

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY 14TH JULY 2025

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

Councillor A Osborn

Apologies: Councillors G Booth and Mrs D Cutler

Chairman welcomed Councillor Andy Osborn our new Cambridgeshire County Councillor

61/25 Public Participation

No members of the public attended the meeting

62/25 Minutes of meeting held on 9th June 2025 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

63/25 There were no additional items for consideration

64/25 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.

65/25 MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

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(1) Highway Matters

Councillor Osborn will be looking into matters raised on recent e-mail.

(2) Speed Watch

Report received from Councillor Mrs Cutler:

Following on from Government directives for 'old style policing' Cambridgeshire Constabulary has made changes for police to engage more within the community. Officers stationed at Wisbech have been given Parish Council areas they will be responsible for.

Our CSW group now has three different officers covering enforcement in their allocated parishes as well as the three being responsible to attend community engagements. The police have not lined up the parishes accurately; One officer covers WSM, Leverington and elsewhere. Another covers Guyhirn, Gorefield and Murrow. The third officer will cover Parson Drove and Tydd plus others. I met with Murrow and Parson Drove officers and discussed Murrow not slipping through the net because of coming under two parish councils. Both have agreed that they will share enforcement in Murrow when needed. Unfortunately the officer covering Gorefield, Guyhirn and Murrow villages has not yet taken speed gun training but has promised to do so.

WSM officer is speed gun trained, I have not had a recent meeting but he is the officer previously called upon to arrange enforcement in the villages we cover. What other police business they perform in their allocated areas is their business but because CSW now has three officers to approach for enforcement I have been vocal that when it comes to speed watch they need to all be equally proactive. We can't have some villages our group covers receiving enforcement and not others.

(3) Play Equipment

Councillor Turner has now carried out repair to climbing frame

(4) Repairs to Streetlight PC1 High Road

Quotation received from Fenland DC for £1,441.59 + VAT for the replacement of pole bracket. Councillor Thatcher said that as this streetlight is situated on the Leverington side of Fendyke Lane it should be the responsibility of Leverington PC. Councillor Humphrey said that this streetlight has always been the responsibility of #Gorefield PC since the split with Leverington PC. A vote was taken as to whether Gorefield PC should have the repair carried out. There were 4 for and 1 abstention so it was agreed to go ahead.

(5) Reports from Cambridgeshire and Fenland DC Councillors

Councillor Osborn reported that he is trying to get Clough Bridge which is a Listed asset repaired as it has been very badly damaged.

Councillor Thatcher said that Gorefield also has a listed bridge which is at the junction of Fendyke Lane which is covered by Ivy.

Councillor Osborn explained about the consultation which is taking place concerning the Grimsby to Walpole new overhead line that is being proposed. This does not cross Gorefield but is close by at Tydd St Giles.

Councillors Mrs Cutler was unable to attend this meeting but she sent the following report:

I'm arranging for all officers to drop into as many community events as possible in our ward. Also being revived in the ward are the community engagements for the police and FDC Safety partnership team to attend for residents to share any concerns. When available I will attend as speed watch rep. Murrow and Parson Drove dates have been arranged with the police/FDC safety partnership team for August and December. As one of the ward cllrs I am not favouring Murrow and Parson Drove but is easy for me to fix community engagements with the safety team because I run events in community buildings in both villages so I'm the one that gives permissions for their attendance and supply calendar of dates for 6 months ahead. I will approach people in the other villages regarding suitable events for the team to attend. However I can't force community groups to allow the visits to occur. I'm not ignoring Thorney Toll or the Hamlets but the police will encourage them to attend the larger area events. The engagements will be well advertised.

(6) **Quotation for Defibrillator**

Quotation received from Community Heartbeat for a defibrillator and stainless steel box for ££2,090.00 + VAT. This will be discussed further when an acceptable position has been for siting it.

67/25 **CORRESPONDENCE**

E-mail received from a resident of Oxfield asking about the play area on the site. Dog poo is not being picked up there and the bins within the park are over flowing with dog poo bags. The resident asked whether dogs could be banned from the fenced off area and a dog bin provided outside. Unfortunately Oxfield Drive has not yet been adopted by the County Council therefore the play area is still the responsibility of the developer who are Tilia Homes. Councillor Osborn will try to help with this matter.

68/25 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning applications received:

F/YR25/0447/F – erect 1 dwelling and culvert crossing across existing drain at Land north of 84 Cattle Dyke – No objections as it is an extension to the exiting use of the site

F/YR25/0473/O – erect up to 9 dwellings (outline application with all mattes reserved) at land south of 4-16 Back Road - object to this application as the access is on to a very narrow road with no footpath and is situated in Flood Zone 3

Councillor Humphrey declared an interest in the following application and took no part in the decision process

F/YR25/0478/VOC – removal of condition 1 (agricultural occupancy) relating to planning permission WR/68/11/D (erection of a bungalow and garage for an agricultural worker) at Berwensett Allens Drove – A marketing exercise should be carried out before the removal of the condition is considered

Councillor Humphrey declared an interest in the following application and took no part in the decision process

F/YR25/0496/F – erection 1 x self-build/custom building dwelling at land south west of 2 Beechwood Yard Cattle Dyke – Object as this is development in the open country side with no justification.

69/25 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Account to be paid:

	Cheq No	Nett	VAT	Gross
Scribe (accounts package)	d/d	£12.00	2.40	£14.40
Fenland DC (Streetlight recharge 24/25)	bp	£4,841.14	968.22	£5,809.36
Tin Fish (SSL Certificate)	bp	£50.00	10.00	£60.00
Tin Fish (Renew domain name)	bp	£25.00	5.00	£30.00

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£8,848.05
Business Premium account	£32,107.43
High Interest account	<u>£6,000.00</u>
	£46,955.48

70/24 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Thatcher would like to congratulate all the people who organised the Beer Fest. It was very well organised

Councillor Holt asked if anything was being done about the encroachment of the hedge at the junction with Back Road and Wolf Lane as this has been reported before. Councillor Osborn said he would try to help Councillor Holt will show him where it is.

Date of next meeting: **Monday 11th August 2025**

Signed Date