

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 5TH JULY 2022

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

Councillors S King and Mrs S Clark

Apologies: None

157/22 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present

158/22 Minutes of meeting held on 7th June were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

159/22 There were no additional items for consideration

160/22 Councillors Clifton, 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.

161/22 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Councillor King reported on the follow:

Local Highway Improvement Member Review – following on from concerns expressed by several Parish Councils a review will begin on 8th July and end in September. Please let Councillor King know if you would like to propose any improvements.

The application window opens on 3rd October and suggestions were made for 50 mph speed limit on High Side, Traffic calming High Road and 20 mph outside local school which this year can be made as an extra application. These to be discussed further at the August meeting.

Church Road and Gorefield Road Leverington to be inspected.

Dead end sign for The Barracks will be erected shortly.

Wolf Lane was inspected by Highways officer and found that nothing meets the County intervention levels. Councillor Thatcher explained that it is the informal passing places that need attention. Councillor King promised to look at these and ask for plainings to be put in the holes.

Accident outside 176 High Road – Highways officer has offered 6 bollards to be erected.

Oxford Drive – work is now progressing the road is be brought up to standard and the public open space transfer process has started

(2) **Play Equipment**

All the work on the equipment has been completed. The other old exercise equipment will be removed shortly. Two old benches need repairing and it has been suggested that the slats be replaced with recycled plastic ones. A quote has been received for the same which will cost £35.00 each and 12 will be required. All agreed that these should be purchased. A bag of top soil was purchased to fill in holes left where the other exercise equipment was removed.

(3) **Housing Needs Survey**

Jenna Brame from Cambs Acre who attended the last meeting to explain about a potential housing needs survey being undertaken in the village. She e-mailed over a copy of a similar survey questionnaire and a copy of a report which is prepared from the information collected. It was agreed that the Council would support this initiative as the information collected could be very useful in the future.

(4) **Clothing Bank**

This has now been installed outside the school.

(5) **Suggestions for Cambridgeshire Local Heritage List**

Any suggestions to be given to Councillor Mrs Hodgson. The seat outside the Church will be added.

(6) **Report from Land and Allotment Inspection and Annual Rent Review**

Four Councillors visited the allotments at Churchill Road and the land at Cattle Dyke and Black Lane. Most are being kept in very good condition except for allotment Nos 3 and 6. The tenant to be asked to clean these up.

It was agreed that the rents should stay the same as they are in line with local levels.

162/22 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

163/22 **PLANNING MATTERS**

F/YR22/0181/O – erect up to 5 no dwellings (outline application with all matters reserved) at land west of 176 High Road – an Ecological Impact Assessment has now been submitted.

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 – This application has now been withdrawn.

Planning application approved:

F/YR21/1501/F – Change of use to a traveller’s site involving the siting of a mobile home, touring caravan, erection of a day room and retention of a workshop building for ancillary residential storage purposes and 1.2 metre high gate – The Cottage 314 Leverington Common

Enforcement

Mobile home has been sited in Cattle Dyke orchard adjacent to Thistledown Farm – to be reported.

Still no application has been put in for site on Bona Lane – this to be reported again.

164/22 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Accounts to be paid:

	Cheq No	Nett	VAT	Gross
Fenland Leisure Products (Repairs and new play equipment)	101081	£28,242.33	£5,648.46	£33,890.79
Turves Turf (top soil)	101082	£50.00	0.00	£50.00

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£10,086.89
Business Premium account	£21,270.26
High Interest account	<u>£5,808.56</u>
	£37,166.71

165/22 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor King wished to thank the Council for the invitation to the Jubilee Celebrations he enjoyed it very much

Councillor Thatcher reported that following a sewer connection in St Paul’s Close a trench had been left unfilled. To be reported to AWA.

Hedges over hanging on Cattle Dyke and Birds Drove. Owners to be written to.

Road closure sign continue to be a problem. Signs put up at Leverington Church and the closure is at Harrolds Bank.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 2nd August 2022 at 7 pm

Signed Date