

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2025

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

Apologies: Councillors M Humphrey, G Booth and Mrs D Cutler

Following the recent announcement of the sad passing of Mrs Kitty Hall, previously a member of this council, it is only fitting to reflect on her service during that time. Councillor Mrs Hall, Kitty, was one of a group of Gorefield parishioners who first expressed an interest in local government by being elected to serve on the new Gorefield Parish Council which should have started in 1991 but due to unforeseen circumstances was put back a couple of years to 1993. During that initial period Kitty served on both Leverington and Gorefield Parish Councils until 1995 when the next regular period of election was held. Kitty continued to serve the Parish until May 2021, a period of 30 years in total 28 as a Gorefield parish councillor.

During that time Kitty served as chairman of the council from 2014 until 2016, she served as the parish council school governor from 1999 till 2003 and was the parish council representative on Leverington charity Feoffees from 2003 until 2021. Kitty was also an active volunteer with the Gorefield street pride group in its early years.

This record of service is testament to her dedication to the community of Gorefield and it is only fitting that we stand for a moment to remember Kitty and her service to this Council and Gorefield in general.

81/25 Public Participation

No members of the public attended the meeting

82/25 Minutes of meeting held on 11th August 2025 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

83/25 There were no additional items for consideration

84/25 Councillor Turner declared a personal or prejudicial interest in any item concerning the Community Hall as they are members of the Playing Field Committee.

85/25 MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

Cambs County Council Local Government Reorganisation

Cambs CC are putting forward Option A which would see Peterborough City Council, Huntingdonshire and Fenland District Council being put together in a new council area. It was agreed that this is not the best scenario for rural areas as ours but it looks as this the best that is on offer. The Chairman will respond on behave of the Parish Council

86/25 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Councillor Osborn did not attend the meeting so there was no update on any outstanding highway issues. Clerk to ask Mr Osborn to submit a report before the meeting if he is unable to attend.

(2) **Speed Watch**

Report received from Councillor Mrs Cutler:

The sessions we held in August showed that Gorefield still has speeding issues. Unfortunately, we were not able to field the required number of volunteers to attend sessions proposed for Gorefield in September. Hopefully CSW will be successful in recruiting volunteers at the Golden Age Fayre on 26th September.

(3) **Play Equipment**

On going

(4) **Chapel Yard Access**

A copy of the Land Registry Title document shows that free and unrestricted access must be given to the burial ground at all reasonable times and for all reasonable purposes associated with the burial ground and memorials therein.

Councillor Thatcher is concerned about the overgrown state of the burial ground especially the suckers growing on the trees along the front. As it is not known who actually has control of this area the Chairman will try to get information from Fenland DC re abandoned grave yards

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

There were no Councillors from Cambs or Fenland at the meeting

(6) **Position for Defibrillator**

It will not be possible to fix a defibrillator to a lamp post. The best option to ask a local resident if they will have it installed on their garden wall

87/25 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Fenland DC Golden Age

To be held on Friday 16th September 10 am to 1 pm at Wisbech St Mary Sports and Community Centre

88/25 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning applications received:

None

Planning application approved:

F/YR25/0475/VOC – Removal of condition 1 (agricultural occupancy) relating to planning permission WR/68/11/D – Berwensett Allens Drove

F/YR25/0473/O – Erect up to 9 dwellings (outline application with all matters reserved) land south of 4-16 Back Road

89/25 **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	£8,855.25
Business Premium account	£32,214.00
High Interest account	<u>£6,019.92</u>
	£47,089.17

90/25 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Rubbish being dumped in gateway at top of Wolf Lane to be reported to Environmental Health

Trees along front of School, as nothing has been done about these to be reported to Cambs Highways

Issues with anti-social behaviour and vandalism are happening in the village. Any one seeing anything should report it to the police.

Date of next meeting: **Monday 13th October 2025**

Signed Date