

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 3RD APRIL 2018

Present: Councillors: A Holt, Mrs K Hall, M Humphrey, Mrs Hunns,
and Mrs Robinson

Councillors King and Ms Clark

Apologies: Councillors D Humphrey and Ms Reynolds and PCSO Norton-Smith

35/18 **Public Participation**

No members of the public attended the meeting

36/18 Minutes of previous meeting held on 6th March 2018 were confirmed and signed

37/18 There were no additional items to be considered

38/18 None of the Councillors had a personal or prejudicial interest to declare

39/18 **POLICE MONTHLY UPDATE**

At the beginning of March, PCSO Helen Norton-Smith attended Gorefield Youth Club with her colleague PCSO Dave Russ. They chatted with the children, and participated in some of the activities that the Youth Club have on a Monday evening at the Community Hall and Pavilion. The children are always happy to chat to them and keep them up to date with what they have been doing.

She has attended Gorefield Primary school during the start and closing times, and she is pleased to report that on all occasions, there were no issues or concerns regarding parking matters.

She has been unable to undertake Speed Enforcement Patrols with Special Sergeant Andy Thompson during March due to Andy's work commitments, but they have arranged another date for the month of April. If you are aware of any particular areas or streets in Gorefield that are of concern, please let her know, and they will endeavour to undertake patrols in those areas.

The next Community Contact Point will be held in The Cage at Parson Drove on Wednesday 11th April at 1.30pm – 3.30 pm, where the PCSO will be in attendance with Rosie Cook from Fenland District Council. They will be there to talk to everyone and to discuss any issues or concerns that you may have in the area where you live and work. Please come along if you are able to, as they would love to see everyone. If you would rather hold a Community Contact Point in Gorefield, please get in touch, and we can make some arrangements. If you are not able to attend the Parson Drove Community Contact Point, but would still like to complete a survey, they can be completed online via <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WisbechCommunitySafety>. Results from

these surveys will be used to identify the local policing priority for the following 6 months.

CRIMES REPORTED IN THE GOREFIELD AREA MARCH 2018

1 X Theft

GENERAL CONCERNS

There have been several reports in the rural villages of Wisbech of males acting suspiciously, walking up and down the same street, and some have been seen driving a transit van. Some males have actually been seen looking around properties and then asking the occupiers if they have any items to sell. Some of the items that have been stolen include a horsebox, cable reel, red diesel, scrap metal and garden machinery.

There have also been reports of thefts of snowdrop bulbs in the rural areas, where several thousand bulbs have been stolen at any one time.

Please remain vigilant at all times, and report any matters to the Police.

PCSO Norton-Smith continues with regular rural patrols to try to combat some of the issues.

The Chairman has been invited to attend March Police Station on Thursday 12th April 2018 for a 1900 start. The purpose of this meeting is to meet with the new Fenland Inspector Mr Ian Lombardo.

An incident of theft was reported to Councillor M Humphrey, this was reported immediately to the Police but it was hours after the event that they attended. This seems to be a recurring problem with the Police at the moment. The Chairman will bring this to the attention of the new Inspector.

40/18 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Cabinet for Defibrillator

This has now been installed, just waiting for it to be registered with the emergency services

41/18 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Local Highways Improvement Grant – the joint bid with Parson Drove and Wisbech St Mary for lining etc for Bellamy Bridge junction has been successful. A plan showing the new lining and signs was available for inspection and it was agreed that this was acceptable. The cost for the Councils is £1,000 which should be split proportionately between the Councils.

The Parish Council was also successful in their own bid for gateway features at eastern and western approaches to the village. £3,158 has been allocated to this for which the Parish Council will pay £316.

(2) **Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign and Speed Indicator Device**

Councillor King has provided a copy of the agreement that the Parish Council would have to enter into with Cambs CC to have one of these signs. The signs will be in one location for no more than 4 weeks at a time and the battery will need changing on a weekly basis. It would probably require quite a few volunteers to look after one of these. Manea and Tydd St Giles have been successful with a LHI bid for one of these each. Perhaps Gorefield could consider this next year.

(3) **Play Equipment**

The exercise equipment is in need of painting. Councillor M Humphrey will approach someone about this. The Chairman has repaired the climbing tower at a cost to the Council of only £14.69. All the Councillors were very grateful to him. The annual ROSPA inspection is due which ISS were suppose to be organising. But that still has not happened. Clerk was authorised to arrange this direct with ROSPA. Insurance claim for the damaged seat is ongoing.

(4) **Extension to Community Hall**

This is on-going, nothing to report at this time.

(5) **Web Site**

The Clerk has been in contact with Newton Parish Council who have a very good web site which was set up by their Chairman. Councillor Ms Clark will contact him to see if he is willing to help with the setting up of one for Gorefield PC.

(6) **Siting of a caravan at Churchill Road**

An e-mail has been received from Christian Wilson a valuation and Estates surveyor at Fenland District Council. He is to visit the site and meet with the Chairman and Councillor M Humphrey to discuss the proposal. He appears to be happy with the proposal but does not want it to cause any problems for allotment holders or the Parish Council. The area where the caravan is situated does not form part of the area that the Parish Council rents. Unfortunately one of the allotments holders has decided to give notice to quit his allotments next April.

(7) **Dog Fouling**

The Street Scene officer from Fenland DC visited the village and posted lamp post and bin signage around Chapel Lane area. The Street Scene team are able to issue fixed penalty notices of £75 to any one allowing their dog to foul in public places and not clearing it up. This also applies to people who pit it up but do not dispose of it correctly in a bin. This information to be put in Village Voices

42/18 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Copies of all other correspondence will be circulated to Councillors

43/18 **PLANNING MATTERS**

F/YR18/0238/F– Conversion of part of existing outbuilding to 1 bed annexe ancillary to the main dwelling at Wetherby Barn Back Road – no objections

F/YR18/0271/CERTLU– Certificate of Lawful Use (Existing) siting of a caravan for residential use for a period in excess of 10 years at land north of Black Lane – do not support this application as the caravan has been unlawfully occupied and has been reported to enforcement during this period

F/YR18/0218/VOC – Removal of condition relating to planning permission F/0598/89 to allow a side extension to be occupied as a separate 2 bed dwelling unit – extra traffic could be generated from the access on to a bridle way

Application withdrawn

F/YR17/1245/F – erection of a single storey rear and 2 storey side extension at Homefield Fendyke Lane

Applications Refused

F/YR18/0107/O – erection of up to 2 no dwellings – land west of Willow Farm Honeyhill Road

F/YR18/0044/O - erection of up to 2 no dwellings – land north of Meadow Cottage Allens Drove -

Enforcement Issue

Property at Birds Drove planning permission in force which states that permanent space to be reserved on site for turning, parking, loading and unloading shall be provided. The enforcement officer will carry out more research on this matter.

44/18 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Accounts to be paid:

The cheque that was sent to the British Legion back in November never arrived at its destination and has not been cashed. Cheque to be cancelled and another issued.

	Cheq No	Nett	VAT	Gross
British Legion (replacement cheque)	100936	£50.00	0.00	£50.00
English Bros (Repairs to Tower)	100937	£12.24	2.45	£14.69
P Thatcher (Ancestry subscription)	100938	£120.00	0.00	£120.00

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£18,385.26
Business Premium account	£21,175.37
High Interest account	<u>£803.02</u>
	£40,363.65

45/18 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Fly tipping in Wolf Lane has already been reported but if it is not done by the end of the week it will be reported again.

Pot holes need reporting along High Road, Gorefield Road, Harrold Bridge/Black Lane, High Side Parson Drove end, Decoy Road opposite Turnover Farm

Bus has started turning around at West End instead of going to the end of the village.

Streetlight at Cattle Dyke still not working, this has to be resolved by UK Power

Councillor Ms Clark advised the home along the High Road about parking on the pavement

Date of next meeting Tuesday 1st May 2018 (Annual General Meeting)

Signed Date