

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022

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

Councillors S King and Mrs S Clark

**Apologies:** Councillor Mrs Hunns

### 102/22 **Public Participation**

Two members of the public attended the meeting to tell the Council about a road accident that happened in their front garden on 13th December. It caused damage to their front fence. They wish to request help from the Parish Council to have signs or chevrons erected on approach to the bend, also traffic calming measures including a flashing sign at West End. Police attended the incident and should be submitting a report to Cambridgeshire Highways. There have been other accidents along this stretch of the High Road.

103//22 Minutes of meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

104/22 There were no additional items for consideration

105/22 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.

### 106/22 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

#### (1) **Highway Matters**

Councillor King has received an update about Oxfield Drive. Resurfacing work should commence in late January. An inspection of the sewers should be carried out early in the New Year and it is hope that the adoption should be completed in roughly 6 months. They should also be contacting Councillor Thatcher about the tree planting there.

Still waiting for drainage inspections to be carried out at Gote Lane. North Level has been contacted about the culvert at Wolf Lane. Unfortunately there is no connection to their drain so this means these gullies will continue to fill with silt and debris.

Councillor King has contacted the Cambs CC Highways manager about the accident on High Road as set out above. To date they have received no report about this accident and if the collision is recorded damage only crash then they

will not be notified. The only thing that can be done at the moment is to put in a request for more signs to be erected near this bend. At a later date a LHI application could be considered for some traffic calming measures through the village.

Extension to footway at Cattle Dyke this would also need to be done through a LHI application as a new footway is required.

(2) **Play Equipment**

Quotation received for a new Froggo bin and spare parts for Teddy Bear bin. These will cost £443.12 + VAT. Agreed that these should be ordered.

(3) **Footpaths/Public Rights of Way**

Councillor Thatcher has been in contact with the Rights of Way officer. The bad state of the Green Lane opposite Fendyke Lane has been reported and this officer says that Highways are responsible for a length of this right of way up to the first corner which is the area that is in the worst condition. Hopefully some work may be carried out on it. Councillor Thatcher would like to do some route maps for these paths and put them on the web site and at a later date have marker posts erected.

107/22 **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Planning training sessions**

Councillors have been notified about some training being organised by Fenland DC via Microsoft Teams. All meeting will commence at 11 am. Links to the meetings will be sent at a later date.

108/22 **PLANNING MATTERS**

**F/YR21/1486/F** – erect a single storey rear and side extension with solar panels to roof – Cierbon Goredike Bank - no objections

**F/YR21/1501/F** – change of use to a traveller's site involving the siting of a mobile home, touring caravan and erection of a day room and 1.2 m high gate – A & S Autos The Cottage 134 Wolf Lane Leverington Common - Gorefield Parish Council does not support this application. In the design and access statement it refers to planning application F/YR07/0888/F where Mr & Mrs Taylor were given permission to reside in a mobile home in the garden of the dwelling occupied by their daughter for the rest of their lives and then this use would cease. If this is the case this new application should not be permitted on a permanent basis as the site is classed as development in the open countryside.

**F/YR21/1518/F** – conversion of existing barn (with 1 bed annexe above) to a 2 storey 4 bed dwelling involving infilling existing covered area (part retrospective) – Barn south of Oxfield Farm Gote Lane - no objections

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

### Setting of Preset for 2022/23

It was agreed to increase the Precept by £1,000 to £20,000 as per the attached schedule. Increase to be added to the provision for Local Highway Improvements to help with proposed schemes in the future.

### There were no accounts to be paid

### Balance of Accounts

Current account	£26,585.29
Business Premium account	£21,267.60
High Interest account	<u>£15,807.59</u>
	£63,660.48

## 109/22 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Tree planting – no further information received from Fenland DC

Councillor Mrs Clark informed everyone that anyone attending the Path Lab needs to make an appointment before attending.

Next Street Pride will be on 15<sup>th</sup> January. Have now received some new equipment.

Cattle Dyke – road side churned up by the builders constructing the new dwellings. Unfortunately not a lot can be done until the development is completed.

Streetlight in Cattle Dyke not working Councillor Clifton will let the clerk have the column number.

Van parked along the High Road belonging to a resident of Richmond Green. The parking provided at the top of Oxfield Drive is designated parking for Richmond Green,

Defibrillators are both out of action because the pads are out of date. Councillor Humphrey has ordered some new ones.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 at 8.10 pm

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