

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2018

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

Councillors King and Ms Clark

Apologies: PCSO Norton-Smith

12/18 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public at the meeting

13/18 Minutes of previous meeting held on 2nd January 2018 were confirmed and signed

14/18 There were no additional items for consideration

15/18 None of the Councillors had a personal or prejudicial interest to declare

16/18 **POLICE MONTHLY UPDATE**

The Police have been busy during January with the weather and the problems it brought with it. PCSO's were busy all over the county cutting down fallen trees and branches, and moving general debris from roads and pathways that the high winds caused.

The high winds also contributed to chaos on some of the roads with overturned Lorries blocking some of the more major roads.

Special Sergeant Andy Thompson and PCSO Norton-Smith visited Gorefield Primary School in January, as the children have been writing about the topic of Hero's. They talked to the children about their jobs and what they do every day. As Andy is also a Paramedic, the children got to practice their resuscitation skills on the dummy 'Annie' and got to listen to their heart beats using Andy's stethoscope. The children all had an enjoyable afternoon, and learnt some new skills in the process!

PCSO Norton-Smith has been liaising with Rosie Cook from Fenland District Council, and she is eager to hold some Community Contact Points during the month of March in the north rural areas of Wisbech. Anyone interested in holding a CCP, should let her know, and she can hopefully get something arranged.

Surveys can still 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 JANUARY 2018

1 x Criminal damage
1 x Criminal damage to vehicle
1 x Theft
1 x Burglary

GENERAL CONCERNS

Hare coursing remains a problem in the rural areas, and this is being carried out both during the day and in the evening – using vehicles with spotlights.

There has been an increase of rural burglaries and thefts during January, so please remain vigilant, and if you see anything suspicious, please contact the Police.

17/18 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Cabinet for Defibrillator

This has been delivered but unfortunately arrived damaged. A replacement is no on its way.

Speed Message Post

Councillor King is still waiting for more information on these.

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

(1) **Highway Matters**

Pot holes to be reported along Fenyke Lane, Leverington Common, Harrold Bridge and Back Road.

Waste Recycling Plant at Birds Drove continues to be a problem. Councillor King will bring this to the attention of Cambs CC

(2) **Play Equipment**

No report received this moth

(3) **Streetlights**

Letter received from Trevor Watson Head of Assets and Projects for Fenland DC with reference to streetlights. Tender documents are being prepared for a street lighting repairs and maintenance contract.

(4) **Web Site**

Councillor M Humphrey has been in touch with John Timms. He is very willing for the Parish Council to take over the running of the web site. It was agree that the clerk and one other Councillor should have access to it. The existing web site has lots of other village information

on it as well as all the information for the Parish Council. Perhaps this is the right time for a separate web site to set up for Parish Council information only. Clerk to contact Cambs Acre and CAPALC for information about setting up a new web site. Councillor M Humphrey also suggested that a Facebook page be set up for the Parish Council as another way for information to be accessed.

(5) **Data Protection**

Information received from CAPALC regarding the legal view that Clerks should not be the council's Data Protection Officer. CAPALC are trying to find a sensible and cost effective solution to this matter. This will be discussed further at their next meeting.

19/18 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Copies of all other correspondence will be circulated to Councillors

20/18 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Letter received from Nick Harding Head of Planning for Fenland DC. In light of the recent information concerning the 5 year housing land supply the Council can no longer have regard to those policies in the Local Plan that concern themselves with housing numbers. The letter recommends that Councils continue to raise whatever concerns it wishes in relation to the planning merits of the housing development proposal. Fenland DC is taking steps to address the 5 year land supply situation.

F/YR17/1245/F – erection of a single storey rear and 2 storey side extension to existing dwelling involving demolition of garage, sunroom, kitchen and store at Homefield Fendyke Lane – no objections

F/YR18/0041/F – erection of a 2 storey 4 bed dwelling involving demolition of existing property at Northview Decoy Road – no objections

F/YR18/0107/O – erection of up to 2 no dwellings (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) at land west of Willow Farm Honeyhill Road - situated in the open countryside with no justification and it is not sustainable

F/YR18/0044/O – erection of up to 2 no dwellings (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) at land north of Meadow Cottage Allens Drove - situated in the open countryside with no justification and it is not sustainable.

Planning Application approved:

F/YR17/1071/F – erection of a single storey extension to existing dwelling and erection of a 2 storey triple garage including temporary siting of a caravan during development involving demolition of existing stables, stores and garage

F/YR17/1162/F - Formation of a dropped kerb to existing dwelling at Casa Syn The Barracks

Planning application refused

F/YR17/1096/O – Erection of a dwelling (Outline application with all matters reserved) at Land north east of East View Gote Lane

21/18 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Accounts to be paid:

	Cheq No	Nett	VAT	Gross
T A Blackmore Ltd (grass cutting)	100925	£1,454.40	290.88	£1,745.28
Find My Past (Annual subscription)	100926	£101.96	0.00	£101.96

Quotation received from T A Blackamore for 2018/19 season. An overall increase of £42.00. Agreed that this was acceptable

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£21,551.42
Business Premium account	£21,164.82
High Interest account	<u>£802.62</u>
	£43,518.86

22/18 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor M Humphrey advised the Council that the Playing Field Association were considering an extension to the Community Hall to include storage, more kitchen space, a separate bar, small function room and more toilets. As the Parish Council is the owner of the building then this should be put on the agenda for the next meeting for a full discussion.

Decoy Road sign has been knocked over. This has already been reported but will be done again.

Due to changes to the bus time table the bus is no longer waiting at the west end of the village but it now waits outside the school. Councillor King will try to get the verge re-instated when the weather improves.

Cars continue to be parked on the pavement at the residential home on the High Road. Councillor Ms Clark will talk to the manger of the home.

Councillor King advised the Council that Cambs CC is anticipating increasing their portion of the Council Tax by 5%.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 6th March 2018

Signed Date