

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2022

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

Councillors S King

14 Members of the Public

Apologies: Councillor Mrs S Clark

194/22 **Public Participation**

A spokesman for the members of the public who attended wished to explain to the Parish Council their objections to the proposed solar farm which is being planned at Tydd Fen. They are concerned about the loss of amenities such as foot paths and bridleways and the loss of prime agricultural land. They were informed that the Parish Council will not be making any comments until a formal planning application has been submitted but would take on board the comments that had been made. Councillor Mrs Hodgson suggested that there are a lot better option for providing clean energy than large solar farms.

195/22 Minutes of meeting held on 4th October 2022 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

196/22 There were no additional items for consideration

197/22 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.

198/22 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Councillor King reported on the Cultivate Cambs winter funding which awards grants of £2,000 to £15,000 for new initiatives that support adults and older people with car and support needs and children, young people and families to independently, safe and well in thriving and inclusive communities. Deadline for applications is 16th December 2022.

20 mph schemes – these will be funded separately so do not affect any other LHI applications. The report from the m20mph member working party will be submitted to the Highways and Transport Committee shortly.

Gote Lane and High Road flooding is still ongoing as the County Senior Flood Risk Officer has yet to meet with the highway officer to arrange works to clear the drain pipe.

Oxfield Drive – Councillor King has not received any further updates from Natalie Fulk. She has been advised about the tree planting.

Wolf Lane – Plantings in the ‘unofficial’ passing places should now have been completed. This does not appear to have happen as only half of them have been done.

Hasockhill Drove and Cross Drove surfaces – the local highway officer has ordered some preventative work by the dragon patcher and has submitted the roads for a resurfacing scheme.

High Side – Councillor King has requested that further remedial works are carried out.

(2) **Tree Planting Oxfield Drive**

These should be delivered shortly. A resident from Oxfield Drive has offered to help with the planting. It is proposed to provide a plaque to celebrate the life of the late Queen. Councillor King offered to contribute to this.

(3) **Solar Farm**

This had been discussed during public participation.

(4) **Review of Clerk’s Salary**

Councillor Mrs Hodgson asked for this to be added the agenda as she thought that the clerk’s salary should be increased as at present it is just above the national living wage. It was proposed that the salary be increased by 2 points to SCP 15 £12.45 per hour. Everyone was in agreement.

199/22 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The tenant of Nos 6 and 12 allotments at Cattle Dyke has given 12 months notice to vacate them in October 2023. These will be advertised to let next summer and also offered to existing tenants.

The notice has been posted with reference to the vacancy on the Parish Council and this will expire on 8th November. After this date co-option can be considered.

There is now also no representative from the Parish Council on the Leverigton Feoffees Trustees. It was agreed that Councillor Thatcher will fill this position.

200/22 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning applications:

F/YR22/1199/F – Erect single storey front and rear extensions, an open porch to front and a chimney stack, insert roof light and widen gable window – Lime

Tree Barn 492 Leverington Common – no objections

F/YR22/1172/F – Erect a garage with gym over – Allitts Barn Gote Lane – no objections

Planning application approved:

F/YR22/0972/O – Erect 1 no dwelling (outline application with all matters reserved) – land north east of East View Gote Lane

Planning application refused:

F/YR33/0181/O – Erect up to 5 no dwellings (outline application with all matters reserved) land west of 176 High Road

201/22 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Forms from Barclays Bank to be completed by Councillor Thatcher to add him as a signatory on the bank accounts.

Accounts to be paid:

	Cheq No	Nett	VAT	Gross
Poppy Appeal (Wreaths)	101093	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£12,492.49
Business Premium account	£21,270.26
High Interest account	<u>£5,808.56</u>
	£39,571.31

202/22 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Streetlight has now been replaced on Cattle Dyke opposite St Paul's Close

Trees outside the Chapel Yard have now been cut back.

Chairman will lay the Poppy wreath in the Church and Councillor Thatcher will help with the local school service in the Chapel Yard.

To help celebrate the life of the late Queen the naming of the new estate road could be used for this.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 6th December 2022 at 8.10 pm

Signed Date