

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2021

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

Councillors S King and Mrs S Clark

Apologies: Councillor Ms P Reynolds

86/21 Minutes of meeting held on 5th October 2021 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

87/21 There were no additional items for consideration

88/21 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.

89/21 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Tree planting for Queens Jubilee

Councillor Thatcher took part in a Zoom meeting with Cambs Acre about tree planting. Free trees are available from the Woodland Trust. If ordered now they will be delivered in March 2022. Chairman and Councillor Thatcher visited the proposed site in Oxfield Drive and decided that about 30 trees could be planted. It would be good to put in a plaque to explain why they were being planted; this could cost about £140. Agree to go-ahead with the scheme.

New bin for Playing Field

Councillor Mrs Hodgson reported that she had to replace the bin back inside the Tidy Bear on the playing field as the back is missing. She would like to see this replaced as her daughter is frightened of it. She had found a web site giving details of some other ones such as a frog or whale. Consider should take into account how these are anchored into the ground as the Tidy Bear was once taken away. It was agreed that a replacement should be found.

90/21 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Councillor King put in the request for an extension to the Cattle Dyke footway still waiting for a response from the Highways officer.

He has also reported about the condition of the trees on Dowgate in Leverington and is waiting for an inspection report from the same Highways officer.

A new Oxfield Drive adoption manager has been appointed by Tilia Homes and she has been trying to push this matter forward but first some resurfacing work will need to be carried out. The sewer adoption is still outstanding and needs the transfer of land from the previous land owner to be carried out.

The drains in Wolf Lane are still on the list of pending works. The North Level have been contact to find out if the water course was culverted and that the gulleys in question are connected to it.

The Gote Lane junction issue – Highways officer has kindly agreed to arrange for a section of pipework to be cleaned and investigated and if possible this can be used to drain the lying water away.

(2) **Play Equipment**

The Chairman met with an operative from Play Maintenance and they are going to quote for the work that needs carry out.

(3) **Christmas Tree Lights**

These have now been purchased and delivered and now ready for erecting.

(4) **Communication with the Public**

Councillor Mrs Hodgson asked for this to be added to agenda after last months' meeting. One of the people who attended that meeting wished to know how he could become more involved within the Parish community. Councillor Mrs Hodgson offered to contact him. Councillor Mrs Hodgson now has access to the web site and it was suggested that she be responsible for putting an article in the next addition of the Village Voices. The PC is able to do this once every three months. Clerk to introduce her to the editors of Village Voices.

91/21 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Invitation received from W St Mary PC to attend New Councillor/Refresher outreach training next spring organised by CAPALC. This could be a full day course or an evening one. Councillor Clifton and Mrs Hodgson showed an interest in attending. Need to find out the proposed date and time before confirming.

92/21 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning application approved:

F/YR21/1111/F – Erect a single storey garage and car port to the side of existing dwelling – Emmerville 146 High Road

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Review of final external auditor report and certificate 2020/21

The information on this is very confusing as they had all the information required before the stated time. They queried the amount of Precept received and this was confirmed for them by documents received from Fenland DC

Review of internal auditor report

All the points raised were reviewed

Account to be paid:

	Cheq No	Nett	VAT	Gross
Fenland DC (rent for allotments)	101057	£50.00	0.00	£50.00
Poppy Appeal (poppy wreaths)	101058	£50.00	0.00	£50.00
Fenland DC (Dog waste bin)	101059	£166.40	33.28	£199.68
Corporate Christmas Lights	Direct payment	£354.15	70.83	£424.98

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£24,273.14
Business Premium account	£21,267.60
High Interest account	£15,807.59
	£61,348.33

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REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Thatcher will lay the wreaths in the church and in the chapel yard. The school will be helping with the ceremony in the chapel yard on 11th November.

Litter bin has been damaged in the Pocket Park Fenland DC to be asked to provide a new one.

There has been some complaints about the site in Mill Lane which is the subject of a planning application. It was reported that piling was being done. The enforcement officer visited the site and there has not been any piling done but a fence has been erected. They are continually monitoring the site.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 7th December 2021 at 8.10 pm
(Please note the change of time all meetings from now on will commence at 8.10 pm)

Signed Date