

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

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

Councillor D Cutler

Seven members of the public

**Apologies:** Councillors: A Osborn and G Booth

11/26 **Public Participation**

Members of the public attended the meeting to give Councillors more details about the two planning applications to be discussed later in the meeting. Mention was also made by two the attendants about the accumulation of rubbish at a property along Harolds Bank. This will be reported to Environmental Health.

12/26 Minutes of meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

13/26 There was no additional items for consideration

14/26 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

15/26 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**Dog Bin for Oxfield Drive**

A quotation for the supply and installation of a dog bin has been received from Fenland DC. This will be £210 + VAT. It is suggested that it be placed on the grass very near the parking area. It was unanimously agreed to proceed with this purchase.

16/26 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Councillor Mrs Clark is in touch with the Highways officer with regard to Allens Drove bridge railings and the large pot hole there. Hassockhill and Cross Drove are being considered for resurfacing work.

The Chairman has not been able to make any contact with Tilia concerning Oxfield Drive adoption but will pursue the matter through Fenland DC.

Resurfacing work is to be carried out from 9<sup>th</sup> March to Gorefield Road from Green Lane to Mays Lane. The Road will be closed for 2 weeks from 7.30 to 19.00 week days only.

(2) **Speed Watch**

Councillor Mrs Cutler attended the meeting and reported that speed watch sessions have been planned for Gorefield during February and March weather permitting. These are being run by Murrow and Parson Drove volunteers as unfortunately there are still no Gorefield residents involved.

(3) **Defibrillator**

Thanks to Councillor Mrs Clark an application was submitted to the British Heart Foundation for a defibrillator. This has been successful and they will be supplying free of charge one defibrillator and cabinet, which should be delivered in 4 weeks. They only supply online CPR training so it may be possible to invite the local CFR Group to do some training.

(4) **Play Equipment**

Repairs are ongoing and will be carried out when the weather improves. Annual inspection has been arranged for April 2026.

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

Councillor Humphrey will contact Councillor Seaton who is involved with the funds available from Fenland DC for improvements to play equipment.

17/26 **CORRESPONDENCE**

E-mail received from resident of Cattle Dyke with regard to fly tipping and vehicles parking on the pavement making it impossible for people with prams being able to pass. Fly tipping has been reported to Fenland DC and it was suggested that the parking problem be reported to the local police.

18/26 **PLANNING MATTERS**

**Planning application received:**

**F/YR26/0062/F** – The Methodist Chapel Harolds Bank – erect 1 outbuilding in the rear garden of the existing dwelling – no objections but were concerned about the amount of windows making it look more like a dwelling than an outbuilding.

Councillor Humphrey declared a personal or prejudicial interest in the following item and took no part in the decision making process.

**F/YR26/0090/O** - Land North Of Waltoria House Gote Lane - Erect up to 2 x self-build/custom build dwellings involving culverting the drain for access (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) – Development in the open countryside with no justification. As this is a historic site in the village if permission should be achieved an archaeological survey should be requested.

**F/YR26/0118/F** – erect a single storey rear extension to existing dwelling – 23 St Marks Road – no objections

**Planning applications approved:**

**F/YR25/0496/F** – erect 1 self build dwelling – land south west of 2 Beechwood Yard Cattle Dyke

**19/26 Financial Matters:**

Quotation received from T A Blackamore Ltd for the grass cutting for the 2026 season. There will be a 3% increase making the Playing Field £59.25 per cut and the village cut £46.25. Agreed to accept this quotation.

Account to be paid:		Nett	VAT	Gross
Scribe (Accounts package)	d/d	£12.00	2.40	£14.40
T A Blackamore (grass cutting)	dp	£1,866.00	373.20	£2,239.20
Tin Fish (Web site domain)	dp	£25.00	5.00	£30.00

**Balance of Accounts**

Current account	£16,637.61
Business Premium account	£32,307.99
High Interest account	<u>£6,037.49</u>
	<b>£54,983.09</b>

**20/26 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Thatcher reported that the trees are alive which were planted at Oxfield Drive and the wild flowers are starting to appear.

Planning Enforcement have still not responded about Wolf Lane, Councillor Clark will contact them again.

Date of next meeting: **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Signed ..... Date .....