

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 7TH JUNE 2022

Present: Councillors: Mrs L Hodgson (Vice Chairman) A Holt, M Humphrey, P Thatcher and Ms P Reynolds

Councillors S King and Mrs S Clark

Apologies: Councillors G Clifton and Mrs J Hunns

147/22 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present

148/22 **Presentation by Rural and Community Led Housing Development Officer**

Jenna Brame from Cambs Acre explained to the Council about housing needs survey that has been requested by a prospective developer and Fenland D C regarding a potential scheme of affordable housing. This survey would be sent out to all residents in the village asking about their housing needs and would then show if there was a demand for affordable housing. There is no cost to the Parish Council this is covered by the developer as part of the planning process. The Parish Council does not have to decide on their support for this at present as the survey will not be carried out until October. Jenna will send a copy of the questions to be asked to the clerk for consideration.

149/22 Minutes of meeting held on 3rd May 2022 were confirmed and signed by the Vice Chairman.

150/22 There were no additional items for consideration

151/22 Councillors Holt and Humphrey declared a personal or prejudicial interest in the item concerning the Community Hall as they are all members of the Playing Field Committee.

152/22 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Councillor King will be meeting with the Highway officer on 10th June to discuss signage for The Barracks, the poor state of Wolf Lane, Foot path along High Road, reduced speed limit on Highside and the accident outside No 176 High Road. Councillor King will also be meeting drainage engineer on site at Gote Lane on 9th June as engineer has now been changed since the last meeting.

Unfortunately there are not plans currently to improve Church Road Leverington.

With reference to Oxfield Drive adoption. Inspections by Anglian Water and Cambs CC have now been done. The transfer process for the open space and play area is now underway.

(2) **Play Equipment**

Following on from the annual inspection from ROSPA further repairs were required. Online Playgrounds quoted £1,734.90 + VAT for this extra work. Following on from confirmation from Councillors this work has been sanctioned. Work is planned to be started on Monday 13th June.

(3) **Tree Planting**

The order for the trees can now be put in with the Woodland Trust for 30 saplings to be planted in part of the open space at Oxfield Drive in October. Special attention needs to be taken to see that they are well staked and guarded to prevent vandalism.

153/22 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Recycling Clothing bank

Information has been received from Alford Storage and Textile Company about the provision of a clothing bank. The bank should be emptied at least once a week. Payments are made once a month at the rate of 30p per kilo. There should be room for this to be sited at the recycling site outside the school. Councillor Humphrey will confirm that there is enough space for it.

154/22 **PLANNING MATTERS**

F/YR22/0547/CERTLU – Certificate of lawfulness (existing) Change of use of agricultural land for domestic purposes at land south of Swann Lodge Hassock Hill Drove – To the knowledge of Gorefield Parish Council this piece of ground has not been used for agricultural purposes for more than 10 years but has been subject to unauthorised development.

F/YR22/0654/O – Land north east of East View Gote Lane – there were no objections to this application as it is an infill plot.

Planning application approved:

F/YR21/1031/F – 38 dwelling – Dennick Yard Back Road

155/22 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

A copy of the receipts and payments made for year from 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting. These were accepted and approved as a true record.

Review of Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22

All the questions were read out and Councillors were able to answer them in the affirmative.

Accounts to be paid:

	Cheq No	Nett	VAT	Gross
CAPALC (annual subscription)	101078	£487.14	0.00	£487.14
Auditing Solutions (internal audit)	101079	£60.00	12.00	£72.00
Housdens (refreshments)	101080	£260.00	0.00	£260.00

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£31,479.68
Business Premium account	£21,270.26
High Interest account	<u>£15,808.56</u>
	£68,559.50

156/22 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Clark would like a letter of thanks sent to Gorefield School thanking them for taking over looking after the base of the Village Sign opposite the School. It has now been planted up and looks very good.

Councillor Clark also thanked Councillor Humphrey for organising the Platinum Jubilee events they were very successful and enjoyable.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5th July (allotment inspection at 7.30pm followed by the meeting at 8.10 pm)

Signed Date