

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

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

**Apologies:** Councillors: Mrs D Cutler and G Booth

## 21/26 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present

22/26 Minutes of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

23/26 There was no additional items for consideration

24/26 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

## 25/26 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

### **Defibrillator**

Has not arrived yet. Alan Clarke has agreed to install it

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

### (1) **Highway Matters**

Allens Drove bridge has still not been repaired.  
Work has now started on Gorefield Road

### (2) **Speed Watch**

The weather, although bitterly cold, did not rain so our scheduled sessions in Gorefield went ahead. Unfortunately, speeding is still an issue. It was interesting to note that we did not record the high speeds that our recent data is recording for Murrow and Guyhirn. We recorded in the range of 35 - 44 mph in Gorefield and in excess of 55 mph in Murrow and Guyhirn.

We have further sessions scheduled for Gorefield which Murrow and Parson Drove volunteers will cover until we recruit Gorefield residents.

Whilst we try to be fair and speed watch in all our allocated villages, we are at the moment doing more sessions in Murrow for two reasons. We have the volunteers there and the high speeds are of concern. Guyhirn has been receiving a lot of enforcement so we are not concentrating there.

(3) **Play Equipment**

Repairs will be carried after the annual inspection is carried out in April

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

Fenland District Council are making available through Fenland Inspire grants of £250K in Towns and £500 K in Parishes to revamp play areas. Agreed to apply for a piece of equipment for Under 5's. Catalogue to be set to Councillors for their suggestions.

(5) **Annual Review of Risk Register**

This was considered and approved

(6) **Approval of Asset Register**

The BMX track has now been removed and should be taken off the register. Everything else is acceptable.

27/26 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None received

28/26 **PLANNING MATTERS**

**Planning application received:**

**F/YR26/0136/F** – erect 1 dwelling (C2 Use) and culvert across existing drain at land north of 84 Cattle Dyke – no objections

29/26 **Financial Matters:**

<b>Account to be paid:</b>	<b>Nett</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>
Scribe(Accounts package) d/d	£12.00	2.40	£14.40
Gorefield Playing Field (Hire of Hall)	£180.00	0.00	£180.00
R Gagen (Clerk's salary 6 months	£2,050.76	0.00	£2,050.76
HMRC (Tax on Clerk's salary)	£376.60	0.00	£376.60
R Gagen (Clerk's expenses 6 months)	£84.20	0.00	£84.20

St Paul's Church (Church Yard maintenance)	£920.00	0.00	£920.00
Ancestry (renewal of annual membership)	£120.00	0.00	£120.00

**Donations to Worthy Causes**

Agreed to donate £500 each to Air Ambulance, Cambridgeshire Magpas, East of England Ambulance Service Trust and Cambs Police Shrievally under Section 137A Payments

**Balance of Accounts**

Current account	£11,568.92
Business Premium account	£32,389.78
High Interest account	<u>£6,052.77</u>
	£50,011.47

30/26 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

There is lot of rubbish dumped in the drain along Wolf Lane which looks as if it could be large empty cartons that held packets of cigarettes. Councillor Turner will take some photographs. Councillor Mrs Clark will report this to Fenland DC for investigation.

Date of next meeting: **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (Annual Assembly)**

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