

Gorefield Parish Plan 2007

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1. Introduction

1.1 Gorefield Parish

Gorefield is a small village lying in the Parish of Gorefield which has an estimated population of 1090 residents. It is situated 4 miles north west of the port of Wisbech in the Cambridgeshire Fens. It has a Church, a Village Hall, a Pre-School, a Primary School, a Public House, a Post Office, a Butchers shop, a Furniture shop, a Garage, a Playing Field with a Pavilion and a Bowling Green and there are several active groups in the village. Gorefield has won several Best Kept Village competitions and holds the Gorefield Horse and Pony Show every year in June.

1.2 Background

A meeting was held in the Village Hall on 21st April 2005 to ask for volunteers to produce a Parish Plan for Gorefield. Several people volunteered and a meeting took place on the 14th June in the Village Hall, hosted by Alan Hampton from ACRE, to introduce the volunteers and form a Steering Group. It was to hold an Open Day to allow villagers to raise any issues which could be taken into account when compiling the questionnaire.

At the next meeting on the 21st June officers were elected and the Open Day, which was publicised as an informal meeting with tea, coffee and biscuits, was organised. It was advertised in the Amenity Newsletter, on the Gorefield web site and a flyer was delivered with the Newsletter. A week before the meeting a box was placed in Gagen's Butchers and in the Post Office where comments could be left if anyone was unable to attend the Open Day.

The Open Day was held on the 16th July 2005 between 9.00 and 12.00. Boards were erected around the Hall with relevant headings, photographs and information for villagers to read and comment on using sticky notes and pens provided. Many useful and constructive comments were made by those that attended.

Over the following 10 months, with meetings being held approximately every 2 weeks, the main questionnaire and the youth questionnaire were compiled using the Parish Plan Appraisal Software. The number of questions was kept to a reasonable number to encourage a better response rate. A questionnaire information sheet and volunteer form, for anyone interesting in organising sports activities or helping protect wildlife, accompanied the questionnaires. An article announcing the imminent delivery of the Parish Plan questionnaire was placed in the Newsletter and on the website.

At the beginning of July 2006 the questionnaires were delivered to all houses in the Parish along with the information leaflet and volunteer form. Completed forms were hand collected about a week later. Questionnaires which weren't ready either invoked a second visit or were delivered to a collection point. This resulted in the reasonably good return rate of 53.8% for the main questionnaire.

Over the next 4 months the data was entered into the Parish Plan Appraisal Software and reports were generated. The results from all the questions were analysed and relationships between various questions were built up. An action plan was compiled over the following 4 months. A short report was created to indicate the relevant results from the questionnaire which led to each topic being considered. This was printed locally and delivered to each household along with the Newsletter at the beginning of June 2007.

A second Open Day was held the 16th June 2007 to allow people to comment on the draft Action Plan and this was conducted in the same way as the first. Philip Eden from ACRE and Natalie from Fenland Arts attended with their own displays and a display was collected from FACT (Fenland Association for Community Transport).

Comments from the Open Day were considered when the Action Plan was finalised. The following couple of meetings were used to complete the Final Report in readiness for its submission to Gorefield Parish Council and eventually the Fenland Strategic Partnership.

1.3 Parish Plan Steering Group

John Timms	Chair
Barry Grigg	Secretary
Elaine Harvey	Treasurer
Alan Holt	Parish Councillor
Andrew Vernon-Brown	
Jan Edwards	
Pat Atkins (retired from Group)	Parish Councillor
Jackie Hunns (replaced Pat Atkins)	Parish Councillor

2 Methodology

2.1 Developing the Plan

The questionnaire was developed by the Steering Group using the Parish Plan Appraisal Software. Inbuilt questions were used along with extra questions which were created as a result of local input. The questionnaires were delivered to each household in the Parish with the Newsletter for June. All household members aged 18 or over were invited to complete the questionnaire. A Youth Questionnaire, for those aged from 6 to 17 inclusive, was also developed and delivered at the same time. The results were analysed by the Steering Group with the help of the Parish Plan Appraisal Software provided for the purpose.

2.2 Interpreting the Results

The questionnaire was designed to be relatively short and straight forward to encourage as many respondents as possible with the vast majority completing it correctly. For many questions, residents were invited to express their views on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 meant they strongly agreed with the statement and 5 that they strongly disagreed. Some residents just ticked the box rather than enter a number, in these instances this was coded '2', agree. Blank answers assumed the respondent did not use a service or did not think the service was needed. The percentages in this report are based on the total number of people who answered each specific question.

485 questionnaires were delivered and 261 were returned, a return rate of 53.8%. In all 465 individuals answering at least some of the questions. At the time of the 2004 Census of Population, there were 1090 residents in the Parish of Gorefield The respondent households comprised a total of 465 individuals which represents approximately 43% of the population of the parish. 32 youth questionnaires were returned and 52 youths answered questions.

3 Results

3.1 Summary Results

A total of 261 questionnaires were returned, 53.8% of the 485 sent out, with 465 individuals answering at least some of the questions. 46.7% lived in a house and 50.2% lived in a bungalow and 77.8% had no problem with flooding from surface water or storm drainage. A relatively high proportion, 33% of the sample, were aged 65 and over.

Highways & Footpaths

* 74.9% (323 respondents) stated that there were danger spots in the village, the majority at the High Road / Cattledyke / Gote Lane junction, outside the School / Woodmans Cottage and the West End junction. See Q21/22.

* Areas where people felt in danger from speeding traffic were along the High Road and Decoy Road (see Q23) with random speed checks (50.4% - 213 respondents) being the preferred method of control. See Q24.

* Regular mowing of verges and the removal of litter were considered to be the best ways to make the roadsides safer and more attractive to both people and wildlife (75.7% - 318 respondents). See Q52.

* 59.3% (262 respondents) suggested the pavements were of poor or reasonable standard. See Q25 and also Q52.

Conservation & Environment

* It was felt that creating new hedges (72.9% - 299 respondents), nature reserves (66.1% - 271 respondents) and ponds (58.8% - 241 respondents) in order to protect and encourage wildlife to be very important or worth doing. See Q50.

Sport, Recreation & Arts

* There was a great deal of interest in potential sporting organisations or clubs, keep fit (51.4% - 107 respondents), badminton (31.7% - 66 respondents), yoga (28.4% - 59 respondents) and short mat bowls (26.4% - 55 respondents) being the most popular. See Q41/42 & YQ7.

* 77.4% (247 respondents) would like an Amenity Centre provided if independent funding was available. See Q44.

* 51.9% (148 respondents) wanted to see after school clubs and 49.8% (142 respondents) wanted holiday play schemes. See Q27.

Youth

* 51.9% (148 respondents) wanted to see after school clubs and 49.8% (142 respondents) wanted holiday play schemes. See Q27.

* Play equipment situated on the playing field was generally considered poor by adults

(28.9% - 120 respondents), and children (80% - 40 respondents). Q43 & YQ5/8.

Community Safety

* 34.5% (90 respondents) were not in the Neighbourhood Watch scheme and 26.4% (69 respondents) didn't know if they were or not. See Q4.

* 52.2% (234 respondents) thought police coverage was poor and 48.3% (207 respondents) feared vandalism, 41.7% (179 respondents) theft, 37.5% (161 respondents) burglary and general nuisance. See Q35/36.

Transport

* Results showed over 450 vehicles in the village, 288 of which are cars used for daily commuting to and from work. See Q9/15/18.

* The scheduled bus service attracted criticism over its timetable with 10.7% (45 respondents) rating it as poor with 56.9% (239 respondents) never having used it. See Q19.

* 84.7% (322 respondents) have never used the community bus scheme (FACT). See Q20.

* Traffic vibration was given as the main cause of disturbance with 54.9% (229 respondents) suffering and 22.1% (92 respondents) suffering from traffic noise. See Q51.

Education

* 55.1% (157 respondents) wanted adult evening classes, 51.9% (148 respondents) wanted after school clubs and 49.8% (142 respondents) wanted holiday play schemes. See Q27.

* 53.7% (122 respondents) would attend exercise classes, 49.8% (113 respondents) would attend computing classes, 34.8% (79 respondents) would attend crafts classes and 31.3% (71 respondents) would attend language classes. See Q28.

* A high proportion of youths wanted to attend out of school activities but due to various circumstances a proportion were unable to take part. See YQ4.

* Youths said they would attend clubs/activities including youth club (62% - 31 respondents), dance classes (48% - 25 respondents), keep fit (42% - 21 respondents), badminton (40% - 20 respondents), football (36% - 18 respondents), internet access (32% - 16 respondents), skateboarding and pool (30% - 15 respondents), youth shelter (28% - 14 respondents), yoga (24% - 12 respondents) and judo and snooker (22% - 11 respondents). See YQ7.

Housing

* 81.75% (327 respondents) wanted to see no more than 4 new homes a year built, 42.9% (177 respondents) wanted small family homes, 40.2% (166 respondents) wanted homes for young people, 20.6% (85 respondents) for people with disabilities and 15.5% (64 respondents) for single people. See Q29/30.

Health

* Some had difficulty accessing the following services – 16.9% (68 respondents) hospital, 16% (64 respondents) dentist and 12.7% (51 respondents) doctor. See Q31.

Parish Council

* Various locations around the village were identified as needing extra dog mess bins. See Q40.

* 81.2% (341 respondents) were concerned about the problem of litter. See Q52.

Church and Community

* 82% (351 respondents) found the Newsletter to be the most important means of communication. See Q45.

3.2 Full Results

3.2.1 Household Section

3.2.1.1 People

Question Number: 1 Number of Households: 261

How many people including children normally live in your household? 609

Question Number: 2 Number of Households: 261

Please enter the number of people in your household in each age group:

	Male	Female	
0-4	10	8	3%
5-10	16	14	4.9%
11-15	7	15	3.6%
16-17	1	6	1.1%
18-24	15	18	5.4%
25-44	53	59	18.4%
45-59	71	83	25.4%
60-64	28	27	9%
65-74	60	54	18.7%
75-84	23	31	8.9%
85+	7	3	1.6%

3.2.1.2 Your Household and Your Home

Question Number: 3 Number of Households: 261

What type of dwelling is this?

House	122 (46.7 %)
Bungalow	131 (50.2 %)
Flat/maisonette	1 (0.4 %)
Specially adapted housing	0 (0.0 %)
Sheltered housing with warden	4 (1.5 %)
Purpose built for elderly or disabled w	0 (0.0 %)
Mobile home/caravan	1 (0.4 %)

Question Number: 4 Number of Households: 261

Is your dwelling within a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme?

Yes	97 (37.2 %)
No	90 (34.5 %)
Don't know	69 (26.4 %)

Question Number: 5 Number of Households: 261

Do you have flooding problems with surface water or storm drainage?

Many problems	3 (1.1 %)
Few problems	40 (15.3 %)
No problems	203 (77.8 %)
No opinion	8 (3.1 %)

Question Number: 6 Number of Households: 261

Is any individual in your household, or your whole household, currently in need of alternative accommodation?

Yes	13 (5.0 %)
No	229 (87.7 %)

Question Number: 7 Number of Households: 261

If your household/individual is unable to move to accommodation of the type needed, is this because?

Price	10 (3.8 %)
Lack of suitable housing to buy	3 (1.1 %)
Lack of local authority/housing association	1 (0.4 %)
Lack of private rented accommodation	0 (0.0 %)
Lack of physically accessible housing	0 (0.0 %)
No suitable sheltered housing	2 (0.8 %)
Not able to get a job	1 (0.4 %)
Unable to afford the cost of moving	5 (1.9 %)
Other financial commitments	0 (0.0 %)
Other	6 (2.3 %)

3.2.1.3 Education

Question Number: 8 Number of Households: 261

Enter the number of children under 16 in your household who attend the following:

No children	0
Pre-school in Gorefield	6
Pre-school within 10 miles	0
Gorefield Primary School	32
Primary School within 10 miles	4
Secondary School	16
Sixth form college	4
University	0
Training Courses	4

3.2.1.4 Transport

Question Number: 9 Number of Households: 261

How many roadworthy vehicles are kept by your household?

Cars	389
Vans	44
Motor bikes	16
Specially adapted vehicles	8
Lorries	7

3.2.2 Personal Section

3.2.2.1 People

Question Number: 10 Number of Respondents: 465

Sex

Male	225 (48.4 %)
Female	240 (51.6 %)

Question Number: 11 Number of Respondents: 462

What age group do you belong to?

11-15	0 (0.0%)
16-17	0 (0.0%)
18-24	20 (4.3%)
25-44	99 (21.4%)
45-59	137 (29.7%)
60-64	53 (11.5%)
65-74	97 (21.0%)
75-84	48 (10.4%)
85+	8 (1.7%)

Question Number: 12 Number of Respondents: 444

What is important to you about Gorefield?

The Community	292 (65.8 %)
The Environment	335 (75.5 %)
Village Life	347 (78.2 %)
The Playgroup	82 (18.5 %)
The Primary School	128 (28.8 %)
Sports	82 (18.5 %)
The Shops	318 (71.6 %)
The Pub	198 (44.6 %)

3.2.2.2 Employment

Question Number: 13 Number of Respondents: 459

Are you at present?

An employee	131 (28.5%)
Self-employed - employing other people	15 (3.3%)
Self employed - not employing anyone	49 (10.7%)
Work part time	43 (9.4%)
In full-time education	8 (1.7%)
In a government training scheme	2 (0.4%)
Full time carer	8 (1.7%)
Part time carer	2 (0.4%)
Unwaged housewife/husband	4 (0.9%)
Permanently sick/disabled	15 (3.3%)
Retired	162 (35.3%)
Unemployed - not seeking work	20 (4.4%)

Question Number: 14 Number of Respondents: 239

If you are actively seeking work, are there any barriers that are preventing you from taking up employment, training or study opportunities?

Not seeking work	183 (76.6%)
Lack of alternative care for adult dependant	1 (0.4%)
Lack of child care locally	4 (1.7%)
Cost of child care locally	3 (1.3%)
Lack of access to transport	1 (0.4%)
Disability or ill health of some kind	7 (2.9%)
Lack of information/advice	2 (0.8%)
None of these	48 (20.1%)

Question Number: 15 Number of Respondents: 400

What is, or would be, your main means of transport to work, training or study?

Car/Van	288 (72.0%)
Public Bus	13 (3.3%)
Private Bus	1 (0.3%)
Taxi	1 (0.3%)
Bicycle	2 (0.5%)
Motor-cycle/Scooter/Moped	1 (0.3%)
Train	0 (0.0%)
Walking	14 (3.5%)
Other	5 (1.3%)
Not applicable	75 (18.8%)

Question Number: 16 Number of Respondents: 391

Should the following be encouraged in and around Gorefield?

	1 - strongly in favour	2 - in favour	3 - no strong	4 - have reservations	5 – definitely not
	1	2	3	4	5
Tourism development /attractions	39 (10.0%)	64 (16.4%)	63 (16.1%)	71 (18.2%)	91 (23.3%)
Small business development	53 (13.6%)	114 (29.2%)	57 (14.6%)	67 (17.1%)	55 (14.1%)
Small scale industrial workshops	28 (7.2%)	59 (15.1%)	66 (16.9%)	81 (20.7%)	101 (25.8%)
More jobs in Gorefield	49 (12.5%)	100 (25.6%)	98 (25.1%)	51 (13.0%)	46 (11.8%)

3.2.2.3 Transport and Highways

Question Number: 17 Number of Respondents: 439

Do you experience transport difficulties in getting out of Gorefield to other places?

Often	29 (6.6%)
Occasionally	100 (22.8%)
Never	310 (70.6%)

Question Number: 18 Number of Respondents: 426

How often do you use the following services?

	daily	weekly	monthly	never
Car	321 (75.4%)	57 (13.4%)	2 (0.5%)	10 (2.3%)
Van	39 (9.2%)	11 (2.6%)	5 (1.2%)	185 (43.4%)
Bus	6 (1.4%)	23 (5.4%)	26 (6.1%)	208 (48.8%)
Coach	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	8 (1.9%)	220 (51.6%)
Community Bus	1 (0.2%)	1 (0.2%)	6 (1.4%)	221 (51.9%)
Taxi	1 (0.2%)	12 (2.8%)	44 (10.3%)	183 (43.0%)
Motorcycle	2 (0.5%)	4 (0.9%)	5 (1.2%)	221 (51.9%)
Bicycle	10 (2.3%)	32 (7.5%)	51 (12.0%)	156 (36.6%)
Voluntary Car Scheme	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (0.5%)	226 (53.1%)

Question Number: 19 Number of Respondents: 420

How do you rate the bus service for?

	good	reasonable	poor	no opinion	never used
Route	50 (11.9%)	35 (8.3%)	15 (3.6%)	22 (5.2%)	268 (63.8%)
Timetable	16 (3.8%)	41 (9.8%)	45 (10.7%)	15 (3.6%)	239 (56.9%)
Reliability	36 (8.6%)	50 (11.9%)	5 (1.2%)	19 (4.5%)	235 (56.0%)
Cost	32 (7.6%)	40 (9.5%)	10 (2.4%)	18 (4.3%)	236 (56.2%)
Disabled access	6 (1.4%)	8 (1.9%)	27 (6.4%)	29 (6.9%)	61 (62.1%)

Question Number: 20 Number of Respondents: 380

How do you rate the community bus service for?

	good	reasonable	poor	no opinion	never used
Route	11 (2.9%)	8 (2.1%)	4 (1.1%)	15 (3.9%)	322 (84.7%)
Timetable	4 (1.1%)	8 (2.1%)	8 (2.1%)	15 (3.9%)	285 (75.0%)
Reliability	6 (1.6%)	14 (3.7%)	2 (0.5%)	17 (4.5%)	285 (75.0%)
Cost	5 (1.3%)	11 (2.9%)	2 (0.5%)	14 (3.7%)	285 (75.0%)
Disabled access	3 (0.8%)	2 (0.5%)	2 (0.5%)	15 (3.9%)	292 (76.8%)

Question Number: 21 Number of Respondents: 431

Do you think there are any major 'danger-spots' on the roads in Gorefield ?

Yes	323 (74.9%)
No	71 (16.5%)
No opinion	37 (8.6%)

Question Number: 22 Number of Respondents 288

If Yes where is the danger spot?

Junctions

High Road / Cattle Dyke	99
School / Woodman's Cottage	82

Various other junctions were mentioned ranging from 12 responses each down to 1

Roads

High Road – Fendyke Lane to Wolf Lane	46
High Road – Wolf Lane to Church	44
High Road – Church to Hassock Hill Drove	43

Various other roads were mentioned ranging from 10 responses each down to 2

Reasons

Hedges	36
No line of sight	27
Speed of vehicles	24
Picking up children	10

Various other reasons were mentioned ranging from 8 responses each down to 2

Question Number: 23 Number of Respondents: 225

If you feel in danger from speeding traffic in what area is this?

High Road	123
Cattle Dyke	22
School	17
Back Road	17
Everywhere	10
Wolf Lane	9

Various other areas were mentioned ranging from 7 responses each down to 1

Question Number: 24 Number of Respondents: 423

Would you support the following speed control measures in Gorefield?

Extension of the speed limit	162 (38.3%)
Introduce a speed limit	167 (39.5%)
Traffic calming	172 (40.7%)
Children at play signs	167 (39.5%)
More road warning signs	147 (34.8%)
Random speed checks	213 (50.4%)
None of the above	31 (7.3%)

Question Number: 25 Number of Respondents: 442

How user-friendly are the pavements in Gorefield to people with disabilities, pushchairs or wheelchairs?

Good	67 (15.2%)
Reasonable	195 (44.1%)
Poor	68 (15.4 %)
No Opinion	112 (25.3%)

3.2.2.4 Education

Question Number: 26 Number of Respondents: 447

How important is Gorefield school to the local community?

Very important	384 (85.9%)
Important	25 (5.6%)
Not very important	5 (1.1%)
No opinion	33 (7.4%)

Question Number: 27 Number of Respondents: 285

In relation to educational facilities, does Gorefield need any of the following?

Nursery School	113 (39.6%)
Playgroup	106 (37.2%)
More registered childminders	40 (14.0%)
Full day care	33 (11.6%)
After school clubs	148 (51.9%)
Holiday play scheme	142 (49.8%)
Adult education evening classes	157 (55.1%)

Question Number: 28 Number of Respondents: 227

If the following classes were provided would you attend?

Computing	113 (49.8%)
Languages	71 (31.3%)
Crafts	79 (34.8%)
Woodwork	40 (17.6%)
Exercise	122 (53.7%)

3.2.2.5 Housing

Question Number: 29 Number of Respondents: 400

How many houses would you like to see built in Gorefield over the next 5 years?

None	50 (12.5%)
1 to 5	162 (40.5%)
6 to 10	39 (9.8%)
11 to 15	35 (8.8%)
16 to 20	41 (10.3%)
20 to 30	20 (5.0%)
Over 30	53 (13.3%)

Question Number: 30 Number of Respondents: 413

What kind of accommodation do you think Gorefield needs?

Homes for young people	166 (40.2%)
Large family homes	50 (12.1%)
Small family homes	177 (42.9%)
Executive homes	22 (5.3%)
Homes for people with disabilities	85 (20.6%)
Homes for single people	64 (15.5%)
No further homes are needed	132 (32.0%)
Other	11 (2.7%)

3.2.2.6 Health and Social Services

Question Number: 31 Number of Respondents: 402

Do you have any difficulty in getting to the following?

	often	occasionally	never
Hospital	18 (4.5%)	50 (12.4%)	314 (78.1%)
Doctor	12 (3.0%)	39 (9.7%)	322 (80.1%)
Chemist	7 (1.7%)	28 (7.0%)	317 (78.9%)
Chiropodist	14 (3.5%)	6 (1.5%)	260 (64.7%)
Optician	10 (2.5%)	19 (4.7%)	310 (77.1%)
Dentist	30 (7.5%)	34 (8.5%)	293 (72.9%)
Other medical facility	6 (1.5%)	10 (2.5%)	253 (62.9%)
Physiotherapist/Osteopath/Chiropractor	12 (3.0%)	16 (4.0%)	250 (62.2%)

Question Number: 32 Number of Respondents: 391

Is there a need for any of the following in Gorefield?

Nursing home	56 (14.3%)
Sheltered housing	76 (19.4%)
Residential provision for people with disability	64 (16.4%)
Baby Clinic	44 (11.3%)
Family Planning Clinic	24 (6.1%)
Other	12 (3.1%)
No opinion	228 (58.8%)

Question Number: 33 Number of Respondents: 355

If you have used any of the following services which cover Gorefield during the last year, how do you rate the service?

	good	reasonable	poor	no opinion	not used
District Nurse	30 (8.5%)	5 (1.4%)	1 (0.3%)	3 (0.8%)	293 (82.5%)
Health visitor	7 (2.0%)	4 (1.1%)	3 (0.8%)	3 (0.8%)	283 (79.7%)
Home help	3 (0.8%)	1 (0.3%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.3%)	297 (83.7%)
Ambulance	39 (11.0%)	7 (2.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.3%)	277 (78.0%)
Maternity care	7 (2.0%)	2 (0.6%)	1 (0.3%)	1 (0.3%)	290 (81.7%)
Chiropody	7 (2.0%)	5 (1.4%)	4 (1.1%)	2 (0.6%)	288 (81.1%)
Loan of medical equipment	8 (2.3%)	2 (0.6%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.3%)	291 (82.0%)
Meals on wheels	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.3%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.3%)	299 (84.2%)
Counselling services	1 (0.3%)	4 (1.1%)	2 (0.6%)	1 (0.3%)	292 (82.3%)
Physiotherapy services	7 (2.0%)	4 (1.1%)	3(0.8%)	2 (0.6%)	287 (80.8%)

Question Number: 34 Number of Respondents: 441

Do you have problems in collecting medicine on prescription?

Yes	26 (5.9%)
No	364 (82.5%)
Not applicable	51 (11.6%)

3.2.2.7 Emergency and Other Facilities

Question Number: 35 Number of Respondents: 448

Do you regard the police coverage of Gorefield to be?

Good	20 (4.5%)
Reasonable	143 (31.9%)
Poor	234 (52.2%)
No opinion	51 (11.4%)

Question Number: 36 Number of Respondents: 429

Which, if any, of the following crimes and anti-social behaviour concern you in Gorefield?

Theft	179 (41.7%)
Mugging	32 (7.5%)
Vandalism	207 (48.3%)
Drunkenness	60 (14.0%)
Littering	202 (47.1%)
Dog Fouling	157 (36.6%)
Noise	96 (22.4%)
Burglary	161 (37.5%)
General Nuisance	161 (37.5%)
None of These	65 (15.2%)

Question Number: 37 Number of Respondents: 428

What are your views on the standard of the following environmental services in Gorefield?

	good	reasonable	poor	no opinion	not applicable
Mains water	242 (56.5%)	108 (25.2%)	53 (12.4%)	3 (0.7%)	2 (0.5%)
Mains electricity	286 (66.8%)	116 (27.1%)	7 (1.6%)	4 (0.9%)	1 (0.2%)
Refuse collection	309 (72.2%)	86 (20.1%)	15 (3.5%)	2 (0.5%)	1 (0.2%)
Street lighting	119 (27.8%)	147 (34.3%)	106 (24.8%)	14 (3.3%)	20 (4.7%)
Roadside care/ street cleaning	80 (18.7%)	167 (39.0%)	125 (29.2%)	17 (4.0%)	12 (2.8%)
Grass verges	60 (14.0%)	154 (36.0%)	173 (40.4%)	11 (2.6%)	7 (1.6%)
Snow clearance	51 (11.9%)	132 (30.8%)	158 (36.9%)	33 (7.7%)	20 (4.7%)
T.V. reception	138 (32.2%)	164 (38.3%)	99 (23.1%)	7 (1.6%)	5 (1.2%)
Radio reception	163 (38.1%)	172 (40.2%)	40 (9.3%)	14 (3.3%)	5 (1.2%)
Mobile reception	165 (38.6%)	148 (34.6%)	45 (10.5%)	11 (2.6%)	16 (3.7%)

Question Number: 38 Number of Respondents: 441

Is the number and location of litter bins in Gorefield?

Good	60 (13.6%)
Reasonable	214 (48.5%)
Poor	99 (22.4%)
No Opinion	68 (15.4%)

Question Number: 39 Number of Respondents: 159

Are there any places where litter is a problem in Gorefield?

Playing Field	52
Wolf Lane to School	30
School to Shop	26
Fendyke Lane to Wolf Lane	24
Shop to Allen's Drove	24
Gote Lane to Green Lane	24
Hassock Hill Drove to Gote Lane	22
Shop	13
Church	10
School	8

Various other places were mentioned ranging from 6 responses each down to 1
Fly tipping was also mentioned as a problem

Question Number: 40 Number of Respondents: 158

Where, if at all, are extra Dog Mess bins needed in Gorefield?

Playing Field	32
Along High Road	26
Gote Lane	15
All around village	11
Wolf Lane	7
Back Road	7

Various other places were mentioned ranging from 5 responses each down to 1

3.2.2.8 Sports and Social

Question Number: 41 Number of Respondents: 208

Which new sports clubs/activities would you attend in Gorefield if they were provided?

Football	25 (12.0%)
Badminton	66 (31.7%)
Billiards	17 (8.2%)
Darts	27 (13.0%)
Judo	18 (8.7%)
Keep Fit	107 (51.4%)
Pool	34 (16.3%)
Snooker	42 (20.2%)
Volleyball	11 (5.3%)
Yoga	59 (28.4%)
Short mat bowls	55 (26.4%)

Question Number: 42 Number of Respondents: 316

Would you be prepared to help organise and run any of the following?

Football	7 (2.2%)
Badminton	9 (2.8%)
Billiards	4 (1.3%)
Darts	6 (1.9%)
Judo	3 (0.9%)
Keep Fit	7 (2.2%)
Pool	4 (1.3%)
Snooker	7 (2.2%)
Volleyball	3 (0.9%)
Yoga	5 (1.6%)
Short mat bowls	8 (2.5%)
No	291 (92.1%)

Question Number: 43 Number of Respondents: 408

Are the facilities provided in the children's playground?

Good	15 (3.7%)
Reasonable	111 (27.2%)
Poor	118 (28.9%)
No opinion	164 (40.2%)

Question Number: 44 Number of Respondents: 319

If independent funding was available which of the following new facilities would you like to be provided?

Sports Changing Facilities	17 (5.3%)
Sports and Social Club (including the above)	55 (17.2%)
Amenity Centre (multi function - including the above)	247 (77.4%)

3.2.2.9 Information and Communication

Question Number: 45 Number of Respondents: 428

Where do you usually get information about events taking place in Gorefield?

Notice Board	72 (16.8%)
Amenity newsletter	351 (82.0%)
Gorefield website	38 (8.9%)
Free paper	205 (47.9%)
Local paper	120 (28.9%)
Post Office	147 (34.3%)
Library	7 (1.6%)

Question Number: 46 Number of Respondents: 391

How many times a month do you use the following information services?

	more than 10	5 to 9	less than 5	never
Local library	4 (1.0%)	9 (2.3%)	109 (27.9%)	250 (63.9%)
Citizens Advice Bureau	0 (0.0%)	6 (1.5%)	38 (9.7%)	303 (77.5%)
Local information point	6 (1.5%)	8 (2.0%)	57 (14.6%)	273 (69.8%)
Town/Parish Clerk	2 (0.5%)	0 (0.0%)	14 (3.6%)	329 (84.1%)
Gorefield website	0 (0.0%)	9 (2.3%)	54 (13.8%)	288 (73.7%)

3.2.2.10 The Environment

Question Number: 47 Number of Respondents: 445

How important is the quality of the countryside around Gorefield to you?

Very important	372 (83.6%)
Important	66 (14.8%)
Not very important	2 (0.4%)
No opinion	5 (1.1%)

Question Number: 48 Number of Respondents: 400

What is it about the countryside around Gorefield you value?

	1 very important	2 fairly important	3 not important
A sense of place	179 (44.8%)	99 (24.8%)	28 (7.0%)
Local identity	180 (45.0%)	114 (28.5%)	22 (5.5%)
Tranquillity	281 (70.3%)	67 (16.8%)	5 (1.3%)
Openness	277 (69.3%)	83 (20.8%)	7 (1.8%)

Question Number: 49 Number of Respondents: 425

How important are the wild plants, birds and animals of the countryside around Gorefield to you?

	1 very important	2 important	3 not very important	no opinion
Wild flowers	305 (71.8%)	79 (18.6%)	12 (2.8%)	13 (3.1%)
Birds	333 (78.4%)	71 (16.7%)	5 (1.2%)	12 (2.8%)
Wild Animals	289 (68.0%)	84 (19.8%)	9 (2.1%)	20 (4.7%)

Question Number: 50 Number of Respondents: 410

What do you think could be done to protect wildlife in Gorefield?

	1 very important	2 worth doing	3 not necessary	4 don't know
Create local nature reserves	126 (30.7%)	145 (35.4%)	60 (14.6%)	16 (3.9%)
Discourage too many people using countryside	29 (7.1%)	42 (10.2%)	203 (49.5%)	31 (7.6%)
Reduce pollution in the countryside	283 (69.0%)	78 (19.0%)	13 (3.2%)	11 (2.7%)
Campaign against litter and rubbish	279 (68.0%)	85 (20.7%)	11 (2.7%)	5 (1.2%)
Create new ponds	98 (23.9%)	143 (34.9%)	73 (17.8%)	15 (3.7%)
Plant new hedgerows	169 (41.2%)	130 (31.7%)	40 (9.8%)	18 (4.4%)
Look after water courses	263 (64.1%)	94 (22.9%)	6 (1.5%)	14 (3.4%)

Question Number: 51 Number of Respondents: 417

Does Gorefield suffer from any of the following types of disturbance?

	1 Yes	2 Sometimes	3 No	4 No opinion
Traffic noise	92 (22.1%)	171 (41.0%)	89 (21.3%)	16 (3.8%)
Farm animals in gardens / on roads	0 (0.0%)	26 (6.2%)	290 (69.5%)	22 (5.3%)
Vibration from large vehicles	229 (54.9%)	120 (28.8%)	56 (13.4%)	7 (1.7%)
Noise pollution	75 (18.0%)	121 (29.0%)	138 (33.1%)	2 (5.3%)
Light pollution	21 (5.0%)	53 (12.7%)	214 (51.3%)	46 (11.0%)

Question Number: 52 Number of Respondents: 420

What do you think could be done with the local roads, lanes and paths to make the countryside more attractive?

	very important	important	worth doing	not necessary	don't know
Remove litter	281 (66.9%)	60 (14.3%)	21 (5.0%)	4 (1.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Keep roadside verges mown and tidy	224 (53.3%)	94 (22.4%)	30 (7.1%)	46 (11.0%)	1 (0.2%)
Let roadside verges grow for wildlife	50 (11.9%)	37 (8.8%)	50 (11.9%)	173 (41.2%)	17 (4.0%)
Stop vehicle damage to road verges	171 (40.7%)	87 (20.7%)	73 (17.4%)	24 (5.7%)	11 (2.6%)
Signpost paths and bridleways	115 (27.4%)	87 (20.7%)	105 (25.0%)	37 (8.8%)	7 (1.7%)
Repair gates stiles and bridges	93 (22.1%)	97 (23.1%)	95 (22.6%)	31 (7.4%)	21 (5.0%)
Close some footpaths and bridleways	7 (1.7%)	3 (0.7%)	13 (3.1%)	253 (60.2%)	47 (11.2%)
Open more footpaths and bridleways	72 (17.1%)	38 (9.0%)	114 (27.1%)	82 (19.5%)	35 (8.3%)
Remove unnecessary sign posts	33 (7.9%)	31 (7.4%)	131 (31.2%)	101 (24.0%)	34 (8.1%)
Make paths accessible to those with disability	163 (38.8%)	76 (18.1%)	95 (22.6%)	23 (5.5%)	18 (4.3%)

3.2.2.11 General

Question Number: 53 Number of Respondents: 438

How should the results of this survey be made known?

By a public meeting	79 (18.0%)
By a full report to every house	159 (36.3%)
By a short report to every house	194 (44.3%)
Make a full report available for collection	103 (23.5%)
Make a short report available for collection	36 (8.2%)

Question Number: 54 Number of Respondents: 390

If suggestions raised by the questionnaire require money for implementation, where should that money come from?

£10 per year on Parish Council tax	133 (34.1%)
£20 per year on Parish Council tax	35 (9.0%)
£30 per year on Parish Council tax	36 (9.2%)
Private contributions	151 (38.7%)
Fundraising	254 (65.1%)
Sponsorship	205 (52.6%)

Question Number: 55 Number of Respondents: 199

How would you like to see Gorefield develop in the next 5 years?

Leave village as it is	118
Amenity centre up and running	58
Limit house building in total of all types	45
Limit in-fill houses	42
Build more small/family homes	35
School to cater for more places & all ages	24
Improve playing field & equipment	15
More/better public transport	13
Crack down on village crime	13
Make lanes more picturesque with flowers etc	12
Traffic calming around the village	10
Better road maintenance	10
Local police officer presence/better visibility	9
Make better use of village hall	9
Health centre or GP surgery in village	7
Infill dykes for safety/smell/rodents	7
Litter offenders issued with fine	5
Litter bin locations	4
Overhead power cables to go underground	4
Mains water supplies to be improved	3
Dog walk areas / dog bin locations	3

3.3 Youth Results

Question Number: YQ1 Number of Respondents: 50

Are you male or female?

Male	19	38%
Female	31	62%

Question Number: YQ2 Number of Respondents: 50

What is your age?

6 to 8	16	32%
9 to 11	13	26%
12 to 15	15	30%
16 to 17	6	12%

Question Number: YQ3 Number of Respondents: 52

Which is your main activity during the week?

Primary School	27	52%
Secondary School	17	33%
Further Education/Sixth Form	5	10%
Work	1	2%
Unemployed	2	4%

Question Number: YQ4 Number of Respondents: 7

If you are unable to take part in after school activities please give the reasons why.

Most youths said that their school was too far away from Gorefield to attend after school activities.

Question Number: YQ5 Number of Respondents: 50

What do you think of the children's play area on the Playing Field?

Good	0	0%
Reasonable	10	20%
Not very good	40	80%

Question Number: YQ6 Number of Respondents: 52

What is your main means of transport to work/school?

Walk	18	35%
Bike	0	0%
Car	18	35%
Public bus	7	13%
Private bus	8	15%
Taxi	1	2%

Question Number: YQ7 Number of Responses: 219

Which new sports clubs/activities would you attend if they were available?

Ages (Responses)	6 to 8 (16)	9 to 11 (13)	12 to 15 (15)	16 to 17 (6)
Football	8	5	2	3
Badminton	9	3	5	3
Skateboard	4	6	2	3
BMX	4	2		2
Judo	5	2	3	1
Keep Fit	7	4	7	3
Pool	6	5	2	2
Snooker	6	4		1
Yoga	5	3	3	1
Dance Classes	8	5	9	2
Sewing Club	3	2	2	
Youth Club	12	9	6	4
Youth Shelter	7	2	3	2
Internet Access	6	2	6	2

Question Number: YQ8 Number of Respondents: 34

What do you think would improve Gorefield?

Improve play equipment	20
Improve park	8
A meeting place	7
Club activities	7
Control of traffic	4
Village events	3
Foot/cycle paths	3
Reduce rubbish	2
No new houses	2
Dog fouling	1
Health facilities	1

4 The Action Plan



Gorefield Parish Plan Action Plan 2007



Introduction

This Action Plan was drawn up by the Gorefield Parish Plan Steering Committee based on the concerns and opinions highlighted by the analysis of the questionnaire results.

It has been produced in the recommended Cambridgeshire ACRE standard format.

List of Abbreviations

The following abbreviations have been used in this report:

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| GPC | Gorefield Parish Council |
| CCC | Cambridge County Council |
| FDC | Fenland District Council |
| FSP | Fenland Strategic Partnership |
| OECS | Office of Environmental and Community Services |
| COWA | College of West Anglia |
| GPFC | Gorefield Playing Field Committee |
| PCT | Primary Care Trust |
| FACT | Fenland Association for Community Transport Ltd |

Issue Headings	Aim/Action	Priority	Action Start Date	Partners	Resource Implications & responses/ action required from LSP	Planning Authority Involvement
Highways & Footpaths						
	<p>ACTION: Eleviate major danger spots on roads especially outside school & the West End Junction</p> <p>HOW: Identify & inform relevant bodies, pre-school, school, PTA and governers.</p>	High	Summer 2007	Education Dept Police Highways Dept GPC		
	<p>ACTION: Reduce speeding traffic through village</p> <p>HOW: Notify Parish Council. Inform Cambs Police re speed checks. High Road, Cattlelyke and School.</p>	High	Summer 2007	Police Highways Dept Newsletter		
	<p>ACTION: Improve visibility, especially at junctions, visibly enhance & reduce damage to roadside verges.</p> <p>HOW: Ensure junction verges mown or get PC to take on under Quality Status. Seek permission to seed with wild flowers etc. and address damage to verge edges.</p>	Med/High	Summer 2007	FDC or GPC Highways Dept Natural Trust	Funding through GPC?	
	<p>ACTION: Improve footpaths throughout the village for pushchairs, wheelchairs & those with walking difficulties.</p> <p>HOW: Examine footpaths to identify improvement areas.</p>	Med/Low	Summer 2007	Highways Dept GPC		

Issue Headings	Aim/Action	Priority	Action Start Date	Partners	Resource Implications & responses/ action required from LSP	Planning Authority Involvement
Conservation & Environment	ACTION: Look at setting up, or creating an area for, a Nature Reserve. Seed verges with wild flowers, plant hedgrows etc. HOW: Contact volunteers to set up a group to formulate a plan	Low	Summer 2008	Landowners Fundors Volunteers English Nature Bob Ollier (FDC) OECS	Funding?	Planning permission may be required from FDC
Sport, Recreation & Arts	ACTION: To establish facilities for recreation in the village especially Keep Fit, Badmington, Yoga and Short Mat Bowls. HOW: Inform College of West Anglia and Amenity Centre and contact volunteers	Med/Low	Autumn 2007	COWA Sport England FDC Sports Officer Amenity Centre Volunteers FACT	Equipment Funding?	
	ACTION: Inform Amenity Centre of need / feedback HOW: Send survey results to Amenity Centre organisers	Med/Low	Summer 2007	Amenity Centre		
	ACTION: To address need for sports and recreation activities as out of school activities especially for primary school children HOW: Contact agencies and Amenity Centre regarding provision and accommodation. Contact volunteers and other villages			FSP Transport & Access Group Educational Establ. Volunteers FACT	Funding? Check local activities, partner @ local auth to establish play schemes	

Issue Headings	Aim/Action	Priority	Action Start Date	Partners	Resource Implications & responses/ action required from LSP	Planning Authority Involvement
Youth						
	<p>ACTION: To address need for sports and recreation activities and a Youth Club as out of school activities especially for primary school children</p> <p>HOW: Contact agencies and Amenity Centre regarding provision and accommodation. Contact volunteers and other villages.</p>			FSP Transport & Access Group Educational Establ. Volunteers		
	<p>ACTION: To either arrange for the new play equipment for the Twigden development to be positioned on the Playing Field or leave on the Twigden site and upgrade/remove existing equipment</p> <p>HOW: Play equipment – inform relevant body of dissatisfaction (80%) and a need for better equipment.</p>	Med/High	Summer 2007	Twigden Homes PFC Planning Dept		Planning permission required and alteration to Section 106 from FDC
Community Safety						
	<p>ACTION: Review Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>HOW: Inform Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator of results of questionnaire.</p>	High	Summer 2007	Police FSP - Safety		
	<p>ACTION: Improve Police coverage and reduce fear of crime.</p> <p>HOW: Inform Cambs Police of response.</p>	High	Summer 2007	Police FSP - Safety		

Issue Headings	Aim/Action	Priority	Action Start Date	Partners	Resource Implications & responses/ action required from LSP	Planning Authority Involvement
Transport						
	<p>ACTION: Reduce congestion outside the school. HOW: Inform Education Department and Highways</p>	High	Summer 2007	Education Dept Highways		
	<p>ACTION: Improve timing and frequency of bus services HOW: Information to bus service operators and council re timetable and information into the Newsletter regarding timetables</p>	High	Winter 2007	CCC Transport Operators Newsletter		
	<p>ACTION: Provide more information about the Community bus service and increase its use HOW: Information to community bus service operator, recommend Newsletter as advertising medium</p>	Med/Low	Winter 2007	CCC Transport Operators Car Scheme Newsletter FACT		
	<p>ACTION: Reduce vibration from large vehicles HOW: Information to Planning Dept, Highways Agency, Dept of Environment & Constructional Affairs and Parish Council</p>	Low	Summer 2008	Planning Dept Highways Agency Dept of Environment & Constructional Affairs GPC		

Issue Headings	Aim/Action	Priority	Action Start Date	Partners	Resource Implications & responses/ action required from LSP	Planning Authority Involvement
Education						
	<p>ACTION: To increase the educational opportunities for adults and out of school activities for children</p> <p>HOW: Locate learning providers – ask for possibilities of inclusion. Contact Pre-school re nursery / Full day care and encourage use of Newsletter to provide more information</p>	Low	Summer 2008	FDC COWA – Adults CCC FACT Fenland Arts	Funding? FA?	
	<p>ACTION: To increase the recreational opportunities for adults in the village</p> <p>HOW: Locate learning providers – ask for possibilities of inclusion. Encourage use of Newsletter to provide more information</p>	Med/Low	Summer 2007	FDC COWA – Adults CCC FACT Fenland Arts	Funding? FA?	
	<p>ACTION: To increase the opportunities for out of school activities and include youngsters who attend school outside the village</p> <p>HOW: Contact Gorefield School and other providers re: after school activities</p>	Low	Summer 2008	FDC COWA CCC		
	<p>ACTION: To increase the opportunities for sport and other recreational activities for children and youngsters</p> <p>HOW: Enquire about clubs/activities for youths and use Newsletter to provide information</p>	Low	Summer 2008	COWA Sport England FDC Sports Officer Amenity Centre Volunteers FACT Fenland Arts	Funding? FA?	

Issue Headings	Aim/Action	Priority	Action Start Date	Partners	Resource Implications & responses/ action required from LSP	Planning Authority Involvement
Housing	<p>ACTION: Questionnaire responses indicated the need for future housing development to be small in scale (82% wanted to see no more than 4 new houses a year) and to provide small family homes, homes for young people, single people and those with disabilities.</p> <p>HOW: Have housing requests adopted by planning authority.</p>	High	Started	FDC Planning Dept GPC		Letter to FDC Planning Dept outlining questionnaire results

Issue Headings	Aim/Action	Priority	Action Start Date	Partners	Resource Implications & responses/ action required from LSP	Planning Authority Involvement
Health	<p>ACTION: To investigate the possibility of providing healthcare facilities in the village or sharing with local villages</p> <p>HOW: Contact the Parson Drove surgery, Wisbech Surgeries and the PCT</p>	Low	Summer 2008	Parson Drove Surgery Wisbech Surgeries PCT		

Issue Headings	Aim/Action	Priority	Action Start Date	Partners	Resource Implications & responses/ action required from LSP	Planning Authority Involvement
Parish Council						
	<p>ACTION: To review the provision of Dog Mess bins</p> <p>HOW: Inform GPC of possible need to supply more Dog Mess bins, especially in Gote Lane, outside the Playing Field, on High Road and Back Road</p>	Low	Winter 2007	GPC		
	<p>ACTION: To reduce the incidence of litter in the village</p> <p>HOW: Identify if more litter bins needed. Consider possibility of using community service orders to clear litter. Inform school. Increase awareness of the FDC campaign</p>	Med	Winter 2007	Street Pride		

Issue Headings	Aim/Action	Priority	Action Start Date	Partners	Resource Implications & responses/ action required from LSP	Planning Authority Involvement
Church and Community						
	<p>ACTION: To support and encourage use of the Newsletter</p> <p>HOW: Inform Newsletter editor of its reader coverage (82%) and its potential as the main media for village information</p>	High	Started	Newsletter Editor		

5 Conclusions

5.1 What Happens Next?

This report will be presented to the Gorefield Parish Council for adoption and, on acceptance, will be presented to the Fenland Strategic Partnership.

The Parish Council will consider the Action points and either act upon them or initiate plans for the future. Follow up information gathering will take place over the next few years to ensure that it continues to meet the needs of the parish. Volunteers who completed the Environmental and Sports Volunteer form will be contacted with a view to forming groups to work on those projects which have been highlighted by the Action Plan.

A pdf copy of this report and information regarding subsequent developments will be available on the Gorefield website (gorefield.com)

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