

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY 2024

Present: Councillors: Mrs Hodgson, M Humphrey, P Thatcher, Mrs E Bramley and Mrs Hemsall

Councillors Mrs D Cutler and S King

Apologies: Councillors G Booth,

1/24 Public Participation

None

2/24 Minutes of meeting held on 5th December 2023 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3/24 Confidential item to be discussed at the end of the meeting

4/24 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.

5/24 MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA

(1) Highway Matters

Very large pot hole on Gorefield Road just after 40 mph sign has been reported. Councillor King to follow it up.

High Side is on the list for a retread scheme and Councillor King is also investigating the possibility of temporary uneven surface advisory signs and temporary advisory speed limit signs until retread scheme is carry out.

There will be additional opportunities for the Parish Council to submit bids for 20 mph speed limits from 15th January.

Oxfield Drive – the Deed of grant of easement is progressing with Anglian Water but absolutely nothing has been heard regarding the play area handover.

Gote Lane/High Road drainage – the scheme is being designed this year and will go into construction the next financial year.

(2) **Local Highways Improvement 2022/23 and 2023/24**

The scheme proposed for the yellow lines at the Oxfield Drive junction are acceptable. Councillor King will confirm this with County Highways.

Councillor Mrs Bramley confirmed that the Primary School will be putting in the application for flashing 20 mph signs in the area of the school.

Possible LHI improvements to Bellamy Bridge – Parson Drove and Wisbech St Mary Parish Councils have confirmed to Councillor King that they will contribute to the cost on a per capita basis. Agree that an application should be put in on the basis as discussed at the recent meeting.

“Signage improvements including directional and warning signs with potential advisory speed limit and/or mandatory speed limit change, potential 50 or 50 mph limit depending on existing speed data when collected”.

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

Nothing further to report

(4) **Village Voices**

There is nothing further to report. Chairman will make enquiries about how the Fens Magazine is compiled.

6/24 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

7/24 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning application received:

F/YR23/1023/O - Erect 1 no self-custom built dwelling (outline application with all matter reserved) at land south of 64-68 Back Road fronting Wolf Lane – Development in the open countryside and will restrict the views of the open countryside

Councillor Mrs Hemsall queried if any 106 money will be forthcoming from the development off Back Road. It was thought that a new 106 agreement will have to be put in place now that there are more dwellings proposed for the site,

Setting of Precept for 2024/25

A spreadsheet was produced showing agreed 2023/24 and council spend up to 3rd January 2024. From these figures Councillors estimated what would be required for 2024/25. (See attached) Figures produced gave an amount of £22,500 would be required to cover expenses for 2024/25. Agreed to apply for a Precept of £22,500.

Accounts to be paid: None

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 Hempsall

9/24 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Drone seen flying over school and nearby residential properties

Over hanging hedge at No 3 St Marks Road, needs cutting back. Clerk to write to resident

Fly tipping along Goredyke Bank to be reported.

A suggestion was made that solar panels could be used to generate extra income to be used to pay for the streetlight energy costs. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting: **Tuesday 6th February 2024 at 7 pm at Gorefield Church Hall.**

Signed Date