

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021

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

Councillors S King and Mrs S Clark

Six members of the public

**Apologies:** None

### 77/21 **Public Participation**

Four members of the public wished to make their views known about the planning application for change of use of land for the use of travellers land south of Millcroft Mill Lane and made the following points

It will affect property values

They have already taken up trees and disturbed the wild life habitats

There is a covenant on the site to restrict the use to one caravan to be used to look after animals on the site.

Two members of the public wished to make their views known about the planning application for 38 dwellings on Dennicks Yard site off Back Road

Extra traffic using Back Road and Wolf Lane

Not enough room in school for extra children

Over development not enough amenity space

Very concerned that more local residents had not been informed about this application.

Councillor Mrs Hodgson suggested that communication about local issues should be added to the agenda for the next meeting

78/21 Minutes of meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

79/21 There were no additional items for consideration

80/21 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.

### 81/21 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

#### **Street Light Repairs and Maintenance Works Service Level Agreement**

E-mail received from Engineering Manager for Fenland DC. The original agreement ran from July 2018 to July 2021 with an option to extend for a further 2 years based on contractor performance. Therefore it was agreed by Fenland DC

to extend for further 2 year. It was agreed that the Parish Council accept this proposal and extend the SLA for a further 2 years

82/21 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

The kerbs outside the Post Office have been inspected and they will be repaired in the next financial year but additional measures need to be included to discourage parking on the kerbs

Allens Drove has been inspected and an additional visit from the dragon patcher will be schedule.

The drains in Churchill Road will be jetted out also those on Wolf Lane and Gote Lane

Councillor Thatcher has been the contact details of the Right of Way officer for Cambs CC so he can discuss foot paths etc.

A request has been received from a resident asking if the footpath on Cattle Dyke be extended further away from the junction with the High Road to make it safer to cross the road. Councillor King offered to put this request to Cambs Highways. Clerk to send photographs of the site to Councillor King.

(2) **Play Equipment**

Leverington PC uses Fenland Leisure for their maintenance. Clerk has contacted a company based in Newton about getting a quotation for the work but as yet has not heard back from them.

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

The owners of the Oxfield Drive site has now agreed in principal for some trees to be planted in the open space. Councillor Thatcher will liaise with the site owners about positioning and species of trees to be planted.

(4) **Christmas Tree Lights**

Councillor Humphrey has found a source for some LED lights which come in 10 metre lengths which join together. He proposed that 100 metres be purchased at a cost of £419.00. Councillor Clifton seconded this proposal and everyone agreed to go ahead with the purchase.

83/21 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

84/21 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Councillors Holt and Ms Reynolds declared an interest in the following item and took no part in the decision making process.

Councillor Clifton (vice chairman) took over the meeting for this item.

Planning applications received:

**F/YR21/1031/F** – Erect 38 dwellings and garages (1 x 2 storey 5 bed, 13 x 2 storey 4 bed, 16 x 2 storey 3 bed, 6 single storey 4 bed, 1 single storey 3 bed) and 2 storey dwelling with domestic workshop accessed from Wolf Lane involving demolition of buildings at Dennicks Yard Back Road – the Parish Council is unable to support this application because of over development of the site, lack of amenity space, additional daily vehicle movements on Back Road and adjoining roads, no footway along Back Road, affect on the environment especially animal habitats, no availability in the local school

**F/YR21/1037/F** – Change of use of land for the use of travellers including siting of 2 mobile homes, erection of timber shed, stable/track room and 1.2 post rail paddock fencing and construction vehicular access and 1.502 metre high earth bund at land south of Millcroft Mill Lane – this is development in the open countryside, loss of trees and animal habitats. The Council was also advised that there is a covenant in place which restricts the use of this site.

**F/YR21/1056/F** – Erect single storey rear and side extensions to dwelling and detached indoor swimming pool with car port including demolition of store and shed at Fairview 60 Cattle Dyke – no objections

**F/YR21/1111/F** – Erect a single storey garage and car port to the side of existing dwelling – Emmerville 146 High Road – no objections

Planning application approved:

**F/YR21/0874/F** - Formation of a dog training arena including the installation of 6 x lights mounted on 4.8 (approx) metre high columns - Land South West Of Willow Tree Cottage Mill Lane Leverington

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **Review of Council Budget**

Councillors were provided with a spread sheet showing Council spending for 6 months set against the agreed spend for the year. Most are in line except the audit fee which is much higher because of the grant for the Community hall extension

#### **Account to be paid:**

	<b>Cheq No</b>	<b>Nett</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>
R Gagen (clerk's salary 6 months)	101052	£1,807.56	0.00	£1,807.56
HMRC (tax on clerk's salary)	101053	£27.00	0.00	£27.00
R Gagen (expenses for 6 months)	101054	£107.98	0.00	£107.98
Tin Fish (web site hosting)	101055	£225.00	45.00	£270.00
PKF Littlejohn (Annual audit)	101056	£600.00	120.00	£720.00

## Balance of Accounts

Current account	£24,977.80
Business Premium account	£21,267.60
High Interest account	£15,807.59
	£62,052.99

## 85/21 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Clark has put a motion forward at Fenland DC asking them to support the new build for King's Lynn Hospital

Streetpride award – 2 extra long length litter pickers and a trolley. More volunteers are needed

The tree planted on Churchill Road in memory of Alan Goult is growing very well.

Trees on Rabbit Hill Leverington are dead and looking very dangerous. Councillor Thatcher will pass photographs on to Councillor King.

Winter gritting - we now have the grit bin and salt and all the equipment needed

Councillor Clifton has cut back the weeds around the dog mess bin on Green Lane off Gote Lane.

Request has been made for a dog mess bin to be placed on the green lane off Allens Drove. All were in agreement with this. Clerk to organise.

Councillor Ms Reynolds reported that the green lane off High Road is getting very muddy again. Send pictures to Councillor King.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 at 8 pm  
(Please note the change of time all meetings from now on will commence at 8 pm)

Signed ..... Date .....