

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2023

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

Two members of the public

Apologies: Councillors S King and Mrs Clark

10/23 **Public Participation**

Two members of the public attended to ask the Council to support an application for a 20 mph zone for Elloe Bank. They are concerned that tractors are going fast passed their homes and causing structural damage. The Council all agreed that to finance this for a few properties was not practical. The Council is to make an application for a 20 mph zone along High Road outside the Primary School.

11/23 Minutes of meeting held on 3rd January 2023 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

12/23 There were no additional items for discussion

13/23 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.

14/23 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Councillor King was unable to attend the meeting but had e-mailed the following information:

Gote Lane and High Road flooding – a virtual meeting with the relevant officers has finally been agreed for next week

Oxfield Drive – POS transfer still ongoing. Natalie Fulk has asked if anyone could check that a street light along Oxfield Drive has been repaired.

High Side – Highways officer has ordered some patching work and for some plainings to be laid

(2) **Oxfield Drive Plaque**

Councillor Thatcher had sent an e-mail with suggestions for this. It was agreed that it was for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee a platinum one would be most appropriate. Councillor Thatcher to find out the price for next meeting.

Bark chippings have now been put around the trees with the help of some of the children from the Primary School. Photographs showing the children can be put on the web site. Permission has given for this by the Head teacher. Councillor Hodgson will put them on.

15/23 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Emil received reference street light energy recharges for 2023/24. The energy rate tariff from September 2022 has changed from 16.6605 to 34.8911p per kwh. Therefore it is anticipated that the street light re-charge will be much higher this year. As it is too late to add this to the Precept any extra will have to be funded through reserves.

16/23 **PLANNING MATTERS**

F/YR23/0082/F – Conversion of existing barn to 2 x dwellings (1 x 2 storey 2 bed and 1 x 2 storey 5 bed) and stables, involving the demolition of exiting barn canopies at C F Towson Fruit Growers Fendyke Lane – no objections

17/23 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Confirmation has been received from Barclays Bank that Councillor Thatcher is now able to sign cheques.

Accounts to be paid:

None

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£12,416.99
Business Premium account	£21,270.26
High Interest account	<u>£5,808.56</u>
	£39,495.81

18/23 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Thatcher would like to see a weight limit put on High Side as heavy lorries are damaging the road surface. This would not stop lorries all together as they have to have access to properties there.

A member of the public submitted information about loud music coming from the Church Hall on Gote Lane. The running of this hall is nothing to do with the Parish Council so Councillor Humphrey advised this person to contact Environment Health at Fenland DC.

The Coronation was discussed. It was decided that the Parish Council would not organise anything for this but if any local organisation wished to do something the Parish Council would be happy to make a financial contribution.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 8.10 pm

Signed Date