

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2021

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

Mrs L Hodgson

Councillor S King

Apologies: Councillor Mrs S Clark

The Chairman welcomed Lorena Hodgson to the meeting as the prospective new Councillor.

68/21 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present

69/21 Minutes of meeting held on 3rd August 2021 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

70/21 There were no additional items for consideration

71/21 Councillors Holt, Humphrey and Clifton declared a personal or prejudicial interest in the item concerning the Community Hall as they are all members of the Playing Field Committee.

72/21 MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

Overhanging trees at Allens Drove/Chalk Road

The owner of the trees overhanging the verge on Allens Drove has cut some of them back and has asked a contractor to come and do some more but they are not available until November.

73/21 MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA

(1) Highway Matters

Councillors met with Highways officer to look at areas of concern for a LHI application. The drainage issue at Gote Lane can probably be dealt with under routine maintenance. High Road traffic calming to be looked at again after Leverington Common scheme is implement to see how successful that is. Goredyke Bank traffic calming – local resident will pay Parish contribution. It

was agreed that this is not in Gorefield Parish. Therefore it was agreed that an application be put in to complete the resurfacing of the footway along the High Road.

Kerb outside the Post Office has been damaged by lorries making deliveries. Will be reported.

(2) **Play Equipment**

Still trying to find a company to do small repairs to the equipment. Councillor King will find out from Leverington PC who they use for their equipment.

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

Councillor King has still made no progress with getting permission to plant trees on the grass area at Oxfield Drive. It was suggested that a tree be planted at the Pocket Park. Several trees have been planted there but none have grown.

(4) **Christmas Tree Lights**

No information at the moment item to be left on the agenda for the next meeting.

74/21 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

75/21 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Peter Humphrey Associates submitted a plan for proposed 12 affordable homes in Cattle Dyke for informal comments from the Parish Council. Councillor decided to make no comments until a formal planning application is submitted.

Planning application approved:

F/YR21/0672/F – erect a 2 storey side extension to existing dwelling – Meadowside 406 Leverington Common

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Change of signatory

Councillor Ms Reynolds is now confirmed as a signatory on the bank account. Each signatory now needs to contact Barclays and ask to be given access to online banking

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£19,130.34
Business Premium account	£21,266.54
High Interest account	<u>£15,807.59</u>
	£56,204.47

REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Trees have been deliberately damaged along Wolf Lane. It was decided that it was up to the owners of the trees if they wished to take any action.

Churchill Road drains blocked need cleaning out to be reported

Councillor Thatcher was recently very impressed with how walking routes are marked out in Lincolnshire and would be very interested if this could be achieved here. Councillor King will speak to the Rights of Way officer.

Area around the new dog bin at the start of the Green Lane off Gote Lane needs tidying up. Councillor Clifton offered to do this.

Streetlight along Cattle Dyke is not working. Councillor Clifton will let the clerk know the number on it so it can be reported.

Councillor Clifton will also have a look at the brambles on the Pocket Park to see if it will be possible to get them tidied up.

There is a large shrub overhanging the grass verge along the visibility splay from Churchill Road along the High Road towards the school. Owner of the property to be asked to get it cut back.

Councillor King has contacted Cambs CC with regard to road work signs being left behind after work has been completed. It is the responsibility of the utilities to clear these away when their work is complete. The Highways officer has contacted Councillor Mrs Clark about this and she has given him locations where they have been left.

Gorefield Road is to be resurfaced from Gorefield and a section in Leverington has also been forward for resurfacing.

Highways & Transport Committee has agreed to proceed with Civil Parking Enforcement which should improve the parking situation in the Fenland towns and villages.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 5th October 2021 at 8 pm
(Please note the change of time all meetings from now on will commence at 8 pm)

Signed Date