

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

**HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

**Present:** Councillors: Mrs L Hodgson (Chairman) P Thatcher and M Humphrey  
Councillors Mrs D Cutler and S King  
One member of the public

**Apologies:** Councillor G Booth

### **64/23 Public Participation**

None

65/23 Minutes of meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

66/23 There were no additional items for discussion

67/23 Councillor Humphrey declared a personal or prejudicial interest in any item concerning the Community Hall as he is a member of the Playing Field Committee.

### **68/23 MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

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

Councillor King attended the meeting but had previously e-mailed his report.

A motion on weeds to the 18<sup>th</sup> October Full Council Meeting – the County Council have stopped all annual weed killing as well as spraying before laying new surfaces such as slurry on footpaths. If the Parish Council is in agreement that the state of weeds on the roads, paths and cycle ways are unacceptable there are two ways to help. Sign and circulate the petition via this link <https://shorturl.at/dkFTZ> or write individually or as a Parish Council to object to this change of policy. The Chairman wished to research further about this before making any decision.

Local Highway Initiative changes – a paper will be considered at the next Highways and Transport Committee meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> October proposing some changes to the scheme.

Highside - the large pot hole has now been filled and the road has now been put forward for a retread scheme. A LHI bid for a weight limit on this road could be made jointly with Parson Drove PC.

Bellamy's Bridge – the renewal of the red warning lines and the bridge repairs have now been completed

Recent accident in High Road – following this a request was made for getting white line on either side of High Road and a reflective bend sign – LHI application would be suitable for this.

Oxfield Drive – there has been no update from the developer s this month.

(2) **Speed Watch**

Gorefield has now been added to September schedule and a session will be held shortly

(3) **Play Area Repairs**

A quotation has been received from Online Playgrounds for the repairs to the play equipment as identified from their inspection. The cost will be £1,077.74 + VAT. It was agreed to proceed with the repairs.

(4) **Reports from Cambridgeshire and Fenland DC Councillors**

Councillor King reported that it is not possible to get the interactive signs repaired they would have to be replaced. It might be possible to do away with two of them and use the parts to repair the others.

(5) **Re-Letting of Nos 6 and 12 Cattle Dyke**

Clerk has received two offers of interest for these. So it was agreed that they should be let to these applicants

(6) **Co-Option of Councillor**

Unfortunately there has been no further interest in this. The Chairman will try to put together an advert for this to be put on social media to try to encourage other applicants

(7) **Village Voices**

Unfortunately there is no one on the Council willing to help with the editing of the Village Voices, but would be very willing to help with any finance required. Wisbech St Mary clerk to be advised that Gorefield PC would be happy to attend a meeting to discuss.

69/23 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## 70/23 PLANNING MATTERS

### Planning Application:

**F/YR23/0618/F** – Revised proposal for erect a 2 storey 1 bed annexe and change of use of land to domestic curtilage, including the removal of an existing portacabin and removal of an existing access – land south of Swan Lodge Hassockhill Drove – do not support this application as it does not appear to be an annexe but a stand along 2 storey dwelling.

### Planning application approved:

**F/YR23/0548/O** - Erect up to 5 x dwellings (outline application with all matters reserved) and the formation of 5 x accesses - Land West Of 176 High Road

This application was approved at the recent planning committee meeting by the committee against officer recommendations. All the Parish Councillors had watched this meeting on You Tube and were embarrassed by the attitude of the Councillors who took no notice of the officer recommendations or the legal representative or any comments made by the Parish Council. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Fenland DC CEO Paul Medd.

## 71/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS

### Accounts to be paid:

	<b>Cheq No</b>	<b>Nett</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>
D K O Wheatley (tree and hedge cutting)	101116	£775.00	£155.00	£930.00

### Balance of Accounts

Current account	£3854.50
Business Premium account	£21,416.77
High Interest account	<u>£5,850.36</u>
	£31,121.63

Document received from Barclays Bank to update Council details.  
Councillors Humphrey and Thatcher signed on behalf of the Council.

## 72/23 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Birds Drove – a new access has been put in and fencing erected. Councillor Thatcher has reported this to Planning Enforcement

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 at 7 pm at Gorefield Church Hall

Signed ..... Date .....