

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 1ST MARCH 2022

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

Councillors S King and Mrs S Clark

Apologies: None

120/22 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting

121/22 Minutes of meeting held on 1st February 2022 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

122/22 There were no additional items for consideration

123/22 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.

124/22 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Councillor King reported that an additional £400,000 was agreed for more 20 mph limits if local residents wanted them. This could be considered at a later date outside the school.

LHI and PFHI applications are being delayed because of the lack of staff especially in the Highway Project Delivery section (54.5% vacancies)

Oxford Drive – Fenland DC have confirmed that they will be adopting the open space and play area as set out in the 106 Agreement for the site. Unfortunately this could affect the proposed tree planting project. A meeting will be arranged with Kevin Wilkins Fenland DC horticultural officer to look at the proposed locations for the trees and the species to be planted.

Oxford Drive resurfacing is schedule to take place in March. Deed of Easement is still on going as well as the sewer inspection by Anglian Water.

The County Road Safety team has looked at the bend approaching 176 High Road and have decided that a bend warning sign would have limited benefit.

The dragon patcher will visit Cross Drove Tydd St Giles to carry out preventative patching.

Investigation work is still ongoing with reference to flooding at Gote Lane and High Road.

The LHI panel recommendations for 2022/23 will be determined by the Highways and Transport Committee on 26th April.

Plannings will be laid along Green Lane opposite Fendyke Lane up to the first corner when the ground has dried out.

30 mph sign on Gote Lane coming from Newton will be replaced with an old one if available if not a new one will have to ordered.

The swing bridge at Sutton Bridge is to re-painted over the period 28th February to 7th July and will cause some disruption to the local area.

(2) **Queens Platinum Jubilee**

A meeting was arranged to find out if there was any interest in the village to celebrate this occasion. Unfortunately this was not well attended. Since then local organisations have been contacted and some ideas have been suggested. Another meeting will be arranged and all those who have shown interest will be invited. It will also be advertised on local Facebook pages.

(3) **Play Equipment**

A representative from Fenland Leisure has visited the site and has pointed out that the old roundabout is very difficult to make safe as set in the ROSPA report as it is of a very old design. The wet pour around the equipment is in quite a poor state and possibly would be better replaced than repaired. A meeting to be arranged for the Chairman and Councillor Humphrey to meet on site with the operative to discuss these options.

(4) **Review of Risk Assessment**

The risk assessment was reviewed and updated.

125/22 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

126/22 **PLANNING MATTERS**

F/YR33/0181/O – Erect up to 5 dwellings (outline application with all matters reserved) at land west of 176 High Road – the Parish Council does not support this application it is development in the open countryside, the site has a flood problem and one of the proposed access is directly adjacent to the junction with Hassockhill Drove.

Applications approved:

F/YR21/1486/F – Erect a single storey rear and side extension to existing dwelling and solar panels to roof – Cirebon Goredike Bank

Accounts to be paid:

	Cheq No	Nett	VAT	Gross
Gorefield Playing Field (hire of hall)	101062	£150.00	0.00	£150.00
R Gagen (clerk's salary 6 months)	101063	£1,807.56	0.00	£1,807.56
HMRC (tax on clerk's salary)	101064	£27.00	0.00	£27.00
R Gagen (clerk's expenses 6 months)	101065	£79.20	0.00	£79.20
St Paul's Church (church yard maintenance)	101066	£920.00	0.00	£920.00
T A Blackamore (grass cutting)	101067	£1,578.00	315.60	£1,893.63

Agreed to make the following donations to local worthy causes:

Cambs Air Ambulance	101068	£500.00	0.00	£500.00
Magpas	101069	£250.00	0.00	£250.00
Bobby Scheme	101070	£250.00	0.00	£250.00

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£23,170.37
Business Premium account	£21,268.66
High Interest account	£15,808.37
	£60,247.40

128/22 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Village Voices article required by 11th March. Councillor Mrs Hodgson will do this. If any Councillors have ideas for this please let her know.

Golden Age event being held in the Community Hall on 1st April. Parish Councillors will be at the event.

Litter pick 26th March when it is Keep Britain Tidy week.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5th April 2022 at 8.10 pm.

Signed Date