

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON 12TH JANUARY 2026

Present: Councillors: Mrs L Hodgson, M Humphrey, A Holt, N Turner, Mrs S Clark and Mrs E Bramley

Apologies: Councillors: P Thatcher, A Osborn, G Booth and Mrs D Cutler

1/26 **Public Participation**

No members of the public attended the meeting

2/26 Minutes of meeting held on 8th December 2025 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3/26 There were no additional items for consideration

4/26 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. Councillor Mrs Clark declared a personal or prejudicial interest in any item concerning Fenland Planning Committee as she is a substitute member of the Planning Committee

5/26 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

6/26 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Repairs have been carried out at Birds Drove. Councillor Thatcher was unable to attend the meeting but has passed comments on by e-mail regarding the wood yard at the junction with Mill Lane. He is concerned that this is creating a lot of traffic. Other Councillors were of the opinion that the business has now ceased. Councillor Thatcher is also concerned about the state of Hassockhill Drove/Cross Drove. Councillor Mrs Clark is in touch with the Highways officer and will ask for this to be looked at.

Oxfield Drive has still not been adopted by Cambs CC. This was an issue that former Cambs CC Councillor S King was helping with. Chairman will try to contact Tilia concerning this.

(2) **Application for Local Highway Improvement Initiative 2026/27**

Application needs to be in by 16th January 2026. It was agreed that an application be made for a 40 mph buffer zone along Cattle Dyke as there is along High Road and Wolf Lane

(3) **Speed Watch**

No report received

(3) **Play Equipment**

Repairs are ongoing

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

Fenland DC is making available £1.5m to revamp play equipment. Clerk to write to the Leader to register an interest in this project.

7/26 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

8/26 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning application received:

None

Planning applications approved:

F/YR25/0802/PIP –Permission in Principle for 9 dwellings at land north west of 176 High Road accessed from Hassockhill Drove

Chairman attended the planning meeting and put forward the views of the Parish Council concerning this application. The officer's recommendation was refuse but once again the Planning Committee decided to approve the application. Falling numbers of children attending the local school was a big factor in this decision.

F/YR25/0738/F – Land north of Elm Tree Farm 632 Leverington Common – Erect an agricultural building

F/YR25/0773/F – East View Gote Lane – erect a single storey rear extension and canopy to existing dwelling involving the demolition of existing conservatory

Councillor Mrs Clark has spoken to the enforcement officers regarding Wolf Lane, Tydd Fen and Gote Lane. The enforcement officer for Wolf Lane should be sending an update. Tydd Fen property is being investigated and Gote Lane has been passed on to Cambs CC for their comments.

9/26 **Setting of Precept for 2026/27**

After looking at the spend for this year and making an approximate forecast spend for the coming year it was agreed that the Precept for 2026/27 be set at £24,500. Proposed by Councillor N Turner and Seconded by Councillor Mrs Bramley

See attached spreadsheet

Account to be paid:

		Nett	VAT	Gross
Scribe (Accounts package)	d/d	£12.00	2.40	£14.40

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£18,911.21
Business Premium account	£32,307.99
High Interest account	<u>£6,037.49</u>
	£57,256.69

10/26 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Some streetlights are not working numbers to be sent to the clerk so they can be reported.

Some of the pot holes have been filled in Wisbech

Link to report pot holes should be put on the web site along with other useful links. Chairman will do this.

Christmas lights three sections were damaged over Christmas but should still be enough for next year.

As three Councillors are unavailable to attend the next meeting it was agreed to change the date of the next meeting to Tuesday 17th February at 7 pm in the Community Hall.

Date of next meeting: **Tuesday 17th February 2026**

Signed Date