

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 5TH APRIL 2022

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

Councillor Mrs S Clark

Two members of the public

Apologies: Councillor S King

129/22 **Public Participation**

One member of the public wanted to advise the Council about the poor state of Wolf Lane and problems with people pulling into the top their drive when passing other vehicles as the road is too narrow. Also mentioned the planning application for the site off Back Road which is still ongoing and as yet has not been determined.

130/22 Minutes of meeting held on 1st March 2022 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

131/22 There were no additional items for consideration

132/22 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.

133/22 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Councillor King was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following information:

Oxford Drive – the land transfer relating to the sewer adoption has been completed and the Anglian Water inspection should happen by end May. Fenland DC has no objections to a Jubilee Celebrations planting area being installed on part of the Open Space. Exact location and species to be planted to be approved before planting commences.

Councillor King has been contacted by the occupiers of 176 High Road following the accident outside their property. He will arrange a site meeting with a Highways officer.

The drainage investigation of the drains at Gote Lane/High Road will be carried out on 4th April and then a plan of action can be determined.

(2) **Play Equipment**

Following on from the meeting on site with a representative of Fenland Leisure, the Chairman and Councillor Humphrey quotations for the required work have been received. To carry out the required maintenance work will cost £15,913.22 + VAT. This includes extensive work on the cable way which is now out of action and new safety surfacing under several pieces of equipment.

As most of adult equipment is now very old and in need of repairs which unfortunately as the original supplier is no longer in business it is not possible to get spare parts any longer it was agreed that these should now all be removed and 5 new pieces be re-sited at the rear of the existing play area. It was also suggested that a new basket swing be provided. The quotation for the new swing and adult exercise equipment is £13,821.00 + VAT.

All agreed to go ahead with the very necessary maintenance to the equipment and also to go ahead with the purchase of the new equipment. The play area is very well used by everyone in the village. No work should be done until after the show as it could cause problems for access.

(3) **Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

Another meeting was held on 24th March to discuss what events would be taking place.

The school is organising a scarecrow competition

The church are having a flower festival

Old picture and memorabilia will be displayed in the Church Hall

A village picknick will be held on the Playing Field on Saturday including bouncy castle and music provided by the Playing Field Committee.

Bowls match to be held on Sunday when the bowls green will also be open for anyone to have a go

A buffet will be provided on Sunday afternoon in the Community Hall by invitation only to those helping with the celebrations. Parish Council to finance this. Article to be put in the May addition of the Village Voices.

134/22 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

135/22 **PLANNING MATTERS**

None

136/22 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Accounts to be paid:

	Cheq No	Nett	VAT	Gross
Ancestry (subscription)	101071	£120.00	0.00	£120.00
Glasdon (litter bin)	101072	£443.12	88.62	£531.74
GPFA (hire of hall for Golden Age)	101073	£50.00	0.00	£50.00
North Level IDB (drainage rates)	101074	£326.37	0.00	£326.37

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£33,979.81
Business Premium account	£21,268.66
High Interest account	£15,808.37
	£71,056.84

137/22 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Some surfacing work has been carried out by the farmer along Green Lane but there is quite a bit of brick rubble in it making it uneven.

Pots holes at High Side to be reported

Golden Age Team had a very successful day and thank Gorefield PC for their support.

School are doing litter picking around the playing field and will be taking over the up keep of the base of the Village Sign at Richmond Green. Councillor Mrs Clark will be providing some plants.

Pot holes at Bona Lane will be reported

Councillor Clifton has offered to spray around the dog bin at the end of the green land off Gote Lane.

Chalk Road/Allens Drove cross roads need white lines re-done will be reported.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3rd May 2022 at 8 pm Annual General Meeting

Signed Date