

**Minutes of the 23rd Annual Assembly of Gorefield Parish Council held at
Gorefield Community Hall on Tuesday 4th April 2017**

Present: Councillors: A Holt, (Chairman) M Humphrey and
Mrs Hunns

Councillors A Lay, S King and Ms S Clark

Two members of the public

Apologies: Councillors Mrs K Hall and Ms P Reynolds

Minutes of last Annual Assembly were confirmed and signed.

Chairman's Report 2017

I will start by welcoming you all to this year's Annual Assembly.

My year started with the installation of a solar light in Chapel Lane which sadly was damaged beyond repair.

A letter of thanks was sent to Nestle Purina for supplying the new Parish Council notice board and thanks to Martin Walpole for erecting it on the post office wall.

Sadly Martin has missed the last seven meetings. It is with regret the Parish Council accepted his resignation.

Speeding remains a concern in the parishes and with the local highways improvement grant, speed restriction methods were implemented in Wolf Lane on the approach to the village.

Gorefield in the Past face book page has been created for the benefit of the community. A grant was made available for subscriptions and research. Thanks to Mr. Thatcher for the hours of voluntary work he puts into this ongoing project

Attendance by the public has been noticeable by their absence hopefully this is a good sign that there are no significant problems.

Thanks to B.T. who have allowed the Parish Council to adopt the phone box with the idea of installing a defibrillator.

Finally I would like to thank all Councillors and Rosemary for their contributions throughout the year. Thank you.

Fiancial Report

See attached summary of receipts and payments

Public Participation

Two members of the Parish attended the meeting and wished to bring to the attention of the Councillors problems with speeding vehicles entering the village. Unfortunaely this is a problem in most rural villages. Speed checks are carried out by the local

police but these are usually in the area of the local school and not at either end of the village. Our local PCSO would like to help set up a speed watch team in the village but to date no volunteers have come forward.

Concerns were expressed about how the minutes of meetings are displayed. These are always displayed on the village web site and in the notice board and copies are available from the Post Office or direct from the clerk.

The state of the grass verge on the High Road near the junction with Hassockhill Drove is very bad. This has been carved up by buses waiting here after turning around before they commence their journey back to Wisbech. This has been reported to the coach operators in the past and some progress was made then but it has now become a problem again.

Signed Date