

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY 9TH JUNE 2025

Present: Councillors: Mrs Hodgson, M Humphrey, A Holt, N Turner, P Thatcher and Mrs E Bramley

Apologies: Councillors G Booth and Mrs D Cutler

51/25 Public Participation

No members of the public attended the meeting

52/25 Minutes of meeting held on 12th May 2025 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

53/25 There were no additional items for consideration

54/25 Councillors Humphrey and Turner declared a personal or prejudicial interest in any item concerning the Community Hall as they are members of the Playing Field Committee.

55/25 MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

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(1) Highway Matters

Clerk has not been able to get any information back from the Highways officer for the area. Cambs County Councillor to be asked to help with ongoing projects.

Unfortunately another accident has taken place along High Road near junction with Hassock Hill. This will be reported to Cambs Highways and asked if they are able to help with this matter.

(2) **Speed Watch**

Report received from Councillor Mrs Cutler

The hand held device is working well and the sessions held in Gorefield during February and March showed a high percentage speeding. Cambridgeshire Constabulary Speed Watch co-ordinator attended sessions with me and logged Gorefield as an area of concern for enforcement. As our group is only just back in action I am not certain how many enforcement sessions were carried out in my absence. Two CSW sessions have been scheduled to take place in June. If the percentage recorded speeding is still high then I will call on the Constabulary for further enforcement. We are in need of residents living in Gorefield to join the team. Any advertising you can do would be appreciated. At the moment the teams of four are being made up from Murrow and Parson Drove volunteers. Although they are willing to cover Gorefield in addition to doing sessions in their own villages each month it would be good to share the load.

To be advertised on Facebook again to try to encourage local residents to help.

(3) **Play Equipment**

Councillor Turner has new part for climbing frame and will install after the meeting.

(4) **Flag of the Fens**

The endorsement of this was discussed and a vote was taken there were 2 for and 4 against therefore it was agreed not to endorse the use of the flag

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

No response has been received from Fenland DC Chairman. Councillor Humphrey will contact him and ask for his response regarding Fenland Inspire.

(6) **Report from Allotment Inspection and Review of Rents**

All the land and allotments were inspected and all found to be in very good condition. Councillor Humphrey has asked for a quote from a local contractor to get the Conifers removed from the side of one of the allotments as they are stopping the use of part of this allotment.

Rent Review

It was agreed that from October 2026 land rents should be increase from £95.00 per acre to £110. Tenants to be informed October 2025.

57/25 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Notification received from National Grid concerning the Grimsby to Walpole new overhead transmission line. A consultation programme briefing for Parish Councils will be held from 2-3 pm on Monday 16th June 2025 via Microsoft Teams. No one wished to join.

58/25 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning Application Refused::

F/YR25/0279/O – Erect 1 self build/custom dwelling involving the demolition of existing buildings – land west of 176 High Road

Planning applications approved:

F/YR24/0832/RM - Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale (Plot 4 only) pursuant to outline permission F/YR23/0548/O Erect up to 5 x dwellings (outline application with all matters reserved) and the formation of 5 x accesses

F/YR24/0960/RM - Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale (Plot 1 only) pursuant to outline permission F/YR23/0548/O Erect up to 5 x dwellings (outline application with all matters reserved) and the formation of 5 x accesses

59/25 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Approval of Annual Governance and Accounting Statements 2024/25

Councillors were able to answer yes to all the questions on the Annual Governance Statement. Chairman signed the statement on behalf of the Council.

Councillors were able to agreed the Accounting Statements 2024/25 and the Chairman signed it on behalf of the Council.

Account to be paid:

| | Cheq No | Nett | VAT | Gross |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| Scribe (accounts package) | d/d | £12.00 | 2.40 | £14.40 |
| CAPALC (Affiliation fee) | bp | £524.71 | 0.00 | £524.71 |

Balance of Accounts

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| Current account | £14,755.81 |
| Business Premium account | £32,107.43 |
| High Interest account | <u>£6,000.00</u> |
| | £52,863.24 |

REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Popple Drove to be reported to Cambs Highways for repairs to pot holes

Chairman has received a request for a defibrillator to be situated at the west end of the village. Councillor Humphrey will make enquiries with a home owner who has a suitable wall where it could be placed. Clerk to get a quotation.

School boundary trees still need to be cut back. Clerk will write to the school academy.

Trees planted in Oxfield Drive seem to be surviving but do require new states. Councillor Turner offered to help with these.

Date of next meeting: **Monday 14th July 2025**

Signed Date