/O – erect I dwelling (outline application with all matters reserved)- land south of 17 Churchill Road

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Account to be paid:

None

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

51/21 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor King is very grateful for everyone who voted for him and helped to re-elect him as Cambridgeshire County Councillor for Roman Bank ward for a further 4 years. He is again to be on the Highways and Transport Committee meeting once a month. Things will be changing as there is now a Labour Mayor Government money is channelled through the combined authority. Adult social care has been combined with health services.

WI bench has disappeared from outside the church. Not sure if it has been taken away to be restored.

It will soon be time to apply for 2022/23 LHI projects. Suggestions for this are traffic calming for High Road, drainage at Gote Lane and traffic calming at Goredyke Bank. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Back Road/Wolf Lane drain needs jetting out.

Gorefield School have made a request for a grant towards the purchase of a pool cover. They have now received finance for the renovations and re-commissioning of the pool. It was proposed by Councillor Humphrey and seconded by Councillor Mrs Hunns that a grant of £850 is made to the school. All were in favour.

A Wisbech St Mary Group of volunteer first responders is being set up through the Ambulance Services covering Parson Drove, Murrow, Gorefield, Leverington, Guyhirn and Newton. Funds are needed to provide the equipment necessary to run this service. Councillor Clifton proposed and Councillor Humphrey seconded the proposal to donate £500 to the cause. Everyone was in agreement.

The lectern for the Gote Bridge corner stone seat has now been ordered through Motive Signage at a cost of £570 + VAT.

The notice of a vacancy on the Parish Council has been advertised and if nothing has been by 4th June then a co-option can take place. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

As Councillor Mrs Hall was a signatory on the bank account she will now need to be replaced by another councillor. Councillor Ms P Reynolds agreed to take over. Clerk will contact the bank to get the necessary forms.

Signed Date