

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

**HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL ON TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

**Present:** Councillors: Mrs Hodgson, M Humphrey, P Thatcher and Mrs E Bramley  
Councillors Mrs D Cutler

**Apologies:** Councillors G Booth, Mrs Hempsall and S King

**10/24 Public Participation**

None

11/24 Minutes of meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

12/24 No additional items for consideration

13/24 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.

**14/24 MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

**(1) Highway Matters**

Councillor King was unable to attend the meeting but had e-mailed the following information:

The pot hole along Gorefield Road has been reported as an emergency repair but as yet has not been filled.

High Side – signage has been requested before the re-tread has been carried out

No further update received re Oxfield Drive

Gote Lane – a scheme is now being designed and will be delivered during the next financial year.

Councillor Thatcher sent photographs to Councillor King regarding a street light outside No 45 Back Road which is obscured by a tree and encroachment onto highway verge. Councillor King is making enquiries as to who would be able to resolve this matter.

To be reported to Councillor King – white lines seem to be disappearing from roads and are not being replaced. Pot holes are reported but no action seems to be taken. Where are the designated bus stops situated in the village?

Information received about village gate way at west end of village to be passed on to the purchaser of the plot.

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

All LHI applications are going through an internal review now and then an assigned officer will take them forward.

20 mph Funding 2024/25 applications now open. Agreed to put in an application again in front of the school.

(3) **Solar Panels**

Chairman has passed on further information to Councillor Humphrey as the only place that these can be situated is the Community Hall roof which belongs to the Playing Field Association.

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

Nothing further to report

(5) **Village Voices**

Chairman is waiting for a response from the editor of the Fens Magazine.

(6) **Update Standing Orders and Financial Regulations**

Copies of these were circulated to Councillors before the meeting. Everyone agreed that these should be adopted.

15/24 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter received from a resident of St Marks Road who had been asked if they could back there hedge from overhanging the pavement. Agreed to get this done.

16/24 **PLANNING MATTERS**

**Planning application received:**

**F/YR23/0112/F** – Erect a single storey side extension to existing dwelling – The Methodist Chapel Harolds Bank – revised proposals – no objections

17/24 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Accounts to be paid:**

	Cheq No	Nett	VAT	Gross
Tin Fish (renew domain name)	101127	£20.00	4.00	£24.00
T A Blackamore (grass cutting)	101128	£1,728 .00	345.60	£2,073.60

**Balance of Accounts**

Current account	£11,741.16
Business Premium account	£21,416.77
High Interest account	<u>£5,850.36</u>
	£39,008.29

Quote received from T A Blackamore for the grass cutting. There will be an increase of 3% making cuts £55 and £43. Agreed to go ahead with this.

**Changes to Bank Mandate**

Verification is still required by Chairman

**18/24      REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Lock has disappeared from the entrance gate to the allotments. Clerk to purchase a new one.

Date of next meeting: **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7 pm at Gorefield Church Hall.**

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