

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017

**Present:** Councillors: Holt, M Humphrey and Mrs Hunns

Councillors King, Lay and Ms Clark

Two members of the public

**Apologies:** Councillors Mrs Hall and Ms Reynolds

34/17 Minutes of previous meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were confirmed and signed

35/17 There was no additional items for consideration

36/17 None of the Councillors had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

37/17 POLICE MONTHLY UPDATE

The Police continue to visit local primary schools in the rural villages, aiming to be there at the start time and end time of school to engage with the children and parents, and to address any arising issues. There have been several complaints throughout the rural villages about parking matters during the school start and finishing times, which has resulted in several parking tickets being issued for illegal parking, and obstruction. Hopefully this will help to reduce the parking issues, and help maintain the children's safety.

Speeding still appears to be a problem in most rural villages, and they are continuously trying to obtain volunteers to help run a community speed watch programme in their local village where they live/work. If you would like to find out more about becoming a speed watch volunteer, please contact: [speedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:speedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk)

Meanwhile, Speed Enforcement was undertaken on 14th March by the PCSO's in all of the north rural villages of Wisbech. As a result of the Speed Enforcement day, a total of 7 Speeding Tickets were issued, and another 12 drivers were spoken to. Out of the total of the 19 persons stopped, 18 of them lived in the village where they were stopped, or in a neighbouring village. One driver even admitted that they themselves had reported others for speeding in their local village.

### COMMUNITY CONTACT POINT

The next community contact point will be held at The Cave in Parson Drove on 12th April 2017. The PCSO will be in attendance with a member of staff from Fenland District Council between 10.00am and 11.00 am. There will not be a community contact point in March as Sophie Wilkinson from FDC will be taking up a new position within FDC, and they have yet to confirm a replacement. The main aim of the Community Contact Point is for local residents to have their say

on any issues they are having in the area in which they work and live. They would love to see as many people as possible, so if you are free, please come along and take the opportunity to ask us any questions you may have about any issues or concerns that you may have in the area's where you live and work. If you are unable to attend, you can still complete an online survey. They hope to hold another Community Contact Point in Gorefield in the near future, and we will informed of the date at the earliest opportunity.

1 X Shed burglary

#### GENERAL CONCERNS

There have been several burglaries/aggravated burglaries in some of the rural villages. Please remain vigilant at all times, and take care when answering the door to bogus callers. Please follow the LOCK, STOP, CHAIN, CHECK message so you can ensure that people who enter your homes are who they claim to be:

**LOCK:** Ensure all exterior doors are locked.

**STOP:** Before answering the door, stop and think whether you are expecting anyone.

**CHAIN:** Put the door bar or chain on. Look through the spyhole or window to see who is at the door. Always keep the chain or bar on whilst talking to the person on the doorstep.

**CHECK:** Ask for and check their ID card, even if they have a prearranged appointment, as all genuine callers should carry one. If you are not expecting anyone and they do not carry an ID card, do not let them in.

If you have any doubts at all as to whether the caller is genuine, ask them to leave and come back at a time that is convenient to you and when you have had a chance to ask someone to be with you.

Inspector Will Davis will be attend the next Parish Council Meeting

#### 38/17 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

##### **Replacement Streetlights**

Still waiting for a quotation for the replacement lights. Councillor King told the meeting that Fenland DC is looking into alternative providers with similar price structures.

#### 39/17 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

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

[Local Highway Improvement \(LHI\) Scheme 2017-18](#) – were not successful in our bid for new road markings and a streetlight in Chapel Lane.

Councillor Ms Clark enquired as to whether the road marking had been redone on Wolf Lane, they have not so she will report this again.

##### (2) **Play Equipment**

A play area inspection report has been received Points noted – safety surface under double flat swings needs topping up, safety surface under Rocking Rocket is uneven, tree stumps and logs have been damaged, safety surface under tea cup roundabout is starting to shrink around edge. Chairman will inspect these problems.

##### (3) **Grants for skate park**

Still ongoing Councillor M Humphrey will be attending a meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May about available grants.

(4) **Defibrillator**

A quotation for a defibrillator and stainless steel sentry cabinet has been received from the Community Heartbeat Trust for £1,995. This was presented at the last Leverington Feoffees Trustees meeting and they have made a grant to the Council of £1,995. Clerk to write a letter of thanks to the Trustees. The quotation will now be accepted.

A practice defibrillator is available at the Hudson Centre

(5) **Co-option of Parish Councillor**

Mrs Karen Robinson, who attended the meeting, has shown an interest in the position. Clerk will e-mail over all the relevant documents for her to consider. There has been no other interest in the position. All the other Councillors would be very pleased to welcome Mrs Robinson as a Councillor.

40/17 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Copies of all other correspondence will be circulated to Councillors

41/17 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning applications received:

**F/YR17/0244/F** – Change of use from sign writers B1 to a single storey 2 bed dwelling – Blacksmiths Shop High Road - support this application as will be an asset to the village

**F/YR17/0227/F** – Erection of a single storey side/rear extension and conversion of existing garage to form 1 bed annexe ancillary to exiting dwelling – Binary House 162 High Road – no objections

**F/YR17/0211/F** – Erection of a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling and conversion of garage to living accommodation – Lonsdale Farm Allens Drove - no objections

**F/YR17/0250/F** – erection of an agricultural store - land east of Pleasant View Bona Lane – no objections

42/17 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Accounts to be paid:**

		<b>Cheq No</b>	<b>Nett</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>
North Level	Drainage rates	100909	£271.09	0.00	£271.09
Cambs Acre	Annual subscription	100910	£45.00	9.00	£54.00

**Balance of Accounts**

Current account	£38,842.20
Business Premium account	£2,161.11
High Interest account	<u>£802.48</u>
	£41,805.79

**REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

A complaint has been made about dog mess along High Road. Councillor Ms Clark will arrange for an officer from Fenland DC to visit the site. Checks can also be made on dogs for micro chipping.

Councillor Alan Lay our Cambridgeshire County Council Councillor will not be seeking re-election at the forthcoming elections so this will probably be last meeting he attends. The Councillors all wished him well and thanked him for his input over the past years.

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 Annual General Meeting

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