

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2023

Present: Councillors: M Humphrey (Vice Chairman), P Thatcher and Mrs E Bramley

Councillors Mrs D Cutler and S King

Apologies: Councillors G Booth, Mrs L Hodgson and Mrs N Hemsall

92/23 Public Participation

None

93/23 Minutes of meeting held on 7th November 2023 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

94/23 No additional items for consideration

95/23 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.

96/23 MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA

(1) Highway Matters

Oxford Drive – no further progress on this. Gote Lane/High Road drainage scheme is in progress and should be completed during 2024/25.

(2) Purchase of Leaf Blower for cleaning pavements

Councillor Thatcher has suggested this as the pavement outside the School get covered with leaves. The only problem with this would be somebody would have to be responsible for its use. Suggested that Fenland DC be asked to send out a road sweeper.

(3) Local Highways Improvement 2022/23 and 2023/24

Councillor King asked if the Council was happy with the scheme proposed for the yellow lines opposite Oxford Drive. The estimated cost for this is £3,476.97 for which the Council will pay 10%. All agreed that this was suitable and asked Councillor King to confirm acceptance.

Application for 2023/24 Local Highways Improvements. There is still no update on whether a re-tread scheme is in line for High Side. It was decided

that a speed limit or weight limit on this road would not stop the damage to this road as farm vehicles would still be able to use it.

Councillor King explained how a community group could put in an application which usually the Parish Council would agree to pay the 10% of the cost. It was suggested that the local Primary School could apply for flashing 20 mph signs for outside the school at an approximate cost of £8k for a pair of solar powered ones. Councillor Mrs Bramley agreed to approach the school about this.

Bellamy Bridge – as Wisbech St Mary PC and Parson Drove PC have already agreed their applications Gorefield PC could put in an application for signage improvements. Councillor King will confirm with the other Parish Councils that they will be willing to contribute on a per capita basis as happened with the previous application. The application must be in by 12th January 2024 so it can be agreed at the next meeting.

(4) **Speed Watch**

A very successful all day event was held on 22nd November. The next session will be held in February. Councillor Mrs Cutler provided data from the sessions held in Gorefield. The last column shows percentage vehicles doing 31-34 mph and this shows quite a low percentage.

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

Nothing further to report

(6) **Village Voices**

No further progress still ongoing

97/23 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

98/23 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning application received:

F/YR23/0915/F - Erect 1 dwelling (2 storey 5 bed) with detached garage, involving the demolition of existing barn at Barn north of Silver Birches Allens Drove – no objections

F/YR23/0946/F - erect 2 agricultural storage buildings and the siting of 2 residential caravans and 1 container (part retrospective) at land south west of Bona Lane – Object to this application as it development in the open countryside with no justification.

99/23 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Accounts to be paid:

	Cheq No	Nett	VAT	Gross
Gorefield Church Hall (hire of hall)	101126	£90.00	£0.00	£90.00

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£13,838.76
Business Premium account	£21,416.77
High Interest account	<u>£5,850.36</u>
	£41,105.89

Changes to Bank Mandate

Verification is still required by Chairman and Councillor Mrs Hempsal

100/23 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Nothing further to report

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 2nd January 2024 at 7 pm at Community Hall

Signed Date