

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 7TH AUGUST 2018

Present: Councillors: A Holt, Mrs K Hall, M Humphrey, Mrs K Robinson and Ms P Reynolds

Councillor S King

Apologies: Councillor Ms S Clark

80/18 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present at the meeting

81/18 Minutes of previous meeting held on 3rd July 2018 were confirmed and signed

82/18 Freedom of Information request to be discussed at Item 11

83/18 None of the Councillors had a personal or prejudicial interest to declare

84/18 POLICE MONTHLY UPDATE

Fenland Neighbourhood Policing Team Monthly Review will be e-mail to Councillors

85/18 MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

Drone over Playing Field

Someone is flying a small helicopter on the field but it does not have a camera on it.

Chapel Yard Grass Cutting

Quote received from ID Verde for cutting of the Chapel Yard. Grass cutting on 8 occasions including strimming all for the sum of £75 plus VAT per occasion.

Carryout epitomic growth removal and light crown lifts on the path and track side all for the sum of £180 plus VAT per occasion. Agreed to give the go ahead for this Until the end of this grass cutting season and then should be reconsidered. Clerk to ask them to undertake on visit for epitomic growth removal and grass cutting as many times as required.

Streetlights at Cattle Dyke

Councillor King received an e-mail from Trevor Watson explaining that there was an issue with the overhead power supply to these lights therefore UKPN will be required to remedy this situation. Fenland DC will liaise with the Parish Council over costs etc. Clerk to query this with Mr Watson as there should be no costs to the Parish Council as these lights have already been lit.

86/18 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Information received with reference to the Local Highways Initiative following on from the meeting held in the village with the Highways Engineer. He has looked at installing the gate features at the western end of the village closer to the Allens Drove crossroad but the visibility from the side road would be compromised. Therefore the design supplied is based on replacing the existing signage at the speed limit terminal point. It was agreed that this is not acceptable because it defeats the object of the new gateways. It was suggested that the gateways be put further along Decoy Road away from the cross roads.

The eastern end scheme is also not straight forward as the most suitable location appears to be on private land, this leaves installing the gateway prior to Fendyke Lane, although this is within the adjoining Parish Council. It was agreed that this would be acceptable but not without problems as there is a path along one side of the road here. Clerk to write to Highways engineer with these observations.

(2) **Co-Option of new Councillor**

The Clerk has received no interest in this as yet but Councillor Ms Reynolds knows someone who could be interested. She will speak to them again.

(3) **Play Equipment**

New seat has been installed.

(4) **Extension to Community Hall**

Once the plan has been finalised Councillor Humphrey would like the Parish Council to submit a planning application.

(5) **Web Site**

The Chairman and Councillor Humphrey had a meeting with Tin Fish and came back with print outs of how the web site will look. It is beginning to take shape and should be completed by early September.

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

All allotments are in good order. It was agreed that a rent increase was not necessary.

87/18 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Copies of all other correspondence will be circulated to Councillors.

88/18 PLANNING MATTERS

Application Refused

F/YR18/0498/F – erection of a 2 storey 3 bed dwelling and building to form 10 no pen boarding cattery – Thistledown Farm Cattle Dyke

89/18 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Account to be paid:

There were no accounts to be paid

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£25,427.22
Business Premium account	£21,185.93
High Interest account	<u>£803.42</u>
	£47,416.57

90/18 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Back Road streetlight lit all the time, to be reported

High Side large pot holes at junction with road going towards Parson Drove

Mays Bridge railing missing

Bus turning at Woodford Gardens at 12.30 pm instead of going towards the end of the village where people could be waiting for it.

Fly tipping Popple Drove

Speeding still a very big problem at western end of the village large lorries entering the village travelling at speeds well over the speed limit. The new gateways could be of some help but the Parish Council must be pro-active in trying to educate drivers to slow down. Police to be asked to do speed checks.

Dog fouling has been noticed along the High Road at western end of village to be reported to Street Scene.

Chairman would like to have own supply of pink bags for collecting litter from the Playing Field. Councillor Humphrey will organise this.

Dog fouling also reported along Churchill Road

A resident of Cattle Dyke has asked if UKPN could be reminded to return to clear up a pile of tree cutting that they have left behind. Due to the dry weather he is worried that they might catch fire.

One of the allotment holders at Churchill Road has asked if a water supply could be

provided. The cost of this would be absorbent and would cause problems during the winter as it could freeze up.

91/18 Item from No 3 Freedom of Information Request

A request has been received from the editor of the Wisbech Standard for all details of funding allocated to FACT over the past 6 years. Copies of all correspondence and copies of minutes. Clerk authorised to pass on any relevant information.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 4th September 2018

Signed Date