

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 5TH JUNE 2018

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

Councillors King and Ms Clark

Three members of the public

Apologies: Councillors Mrs K Robinson and Ms P Reynolds

57/18 Public Participation

Three members of the Woodman's Football Club attended the meeting to ask about hiring a football pitch on the Playing. They were advised that the Parish Council does own the field but the everyday running of it is done by the Playing Field Committee. They will have to approach them on the matter.

58/18 Minutes of previous meeting held on 1st May 2018 were confirmed and signed

59/18 Streetlights to be discussed at item 11

60/18 None of the Councillors had a personal or prejudicial interest to declare

61/18 POLICE MONTHLY UPDATE

There was no police presence at the meeting and no report has been received.

62/18 MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

Resignation of Councillor D Humphrey

Letter has been received from Councillor D Humphrey tendering his resignation from the Council. He feels that the Parish Council's collective say on local matters where being ignored or overridden.

Parish Councillors disappointed that he felt he had to resign. Letter of thanks to be sent.

Matter to be reported to Fenland District Council electoral services so a Notice of Vacancy can be prepared.

Caravan at Churchill Road

This is now in the hands of Fenland District Council as the land in question is not part of what is leased by the Parish Council.

(1) **Highway Matters**

Councillor Mrs Robinson was unable to attend the meeting but asked if the following could be brought up at the meeting:

She appreciates that gateways are imminent however the speed of entry west end of our village is out of control.

One of our postmen has reported near misses within the village suggesting 80 mph.

It appears people only react to speed cameras or humps, perhaps getting mobile cameras up or police presence set up shortly.

Speed bumps are not very practical as they cause vibration to houses near them. One of the moveable traffic speed indicators could be considered in the next round of Local Highway Initiative which will come up shortly. Another idea would be to have the speed limit extended out of the village possibly 40 mph as has been done on Wolf Lane.

Verge cutting is badly needed especially at Leverington Common junctions.

There is an overhanging hedge at Wolf Lane Back Road junction.

(2) **Play Equipment**

Chairman and Councillor Humphrey have checked out all the maintenance issues pointed out in the annual report. Most of very minor and can easily be remedied.

(3) **Web Site**

Chairman, Councillor Humphrey and clerk meet with Tin Fish about the setting up of a new web site. A quotation has been received which includes the setting up of web site, training for up to 3 people, one off CMS license purchase, SSL certificate, hosting all for £1,620.00 + VAT. Proposed by Councillor Humphrey and seconded by Councillor Mrs Hunns that this quote we accepted and Tin Fish given to the go ahead to proceed with the setting up of the web site.

(4) **GDPR**

Further correspondence has been received from CAPALC. The legislation is due to go for ascent this month and there have been a number of changes regarding the degree of compliance for parish and town councils. Therefore it seems sensible to await the outcome of the actual approved legislation before they make any decision on the impact of the DPO situation.

(5) **Extension to Community Hall**

This is on-going, nothing to report at this time.

(6) **Chapel Grave Yard**

The condition of this was brought to the attention of the Council and enquiries were made with Fenland District Council. It was confirmed that recently the maintenance had been carried out by the Landscape Group who has been paid by a local individual during last season. This has now ceased. It has been strimmed recently. The ownership of the grave yard is in doubt so a search of the Land Registry to be done.

64/18 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Communication from Steven Barclay MP

He would be happy to receive notification of any issues that crop up.

Copies of all other correspondence will be circulated to Councillors

65/18 **PLANNING MATTERS**

F/YR18/0491/C1490E – Prior notification of overhead lines at land south of 287 Leverington Common – no comment

F/YR18/0498/F – erection of a 2 storey 3 bed dwelling and building to form 10 no pen boarding cattery at Thistledown Farm Cattle Dyke - - this does not support agricultural or horticulture therefore it is development in the open countryside without any justification.

66/18 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Annual Governance Statement 2017/18

The Parish Council was able to answer in the affirmative to all the questions. The Chairman signed the statement on behalf of the Council.

Accounts to be paid:

	Cheq No	Nett	VAT	Gross
CAPALC (Annual subscription)	100945	£335.96	0.00	£335.96
Village Voices (Support for 2018)	100946	£200.00	0.00	£200.00

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£26,207.22
Business Premium account	£21,185.93
High Interest account	<u>£803.42</u>
	£48,196.57

67/18 **Extra item for discussion - Streetlights**

Letter received from Fenland District Council re Street lighting repairs and maintenance. A contract has been awarded to Cable Test Ltd of Brentwood Essex for an initial period of 3 years. An estimate of costs for repairs and maintenance and energy estimate was attached based on 45 streetlight giving

an estimated annual cost of £3,526.00 (£78.35 per light). Also attached was a Service Level Agreement which sets out the service to be provided and which will need to be signed and returned by 22 June and will then be considered by the FDC Cabinet on 19th July. Letter of query to be sent to Trevor Watson as the predicted cost for each light was to be in the region of £45 to £65 per light considerably less than the estimate now. Also the matter of the lights in Glebe Close and Oxfield Drive. Are these included within the 45 lights? Proposed by Councillor Humphrey and seconded by Councillor Mrs Hunns that the Parish Council participate in this scheme subject to a satisfactory response. The Chairman will sign the document on behalf of the Council.

Two lights in Cattle Dyke are still not working. Councillor King to send details of these and then he will look into the matter.

Streetlight at Gote Lane

An e-mail has been received from a resident about this streetlight which he believes is situated in his garden. Before any progress can be made on this the resident to be asked for a copy of any land ownership details.

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REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Hedge between Nos 16 and 18 Churchill Road has been cut and the hedge cuttings left in the drain which comes under the North Level. North Level to be advised.

New grave has been put in at west end of Church grave yard where there are some very old graves already there. This is a matter for the Parochial Church Council.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 3rd July 2018

Signed Date