

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 12TH AUGUST 2024

Present: Councillors: Mrs Hodgson, Mrs Hemsall and Thatcher

Four members of the public

Apologies: Councillors Humphrey, Mrs Bramley, Mrs Cuttler, G Booth and King

69/24 Public Participation

Two members of the public attend the meeting to explain more about their proposed extension which the Parish Council had previously objected to. Their plans have now been altered and will be coming up for discussion later in the meeting.

One member of the public wished to report the fact that the occupiers of one of the properties in front of the allotments have been dumping rubbish over the fence. Councillor Thatcher will investigate this matter.

Also reported that the hedge on the corner of Back Road and Wolf Lane causes poor visibility and is probably encroaching onto the Highways verge. Will be reported to the encroachment officer who is dealing with the other matter along Back Road.

70/24 Minutes of meeting held on 2nd July 2024 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

71/24 Confidential item to be discussed at the end of the meeting

72/24 No Councillors had a personal or prejudicial interest to declare

73/24 MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

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(1) Highway Matters

Nothing to report all items will follow in report from Cambs County Councillor

(2) **Speed Watch**

Councillor Mrs Cuttler was unable to attend this meeting but had e-mailed the following report:

In view of the data recorded during the all day sessions, we have started holding sessions outside of our usual hours. It is good to vary patterns and show a presence at different times. Wisbech Volunteer Fair at Tesco on 30th August 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. We have arranged to have a stall at the event. It is an opportunity for us to promote CSW in the hopes of attracting new volunteers to join our group. As there will be footfall at Tesco from outside of our operational area we will also promote CSW for anyone interested in setting up a new group.

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

Report from Councillor King Cambs CC Councillor:

Speed Warning Signs for School area

These will now be determined at the Highways & Transport committee meeting on 3/9 or 1/10

Bellamy's Bridge

Project will consider quick win options, including new warning signage and road markings, review existing speed limit and reduce if possible as well as more complex solutions including junction re-alignment. Funding will allow completion of an options report to identify improvements in this area and then fund construction of any minor improvements identified as 'quick wins.'

Additional Wolf Lane planings

These have been done

Oxfield Dr

I have received this from Tilia Homes about the Deed of Easement:

‘Unfortunately, I have nothing to report, but there seems to be some positive movement towards getting this land ownership issue resolved. Obviously, the summer holiday season does slow things down a bit, but I may have a bit more positive news in time for the next one, fingers crossed’

I am awaiting an update from the Head of Leisure and Open Spaces, Fenland District Council on the open space transfer

Gote Lane/High Road drainage

Here is the latest update I have received from the Assistant Design Engineer, Design & Delivery:

‘Following the 2 person checks, it's come to our attention that there are numerous clashes with STATS in the ground and an alternative design has to be evaluated. I have ordered further investigations on Cattle Dyke to see if there's any possibility to connect into the mains there. I've prioritised this investigation amongst the other investigations to be carried out soon’

Councillor Thatcher asked Councillor King if it is possible to have grips put in the grass verges along Wolf Lane to remove lying water”

The local highway officer has requested the locations of where the grips are needed as cutting grips on the full length of Wolf Ln is prohibitively expensive

Fendyke Lane Bridge, Gorefield/Leverington Ivy Removal

have received this from the County Structures & VRS Engineer:

“Thank you for your email. I’ll chase this up now, if I don’t however have a response, I’ll endeavour to get back in touch upon my return from leave. I’m minded trying another method of procuring these works, I’ll explain when we next speak. Please do assure the PC this is being investigated”

Fence leaning towards the highway at Wolf Lane bridge reported by Councillor Thatcher

The local Highways officer is investigating what can be done.

Goredike Bank in need of repairs – Councillor Mrs Bramley sent photographs of the damage to Councillor King.

Highways officer is arranging for the dragon patcher to visit.

(4) Report from Stagecoach 50 route meeting attended by Councillor Thatcher

Well attended, with representatives from Tydd St Mary and St Giles, Newton, Leverington and Gorefield.

Primary concern of meeting was to discuss the Service 50 which serves all parishes with daily routes. These routes are between Long Sutton and Wisbech, and use a straight through route except three times a day when it goes to Gorefield at approximately 10.00am, 12.30 and lastly approx 4.30.

The majority of use is by holders of bus passes. (NB Nobody at the meeting had ever personally used the service)

Each day the service starts in Long Sutton at 7.40, and ends in Long Sutton at 18.30.

Mention was made of possible links to school transport which at present are funded by parental subscriptions, this would be to the UALS which would need a change in timetable and routes.

More use of Fact bus or similar was also discussed where the service may be a dial a ride form or regular service possibly source by Local operators or by Franchise.

Discussion was also made regarding who the service would be used by, and to have a better idea it was thought a questionnaire should be circulated around the villages. The format and content of this questionnaire would be discussed at the next meeting.

(5) Co-Option of Councillors

Mr N Turner attended the meeting and is interested in taking up a position as Councillor. Everyone present was very pleased to welcome him as a Councillor.

(6) **New date for Councillor Meetings**

The second Monday in the month is not acceptable for some attendees as it clashes with Wisch St Mary PC meetings. It is acceptable for all Gorefield Parish Councillors so it was agreed to continue with the second Monday of the month at the moment and if other Councillors are not able to attend will be asked to submit their reports by e-mail before the meetings.

75/24 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

76/24 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning application:

F/YR24/0493/F - Erect a 2 storey rear extension and a detached garage (with storage above) to existing dwelling involving demolition of existing rear extension and outbuildings at Decoy Farm Decoy Road revised plans submitted: It was agreed that this is now acceptable.

F/YR24/0540/F – Installation of security shutters to front of shop premises at 83 High Road – no objections

77/24 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Account to be paid:

	Cheq No	Nett	VAT	Gross
Tin Fish (SSL Certificate)	101150	£105.00	21.00	£126.00
Fenland DC (Street lighting recharge)	101151	£5,656.97	1,131.40	£6,788.37
Gorefield Church Hall (Hire of hall)	101152	£80.00	0.00	£80.00

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£1,659.33
Business Premium account	£31,652.39
High Interest account	<u>£5,914.73</u>
	£39,226.45

78/24 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

There have been reports of problems concerning noise and dust at the Dennicks site on social media. Nothing has been reported to the Parish Council but Fenland DC Environmental Services to be asked if they are involved with the site.

Birds Drove needs repairs to be reported

Footpath running from Decoy Road to Goredyke Bank needs the grass cut.

Trees planted at Oxfield Drive are now growing well

Planning Consultation for Affordable Housing on Wolf Lane taking place on Monday 19th August in the Community Hall.

Date of next meeting: **Monday 9th September 2024 at 7 pm in the Community Hall**

Signed Date