

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON 13TH APRIL 2026

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

Apologies: Councillors: Mrs E Bramley, A Osborn, Mrs D Cutler and G Booth

31/26 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present

32/26 Minutes of meeting held on 9th March 2026 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

33/26 There were no additional items for consideration

34/26 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

35/26 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Defibrillator

Has now been received and Alan Clark has visited the site to find out what will be required to connect it to the electric.

Rubbish in drain along Wolf Lane

This was reported and has now been cleared away.

36/26 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Councillor Osborn not able to attend the meeting but has advised that Fendyke Bridge should now have been sorted. But this is not the case still covered in Ivy.

Grass verge cutting has been carried out too soon as the weeds have not grown yet and when the next cut is carried out they will be too tall.

Footway cleaning should be carried out in front of the school when the leaves have fallen in the Autumn

Some pot holes along Gorefield Road have been filled but a lot still left. To be reported to Highways officer.

(2) **Speed Watch**

No report received

(3) **Play Equipment**

Repairs will be carried after the annual inspection is carried out in April. As no decision was made as to which piece of equipment to apply for Councillor Humphrey did not put in a request for a grant.

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

Nothing to report

(5) **Web site and e-mail addresses**

The Chairman has been dealing with this and is waiting for quotes to come back from web site designers. Have also approached Tin Fish who currently run the existing site for a quote, but the system they use is not very user friendly. All agreed to go ahead with whatever the Chairman decided will be the best. Each Councillor will have to their own e-mail address to use for Council matters. These are now being set up.

37/26 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None received

38/26 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning application received:

F/YR26/0191/F – Erect 1 dwelling involving the demolition of existing outbuilding at land west of 7 Back Road - no objections

Planning applications approved:

F/YR26/0062/F – Erect 1 outbuilding in the rear garden of existing dwelling – The Methodist Chapel Harolds Bank

F/YR26/0118/F – Erect a single storey rear extension to existing dwelling – 23 St Marks Road

39/26 **Financial Matters:**

Account to be paid:	Nett	VAT	Gross
Scribe(Accounts package) d/d	£12.00	2.40	£14.40
CPALC (annual subscription)	£542.69	0.00	£542.69
North Level DIDB (drainage rates)	£417.62	0.00	£417.62

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£24,354.11
Business Premium account	£32,389.78
High Interest account	<u>£6,052.77</u>
	£62,796.66

Bank reconciliation as at 31st March 2026 was signed off by the Chairman

40/26 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

A new dog poo bin has been installed at Oxfield Drive. A request has been made for some more dog mess signs to be put up. To be ordered from Fenland Street Scene.

Street lights along Cattle Dyke not working to be reported.

Defibrillator pads will need replacing July 2026. Will be ordered then.

Solar Farms have they been approved. To be checked.

Pocket Park has been seeded with grass but it does not look as it is growing yet.

Wolf Lane – to be reported to enforcement again.

Date of next meeting: **Monday 11th May 2026 (Annual General Meeting)**

Signed Date