

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2018**

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

Councillor King and one member of the public

**Apologies:** Councillors Ms Reynolds and Ms Clark

1/18 **Public Participation**

A member of the public wished to bring to the attention of the Council a prior approval application which has been submitted for a storage lagoon at Pecks Farm Tydd Fen. This application is not in this Parish but the traffic generated by it will pass through the village. This application has been refused because it is too big to be approved under a prior approval. If they wish to proceed further a full planning application will have to be submitted and all Fenland members will be informed. The Parish Council can then make comments on the application.

2/18 Minutes of previous meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were confirmed and signed

3/18 There were no additional items for consideration

4/18 None of the Councillors had a personal or prejudicial interest to declare

5/18 **POLICE MONTHLY UPDATE**

No report has been received due to the PCSO being on leave.  
There have been a few shed burglaries in the village recently

6/18 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**Cabinet for Defibrillator**

This has now been ordered

**Speed Message Post**

Councillor King will make enquiries with other Parish Councils when he attends their meetings to see if anyone would be interested in buying one of these to be shared with this Parish Council

7/18 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Pot holes to be reported along Bona Lane and Gorefield Road.

Information received about Local Highway Improvement Initiatives:

Gorefield PC application contribution of £315.80

Joint application contribution £1,000 between 3 Councils.

Parson Drove PC requires confirmation that Gorefield PC will contribute to this amount. Agreed to pay pro-rata to the size of each Council.

An invitation has been received to attend the Fenland Local Highway Improvement Panel meeting to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> January for a representative of the Council to give a 3 minute presentation on the benefits of the application. Decided to decline this invitation.

(2) **Play Equipment**

Latest report does not indicate any faults

(3) **Streetlights**

The Rural Affairs Portfolio is now in the hands of Councillor Seaton.

Oxford Drive has not been adopted by the County Council so perhaps the Parish Council should consider adopting all the streetlights there. Councillor King will try to find out why it has not been adopted. A quotation is being prepared for the replacement of FPC8 which was damaged in an accident. There is no more information about the lights in Cattle Dyke and Churchill Road as yet.

8/18 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Copies of all other correspondence will be circulated to Councillors

9/18 **PLANNING MATTERS**

**F/YR17/1162/F**– Formation of a dropped kerb to existing dwelling at Casa Syn The Barracks – there does not seem to be a need for an access on to the High Road when the property already has an existing access from The Barracks which gives access to the vehicle garages.

10/18 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Setting of Precept for 2018/19**

See information attached.

Councillor M Humphrey proposed and Councillor Mrs Robinson seconded the proposal that the Precept for 2018/19 be set at £16,000 all were in favour.

There were no accounts to be paid

**Balance of Accounts**

Current account	£23,398.66
Business Premium account	£21,164.82
High Interest account	<u>£802.62</u>
	£46,366.10

11/18 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Mrs Hall reported that the Christmas tree outside the Church looks very good this year.

Councillor King asked whether the grass verge at the West End of village was still being cut up by the bus stopping there. Councillor Mrs Robinson confirmed that it was. As from next Monday the bus routes are to be changed and this may result in the bus not having to wait before returning to Wisbech.

The web site needs updating and at the moment only John Timms has access to it. Councillor M Humphrey will approach Mr Timms about this.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Signed ..... Date .....