

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2025

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

Apologies: Councillors Mrs L Hodgson, N Turner, G Booth and Mrs D Cutler

91/25 Public Participation

No members of the public attended the meeting

92/25 Minutes of meeting held on 8th September 2025 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

93/25 There were no additional items for consideration

94/25 Councillor Humphrey declared a personal or prejudicial interest in any item concerning the Community Hall as he is a member of the Playing Field Committee.

95/25 MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

A tenant has given notice to vacate the land he hires (5½ acres Nos 19-22) at Cattle Dyke October 2026

96/25 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.

(2) Speed Watch

No report received

(3) Play Equipment

Councillor Turner was not present so repairs are ongoing

(4) Reports from Cambridgeshire and Fenland DC Councillors

There was nothing to report

(5) Position for Defibrillator

A suggestion was made that the Post Office could be a good position for this. Councillor Humphrey will ask.

(6) **Request for clarification on removal of conifers at allotments**

E-mail received from local resident whose property adjoins the allotments at Churchill Road. She is concerned about the Conifers which have now been cut down as they provided a windbreak for nearby homes. It was agreed that an e-mail be sent explaining that the removal of these conifers was discussed at the allotment inspection and a decision was made to have them removed subject to a suitable quote and when the field was cleared to allow access. All the Councillors were happy that this should happen and that the cost would be covered from income received from land and allotment rents.

97/25 **CORRESPONDENCE**

E-mail received from a resident from St Marks Road very concerned about the condition of No 51 St Marks Road which is empty. He has contacted Fenland DC about this but has had no response. He is asking if the Parish Council can contact them. Councillor Humphrey suggested that the clerk contact Dan Horn to find out what is happening with this property.

98/25 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Recycling yard at Gote Lane reported to Cambs CC

Planning applications received:

F/YR25/0738/F – Land north of Elm Tree Farm 632 Leverington Common – Erect an agricultural building – no objections

F/YR25/0708/PNC04 – Barn south east of Harlequins Mill Lane Leverington – Change of use from 1 agricultural building to 2 dwellings – no objections

F/YR25/0739/O – land south west of 176 High Road – erect up to 1 self building/custom dwelling, involving the demolition of existing buildings (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) – the only thing changed is the flood risk assessment from previous application so will go with comments made previously do not support this application as it appears to be over development of the site and takes away the amenity space of host

Planning applications approved:

None

99/25 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

External Auditor's Report – has been signed off other than incorrect date was used on the form

Council Spending from 1st April to 30th September 2025 - Is in line with what was set out in the Precept for 2025/26

Bank reconciliation at 30th September 2025 - Agrees with what is shown on the bank statements and was signed off by the Chairman

Account to be paid:

		Nett	VAT	Gross
Scribe(Accounts package)	d/d	£12.00	2.40	£14.40
R Gagen (clerk's expended 6 months)		£98.20	0.00	£98.20
R Gagen (clerk's salary 6 months)		£2,050.96	0.00	£2,050.96
HMRC (tax on clerk's salary)		376.40	0.00	£376.40
D W Gent & Son (cutting down of conifers on allotments)				
.		£1,000.00	200.00	£1,200.00
Tin Fish (Web site hosting)		£120.00	24.00	£144.00
Fenland DC (Allotment rent)		£50.00	0.00	£50.00
PKF Littlejohn (External Audit 2024/25)		£210.00	42.00	£252.00

Second instalment of Precept (£11,500) paid into account on 1st October 2025

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£18,948.01
Business Premium account	£32,214.00
High Interest account	<u>£6,019.92</u>
	£57,181.93

100/25 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Drainage scheme installed at Gote Lane cross road seems to be working very well

Streetlights along High Road and Back Road are not working. Will be reported when clerk is informed of the numbers on them.

Wreaths to be obtained for Remembrance Day.

Councillor Mrs Clark has said she is interested in joining the Parish Council as there is still a vacancy. Councillor Humphrey will make sure that she meets the criteria

Dyke boundary along school playing field. School are trying to find out who owns the drain so they can erect a new fence. Councillor Humphrey will contact North Level

Date of next meeting: **Monday 10th November 2025**

Signed Date