

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

**Present:** Councillors: Mrs L G Hodgson,(Chairman) P Thatcher, M Humphrey

Councillor Mrs D Cutler

One member of the public

**Apologies:** Councillors S King and G Booth

### 37/23 **Public Participation**

None

38/23 Minutes of meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

39/23 There were no additional items for discussion

40/23 Councillor Humphrey declared a personal or prejudicial interest in the item concerning the Community Hall as he is a member of the Playing Field Committee.

### 41/23 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

#### (1) **Highway Matters**

E-mail received from residents of High Road complaining about excessive speeding through the village. They are going to make a report to the Police and Highways, for which the Council thank them for. Over many years measures have been taken to try to reduce the speed of vehicles by getting the speed limit reduced down to 30 mph, the introduction of interactive signs and village gateways and 40 mph buffer zones at the entries and exit of the village. An application has been made for a 20 mph zone in front of the school.

Councillor Mrs Cutler attended the meeting, she is Gorefield PC's newly elected Fenland DC Councillor. She is also the co-ordinator for Speed Watch for Parson Drove and Wisbech St Mary. She said that as Gorefield is now part of this ward it can also be included in the scheme. All agree that this would be a very good idea. Volunteers from the village would required to help run the scheme. Speed Watch would undertake to deliver leaflets etc to residents to see if anyone would be interested. Councillor Mrs Cutler will e-mail all the information to the clerk shortly

Councillor King was unable to attend the meeting but had e-mailed a report. Patching and plainings have been done along High Side and Wolf Lane. 40 mph sign along High Road has been replaced and 30 mph sign has been ordered and will be replaced shortly. Tree overhanging Gote Lane has now been removed. Councillor Thatcher reported to Councillor King that some of the new trees planted in Oxfield Drive have been damaged possibly by the grass cutter. Councillor King has contacted Natalie Fulk at Tilia and she will find out who the contractors are who do the grass cutting and advise them to take more care around the trees

(2) **Co-Option of Councillors**

Mrs N Hemsall attended this meeting and a previous one and is interested in joining the Council. It was proposed by Councillor Humphrey and seconded by Councillor Thatcher that she be co-opted on to the Council. Chairman welcomed her to the Council.

Three more Councillors are still needed. Councillor Humphrey will advertise this on the Council Facebook page.

42/23 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

43/23 **PLANNING MATTERS**

**F/YR23/0382/F** – Siting of 1 caravan and 3 storage containers and the change of use of land for domestic purposes and the formation of hardstanding/driveway at Barn south of Willow House Fendyke Lane – do not support this application as it is development in the open countryside with no justification.

**F/YR23/0396/F** – Erect 2 dwellings (2 storey 4 bed) involving the demolition of an existing agricultural building at land north of Long Meadow Mill Lane Leverington – do not support this application as it is development in the open countryside with a poor access onto a rural road.

**F/YR23/0408/F** – erect a hobby room with front and rear canopied areas and a single storey rear extension to existing dwelling involving the demolition of existing conservatory at Beeches Row, The Barracks – have no objections to this application as is on a large plot and has no affect on the neighbouring properties.

**Planning application granted:**

**F/YR23/0227/VOC** – Variation of Condition 1 (named occupants) of planning permission F/0424/83/F (Use of land for the siting of 5 caravans) – to enable the applicant to be the named occupant at south of the Bridge Harolds Bank

## Planning Applications refused:

**F/YR23/0160/PIP** – Permission in principle for 4 to 4 dwellings at land south east of 45 Cattle Dyke

**F/YR22/1272/F** – Erect a 2 storey 1 bed annexe; change of use of land to domestic curtilage and siting of a portacabin to be used as a hobby room for existing dwelling including removal of an existing access (part retrospective) – land south of Swan Lodge Hassockhill Road

## 44/23 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### Accounts to be paid:

	<b>Cheq No</b>	<b>Nett</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>
North Level IDB (Drainage rates)	101109	£357.27	0.00	£357.27
Zurich Ins (Policy renewal)	101110	£1,790.35	0.00	£1,790.35
Auditing Solutions (internal audit)	101111	£250.00	0.00	£300.00
Cambs Acre (Annual subscription)	101112	£50.00	10.00	£60.00
CAPALC (Annual subscription)	101113	£509.68	0.00	£509.68

### Balance of Accounts

Current account	£14,137.72
Business Premium account	£21,315.10
High Interest account	<u>£5,822.59</u>
	£41,275.41

## Completion of Annual Governance Statement 2022/23

A copy of this document had been circulated to the Councillors before the meeting. All the questions were answered with a yes and the Chairman and Clerk signed the document on behalf of the Council.

## Approval of Accounting Statement 2022/23

This was signed by the Clerk on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 and approved by the Councillors and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Council.

## 45/23 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

In future a separate Agenda item will be added for reports from Cambridgeshire and Fenland DC Councillors. Our new Fenland DC Councillor introduced herself and the Chairman welcomed her and the Council look forward to working with her in the future.

Street light along Gote Lane is not working to be reported.

Willow Tunnel on Playing Field – Chairman will get it cut down and then re-weaved when the new growth is there

Councillor Mrs Hemsall reported that there will be a new head teacher at the local school from September. She will overall head of the schools at Murow and Leverington also.

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7 pm in the Church Hall

Signed ..... Date