

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY 11TH AUGUST 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

71/25 Public Participation

No members of the public attended the meeting

72/25 Minutes of meeting held on 14th July 2025 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

73/25 There were no additional items for consideration

74/25 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.

75/25 MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

Commonwealth War Graves

Councillor Thatcher has met with the CEGC maintenance man who is looking after two war graves in the church cemetery. He will be putting an A4 sign on the gate. There is also a grave in the chapel cemetery which he is also looking after. Councillor Thatcher is concerned about access to the chapel cemetery as it is privately owned. Chairman will make enquires with Wisbech Society as to how they went about obtaining the Wisbech cemetery on North End. A copy of the land registry for the site will be obtained.

76/25 MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA

(1) Highway Matters

Work should start on the drainage issues on Gote Lane shortly. Work on Clough Bridge has been re-scheduled for September. Fen Dyke Lane bridge has been reported to Cambs Highways for the removal of the Ivy. Unfortunately nothing can be done about the hedge on Back Road corner as the Land Registry document shows that the grass verge is under the ownership of the property. More work is to be carried out at the cross roads at Bellamy's Bridge. Gorefield Road is in a very poor state Councillor Osborn will ask for some to be done on it.

(2) **Speed Watch**

Report received from Councillor Mrs Cutler:

We have sessions scheduled for Gorefield this month. Sadly, August will be the last sessions that our volunteer Peter Thatcher, resident of Gorefield does with us because he has decided to retire. I would like to thank Peter for all the support he has given to CSW and he will be missed. I am at a loss to know how we attract volunteers in Gorefield. We have the scheme in place! Murrow and Parson Drove volunteers have agreed to cover sessions in Gorefield for a while longer but we are desperate for Gorefield residents to step up. On 26th September CSW will attend the Golden Age Fayre at Wisbech St Mary. As this event usually attracts residents from a wide area hopefully there will be some Gorefield residents attend that we are able to recruit. Diane Cutler – Scheme Co-ordinator FDC Report: After I contacted people regarding the proposed FDC Safety Partnership Community Engagements the team would like to take place, Cllr Sam Clark who runs the coffee mornings at Gorefield Community Hall has liaised directly with the FDC team and offered dates for them to arrange an event. When I know the agreed date, if available I will attend to try and recruit CSW volunteers.

(3) **Play Equipment**

Copy of latest ROSPA report given to Councillor Turner so he can see if there are any other repairs he can do.

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

Unitary Council As of yet the preferred option (from the three tabled) that Fenland District Council will submit to the Government has not yet been decided by Cabinet. The fourth option which the Peterborough MP's have drafted and would like to have considered has still not been tabled across the Councils as an option to be decided upon. Whether this will be tabled before the November submission date remains to be seen.

(5) **Quotation for Defibrillator**

A suitable position for this has not yet been found. A suggestion was made that it be sited on a lamp post. Clerk to find out if this is possible.

77/25 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

78/25 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning applications received:

None

Planning application approved:

F/YR24/1019/F – Conversion of existing barn to 1 bed dwelling and associated showman’s yard with upgraded access, including the siting of 3 containers and the temporary siting of a caravan during construction – Barn south of Willow House Fendyke Lane

Planning application refused:

F/YR25/0447/F – erect 1 dwelling and culvert crossing across existing drain at Land north of 84 Cattle Dyke

79/25 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Account to be paid:

	Cheq No	Nett	VAT	Gross
Scribe (accounts package)	d/d	£12.00	2.40	£14.40

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£8,851.65
Business Premium account	£32,107.43
High Interest account	<u>£6,000.00</u>
	£46,959.08

80/24 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Pot holes at Fen Road, Councillor Thatcher to send photographs to Councillor Osborn.

Date of next meeting: **Monday 8th September 2025**

Signed Date