

## **Minutes of the 31st Annual Assembly of Gorefield Parish Council held at Gorefield Community Hall on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024**

**Present:** Councillors: Mrs L Hodgson(Chairman) M Humphrey, P Thatcher, Mrs N Hemsall and Mrs E Bramley

Councillors Mrs D Cutler and S King

**Apologies:** Councillor G Booth

### **Chairman's Report 2024**

The Parish Council has continued this year to work towards improving the village for all. We take reports from district and county councillors, and ask them to help with matters that they are responsible for – such as improvements to the roads.

We received, reviewed and commented on all planning applications, we look after some of the green areas in the village, keeping them clean and tidy for residents, and we rent out allotments, keeping local people using the land that we own.

We use the income from the allotments to support good causes, this year we supported Air Ambulance, Magpas and the Bobby Scheme. If you have a cause we can support, please do ask.

Working with other councils in the area, we had meetings about Bellamy's Bridge and the Village Voices. It was good to meet up with our neighbours and work on solutions to problems raised by residents, together, for mutual benefit.

We hope that the Fens Magazine will take on Village Voices, and work to improve Bellamy's Bridge junction is ongoing.

It's a satisfying volunteer role, meeting monthly with other councillors, working together to ensure your council tax go towards the needs of the village and the issues that you raise, as well as holding to account those at other levels of local government, so we all do our best to improve the area.

One idea brought to us by one of our FDC councillors, Diane, was Speedwatch. Successful in other villages, she has brought it to Gorefield and has run a few sessions, helping with statistics and general awareness, so that we can work towards changing people's attitude to speeding and reduce accidents.

Another of our Councillors, Peter, is our resident historian and also is regularly reporting on issues such as flooding and overhanging trees. He's also responsible for getting more trees planted in Oxfield Drive.

Along with Peter, Nicola, Emma and Michael, I would like to thank Parish Clerk Rosemary for all her hard work keeping us in line for another year.

### **Fiancial Report**

See attached summary of receipts and payments

### **Public Participation**

No public attended the meeting

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