

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 6TH JULY 2021

Present: Councillors: A Holt, M Humphrey, P Thatcher and Ms P Reynolds

Apologies: Councillors Clifton, King and Mrs Clark

52/21 Public Participation

There were no members of the public

53/21 Minutes of meeting held on 1st June 2021 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

54/21 There were no additional items for consideration

55/21 Councillors Holt and Humphrey 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.

56/21 MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA

(1) Highway Matters

The dead line for the LHI bid is confirmed as 15th September 2021. Councillor King suggests that he arrange a site visit with the Projects officer to discuss the suggestions made at the last meeting ie traffic calming for High Road, drainage at Gote Lane and traffic calming at Goredyke Bank. Councillors agreed to ask Councillor King to arrange a meeting.

Councillor King has chased up the missing finger post at Hassockhill Drove and High Road junction. Unfortunately the existing one is too damaged so a new one will be erected as soon as possible.

Highside road surface is now very badly damaged to be reported to Cambs Highways.

(2) Play Equipment

Repairs to the equipment are still to be arranged.

(3) Plant a tree for the Queen's Jubilee 2022

The Church is looking to plant 3 new trees in the Church Yard.

Councillor King is under discussions with the owners of Oxfield Drive with regard to planting some extra trees there. Also The adoption of the site by Cambs CC is also under discussion.

(4) **Land and allotment inspection report and rent review**

All the land and allotments were inspected and they are in good condition. The rents were reviewed and it was agreed that they are all in line with other rents in the area so should not be changed.

(5) **Co-option of a new Councillor**

Confirmation has been received from Fenland DC that this can now be done. Information has been put on web site and Facebook page

57/21 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter received from Lucy Turner our Community First Responder thanking for the donation made to her organisation. They would like to come and give some informal training on the defibrillator. They are available daytime or evenings in week commencing 6th September or 18th October. Councillors agreed that they would be interested in this and it could possibly be combine with the Leverington Trustees who have also made a donation towards this community project.

58/21 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning applications:

F/YR21/0672/F – erect a 2 storey side extension to existing dwelling at Meadowside 406 Leverington Common – no objections

Planning application approved:

F/YR21/0179/F – erect a dwelling (single storey 3 bed) involving the demolition of existing dwelling – Tweenus 95 High Road

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Change of signatory on bank account

Mrs Hall to be removed and Councillor Ms Reynolds to be added. Documents are ready to be signed. These cannot be sent in until the Chairman and Councillor Ms Reynolds have contacted Barclays Bank and confirmed their identities.

Account to be paid:

	Cheq No	Nett	VAT	Gross
Motive Graphics Ltd (lectern sign)	101045	£570.00	114.00	£684.00
NBB Recycle Furniture (picnic tables for Playing Field)	101048	£3,738.00	747.60	£4,485.60
Gorefield Playing Field (Grant for Community Hall extension)	101049	£11,262.00	0.00	£11,262.00
Fenland DC (streetlight repair and maintenance)	101050	£6,498.17	1,299.63	£7,797.80

Concurrent Functions Grant 21/22 (£2,548.00) has been received.

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£2,197.51
Business Premium account	£21,249.38
High Interest account	<u>£30,805.82</u>
	£54,252.71

When completing the Annual Audit form the question was asked as to why the carried forward reserves are greater than twice income from local levies. Council should consider spending some more money in the village possibly some new play equipment to replace exercise equipment which is now in poor condition.

59/21 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Hedge at Wolf Lane/Leverington Common junction needs cutting back as is obscuring visibility. Clerk to write to the occupiers.

Chairman has completed the Gote Bridge seat sign with gravel to help with the grass cutting. The lectern should be arriving tomorrow. Chairman and Councillor Thatcher will be installing it shortly.

Christmas tree lights need replacing. Councillor Humphrey will find some prices for these.

Signed Date