

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 1st AUGUST 2017

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

Apologies: Councillors Ms Reynolds, Ms Clark and King

74/17 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present

75/17 Minutes of previous meeting held on 4th July 2017 were confirmed and signed

76/17 There were no additional items for consideration

77/17 None of the Councillors had a personal or prejudicial interest to declare

78/17 **POLICE MONTHLY UPDATE**

A Community Safety Partnership meeting is due was held at The Gorefield Community Hall and Sports Pavilion on 1st August 2017 at 2pm. PCSO Norton-Smith was in attendance in the foyer with Fenland District Council officer Rosie Cooke. They had questionnaires for residents to complete, and any key issues raised from the questionnaires will be used to identify the local policing priorities for the following 6 months. If you were unable to attend the meeting, but would like to complete a questionnaire, you can complete this at : <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WisbechCommunitySafety>. The results from these surveys will be displayed on the Community Safety Partnership blog every 3 months at www.communitysafetypartnership.wordpress.com .

Parking Issues – It was brought to the attention of the PCSO by the headmaster of Gorefield Primary School, that a local resident had complained to him about parents/guardians parking along the main road outside of the school at the start and finishing times, causing an obstruction to their access/drive, and some heated discussions between residents and parents/guardians had taken place. Following a visit to the location, she did not find any road traffic offences caused by the parking, but appreciate that some residents may have difficulties accessing their drives during these times. Residents should contact the Police if they have any further issues. As the schools are now closed for the summer holidays, hopefully these issues will resolve themselves before the start of term in September.

CRIMES IN THE GOREFIELD AREA JULY 2017

1 X Theft from Vehicle
1 x Theft from Motor Vehicle
3 X Theft
1 x Dwelling Burglary
2 x Burglaries – business and community

GENERAL CONCERNS

There have been several dwelling burglaries in Wisbech and surrounding areas. Please remain vigilant at all times, and report any suspicious activity to the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

There have also been reports of domestic heating oil thefts. To help reduce fuel thefts, please consider using a good quality padlock. Where possible install security lights and CCTV cameras. Use a fuel gauge with an alarm, where the alarm will sound if there is a sudden drop in in oil levels. Consider ‘defensive planting’ - plant prickly bushes and shrubs around your oil tank, as thieves are less likely to risk climbing through this, and risk leaving blood traces behind. Further details on this, and other crime prevention advice can be found on the Cambridgeshire Police Website, or contact your local crime prevention officer on 101.

79/17 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Local Highway Improvement Initiative – changes have been approved so that the authority is able to recover the cost of delivering the initiative and the projects that are funded through it, whilst providing greater support for applicants in developing and delivering improvements to their local highway.

(2) **Play Equipment**

No report received

(3) **Defibrillator**

Local electrician Alan Clarke has agreed to install the defibrillator

(4) **Report from allotment inspection and rent review**

Councillors toured around all the allotments and found them to be very well maintained.

Rents are in line with other rents in the area and it was agreed that these should remain the same for the coming year.

80/17 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Copies of all correspondence will be circulated to Councillors

81/17 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning Application refused:

F/YR17/0488/F – erection of a storage shed (B8) – land east of Beechwood Cattle Dyke

Planning applications approved:

F/YR17/0464/F – erection of a single story rear extension to existing dwelling involving demolition of existing conservatory – 9 St Paul’s Close

F/YR17/0315/F – erection of a 2 storey side and rear extension to existing dwelling, alterations to existing outbuilding to form annexe ancillary to main dwelling and erection of attached pool house – Williams Place 75 High Road

F/YR17/0244/F – Change of use from sign writers (B1) to a single storey 2 bed dwelling including the installation of a 1.8 metre close boarded fence to part boundary with The Barracks – Blacksmiths Shop High Road

82/17 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

There were no accounts to be paid:

Balance of Accounts

Current account		£16,353.29
Business Premium account	£21,161.11	
High Interest account		<u>£802.28</u>
		£38,316.68

83/17 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor M Humphrey will contact Councillor Ms Clark to find out the outcome of her meeting with the Highway engineer concerning bus park, road markings and the replacement 30mph sign at the west end of the village which has been replaced with a second hand one which does not match all the existing ones.

Speeding continues to be a big problem in the village. An application to be submitted through Local Highway Improvement Initiative for speed reduction measures.

Two streetlights FPC 15A and 16 along High Road are not working. FPC 15A has already been report a few times. Councillor King to be asked to help.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 4th September 2017

Signed Date