

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023**

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

Councillor S King

**Apologies:** Councillor Humphrey

19/23 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present

20/23 Minutes of meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

21/23 There were no additional items for discussion

22/23 Councillors Clifton and Holt declared a personal or prejudicial interest in the item concerning the Community Hall as they are all members of the Playing Field Committee.

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

(1) **Highway Matters**

Councillor King reported the following matters:

Highways and Transport Committee has approved allocating funding for Gote Lane and High Road flood investigation and remedial work for 2023/2024.

Street light engineers should be on site at Oxfield drive to repair the defective light

Open Space transfer is having horrendous delays due to PCC solicitors  
High Side – highways officer has reported that some remedial work has been carried out, more extensive repairs and some plainings laid when the weather permits.

(2) **Oxfield Drive Plaque**

The price for the platinum one is £154.99 with stakes. Agreed to go ahead. Councillor King offered to make a donation towards this cost. Confirm that stakes are metal before order place.

(3) **Review of Risk Assessment**

This was reviewed and no changes were required

24/23 **CORRESPONDENCE**

25/23 **PLANNING MATTERS**

F/YR23/0112/F – Erect a single side extension to the existing dwelling at The Methodist Chapel Harolds Bank – no objections extension in keeping with the existing dwelling

F/YR23/0160/PIP – Planning in Principal – Residential Development land rear of Gorefield House Cattle Dyke – Do not support this application – it is back land development not in keeping with the surrounding area and the access inadequate for 4 dwellings

26/23 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Accounts to be paid:**

	<b>Cheq No</b>	<b>Nett</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>
Gorefield Playing Field (hire of hall)	101096	£180.00	0.00	£180.00
R Gagen (clerk's salary 6 months)	101097	£2,137.20	0.00	£2,137.20
HMRC (tax on clerk's salary)	101098	£273.00	0.00	£273.00
R Gagen (clerk's expenses 6 months)	101099	£79.20	0.00	£79.20
St Paul's Church (church yard maintenance)	101100	£920.00	0.00	£920.00
T A Blackamore (grass cutting)	101101	£1,642.80	328.56	£1,971.36
Tin Fish (Domain name renewal)	101102	£20.00	4.00	£24.00
Ancestry (subscription renewal)	101103	£120.00	0.00	£120.00

**Agreed to make the following donations to worthy causes under 137A**

**Payments**

Cambs Air Ambulance	101104	£500.00	0.00	£500.00
Magpas	101105	£250.00	0.00	£250.00
Shrievalty Trust (Bobby Scheme)	101106	£250.00	0.00	£250.00
Village Voices	101107	£250.00	0.00	£250.00

Quotation for grass cutting for 2023/24 season received from T A Blackamore. There will be an increase of 5% on last season. Agreed to go ahead with this

**Balance of Accounts**

Current account	£5,439.83
Business Premium account	£21,315.10
High Interest account	£5,822.59
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	£32,577.52

**REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Standing for Election for Parish Council

Nominations start from 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023  
Nominations close 4 pm on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
<https://www.fenland.gov.uk/elections2023>

The above is the link for the nomination pack.

Nomination papers must be delivered by hand to Fenland DC offices. An appointment with Electoral Services on 01354 622207 can be made to have nomination papers checked.

A proposer and seconder will be required and you will need their Registration number from the Electoral Register which will be available from the clerk

Both Councillors Holt and Mrs Hunns said that they would not be standing for election this time.

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7 pm (Annual Assembly)

Signed ..... Date