

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 2ND JULY 2019

Present: Councillors: A Holt, Mrs K Hall, Ms P Reynolds, Mrs J Hunns and G Clifton

Councillor S King and Mrs S Clark

Apologies: Councillor M Humphrey

186/19 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present

187/19 Minutes of previous meeting held on 4th June 2019 were confirmed and signed

188/19 There were no additional items for consideration

189/19 Councillors Holt, Clifton and Mrs Hunns declared a personal or prejudicial interest in the item concerning the extension to the Community Hall as they are all members of the Playing Field Committee

190/19 **POLICE MONTHLY UPDATE**

To be forwarded on to Councillors on receipt

191/19 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Black boxes for traffic monitoring

A black box was installed in the village on the High Road opposite the school from 5th to 19th June. Recorded 12,903 vehicles east bound average speed 34 mph and 12,522 west bound average speed 31 mph. Agree that these figures look good but with a lot of traffic stopping at the school these figures will be slightly distorted. Ask for it to be used in a different position.

Grass Cutting

This is still unsatisfactory. Pocket Park is in a terrible mess. Clerk to write to T A Blackamore. If Pocket Park is still not cut Councillor Clifton will do it this time.

Streetlights

A red structural defect has been reported on the streetlight column on High Road at the junction with Cattle Dyke. Councillors who attended the allotment inspection agreed that this light should be removed and not replaced. Clerk to get a quote for the work.

FPC 4 on Cattle Dyke is still ongoing. This light was not replaced as a Category 1 light on the list supplied back on 31st July 2015 but somehow it appears that an

old bracket light was removed and replaced with a column but the power connection has never been moved over. This can be done at a cost of £1,081. Councillor King will make further enquiries about this light.

192/19 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Local Highway Improvement Initiative 2020/21 – Councillor King has been advised that someone has tripped on the footpath from Wolf Lane to Fendyke Lane as the surface is very uneven. This would be a possible project to apply for. Also there was terrible flooding recently near the garage and Post Office work to rectify this could also be applied for. Proposed Councillor Mrs Hall and seconded by Councillor Mrs Hunns that these 2 schemes be applied for.

The work at Bellamy Bridge has now been completed. This may be some improvement but it still does not go far enough to prevent accidents at this black spot. This would require a total realignment of the area for which the cost would be prohibitive.

(2) **Play Equipment**

A new person has been appointed to do the play equipment inspections and he was very efficient the first time he did. He has been asked to quote for the work that is needed on the equipment.

(3) **Extension to Community Hall**

Development work is still ongoing

(4) **Web Site**

Tin Fish have been contacted and they are still waiting for information from the PC

(5) **Co-Option of Councillor**

This has been advertised but to date no responses

(6) **Allotment Inspection and Rent Review**

All the allotments are being kept in very good order. It was agreed that all the rents are set at an appropriate level.

193/19 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

194/19 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no planning applications to discuss

Application granted:

F/YR19/0242/F – erection of a box bay window and porch to front elevation and box bay window to rear elevation and detached single storey outbuilding to rear, render to exterior walls and installation of first floor window to front and rear of existing dwelling

Application refused:

F/YR19/0294/O – erection of up to 5 no dwellings (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) – land north of 3A-15 High Road

Appeal submitted:

F/YR18/0985/F – erection of 2 x 2 storey 3 bed dwellings with integral garages – land north east of 8 Gote Lane

195/19 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Accounts to be paid:

	Cheq No	Nett	VAT	Gross
Auditing Solutions (Internal Audit)	100977	£215.00	43.00	£258.00
Fenland DC (Street lighting recharge)	100978	£685.88	137.18	£823.06

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£37,048.19
Business Premium account	£21,228.21
High Interest account	<u>£805.02</u>
	£59,081.42

196/19 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Pot hole in Chapel Lane to be reported

Raised water meter cover in foot way along High Road Councillor King will report this.

Hedge at Wolf Lane/Leverington Common junction needs cutting back occupiers of the property to be written to.

Tree Wolf Lane/High Road over hanging footway, occupiers to be asked to get it cut back.

One of the Councillors had seen advertised about the help being offered to older people in Parson Drove regarding technology – Silver Surfers. Did not know whether this might be a good idea for Gorefield.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 6th August 2019

Signed Date