

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017

**Present:** Councillors: Holt, M Humphrey, D Humphrey, Mrs Hall, Mrs Hunns and Ms Reynolds

Councillor King

**Apologies:** Councillor Ms Clark

### 23/17 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present

24/17 Minutes of previous meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were confirmed and signed

25/17 There was no additional items for consideration

26/17 The Chairman had a personal or prejudicial interest to declare concerning donations later in the meeting

### 27/17 **POLICE MONTHLY UPDATE**

February has been a relatively quiet month in the north rural area's of Wisbech as far as crime is concerned. But they have been very busy following the aftermath of Storm Doris, where they have attended various locations mainly to attend to fallen trees. If there are any trees that you are concerned about, please contact the Highways Department at your local County Council.

There have been several hare coursing incidents in the rural locations of Wisbech, where hare coursers have been spotted at numerous locations. They continue to pursue this matter, and would encourage anyone who has any information regarding hare coursing to report it to the police as soon as possible.

The PCSO has this week attended both the pre-school and primary school in Gorefield during lunch time, to engage with the children, and to minimise any disruption to lessons. The children are getting used to seeing their local PCSO, and are only too happy to come and talk to her.

### COMMUNITY CONTACT POINT

They would like to thank everyone involved for the use of the foyer at Gorefield Community Centre where they held the Community Contact Point on 21st February 2017, and for the hospitality they received from the art group. The next community contact point will be held at The Cave in Parson Drove on 12th April 2017. The PCSO will be in attendance with a member of staff from Fenland District Council between 10.00 am and 11.00 am. There will not be a community contact point in March as Sophie Wilkinson from FDC will be taking up a new position within FDC, and they have yet to confirm a replacement. The main aim of the Community Contact Point is for local residents to have their say on any issues they are having in the area in which they work and live. They would love to see as many people as possible, so if you are free, please come along and take the opportunity to ask them any questions you may have about any issues or concerns that you may have in the area's where you live and work.

## CRIMES REPORTED IN THE GOREFIELD AREA FEBRUARY 2017

There have not been any reported crimes in the Gorefield area during the month of February.

### GENERAL CONCERNS

There have been several reports of criminal damage to vehicles in other Wisbech locations during February. Several cars have had paintwork damaged, windows smashed, and tyres slashed. Although this does not appear to be an issue in the more rural locations, please remain vigilant, and report any suspicious activity to the police.

## 28/17 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

### **Enforcement Issues – Cattle Dyke**

The planning compliance officer is to visit this site to ascertain if conditions of the planning permission are being breached by not providing a bin collection point.

### **Re-Letting of allotment at Cattle Dyke**

The Chairman has been advised that Mr Bryant wishes to give up his acre allotment in Cattle Dyke because he has left the village. Mr C Tibbs has offered to take this over as he has been working with Mr Bryant for the last few years. It was agreed that Mr Tibbs be offered this allotment. The Clerk will contact him.

## 29/17 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

### (1) **Highway Matters**

Councillor Ms Clark is meeting with the Highways engineer and she will report problems with the sharks teeth markings on Wolf Lane which were done when it is frosty and they are beginning to come off.

### (2) **Play Equipment**

The clerk has been trying to contact ISS World to get copies of the later reports but has not been successful. Councillor King suggested contacting Mr Oliver at Fenland DC.

### (3) **Grants for skate park**

Application forms are ready to be completed.

### (4) **Co-option of Parish Councillor**

The consultation period has now expired and a request for the vacancy to be filled by means of an election has not been received therefore the Council is required to fill the vacancy by co-option. Councillor Walpole has suggested that he could attend the meetings remotely by Skype but the Clerk received this information after putting in motion the procedure to elect another Councillor. It was also pointed out that Councillor Walpole had already missed 7 meetings. Clerk will put a poster in the notice board and Councillor Ms Reynolds will ask if it could be advertised in the village school news letter.

**Adoption of BT Kiosk**

Clerk has received confirmation that the Parish Council is now responsible for the BT Kiosk which has now been decommissioned. A notice has been provided to put in the kiosk to explain to everyone that it is now being maintained by the Parish Council. Still waiting to receive a quotation for the defibrillator which will be presented to the Leverington Feoffees.

**Village Voices**

Brian Payne has retired from editing Village Voices and a replacement editorial team is required. For the immediate future a temporary team has been formed from church members. Any contributions should now be sent to [villagevoices@wisbechstmarychuech.org.uk](mailto:villagevoices@wisbechstmarychuech.org.uk). Handwritten items can be passed to a churchwarden of any of the 3 churches, or sent to Drummond Lodge, Spencer Drove Guyhirn PE13 4EU.

Copies of all other correspondence will be circulated to Councillors

31/17 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no planning applications to be considered

32/17 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The grass cutting account from T A Blackamore has now been received £894.40 for playing field cutting and £560 for village cutting.

Concurrent Functions Grant for 2016/17 was £1,800 less playing field cutting of £894.40 leaves a balance of £905.60 towards Church Yard maintenance. Agreed to give £920 to the Church as in previous years.

The Chairman declared a personal or prejudicial interest in the following item and took no part in the decision making process

It was agreed that donations of £150 be made to:

FACT

Air Ambulance

Magpas

Under LG Act 1972 S137 as in previous years

**Accounts to be paid:**

	<b>Cheq No</b>	<b>Nett</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>
R Gagen (clerk's salary 6 months)	100900	£1,352.52	0.00	£1,352.52
HMRC (Tax on clerk's salary)	100901	£338.20	0.00	£338.20
R Gagen (clerk's expenses 6 months)	100902	£99.20	0.00	£99.20
Gorefield Playing Field (Hire of hall)	100903	£360.00	0.00	£360.00
T A Blackamore (Grass cutting)	100904	£1,454.40	£290.88	£1,745.28
St Paul's Church (Church Yard maintenance)	100905	£920.00	0.00	£920.00
Magpas (Donation S137)	100906	£150.00	0.00	£150.00
FACT (Donation S137)	100907	£150.00	0.00	£150.00
Air Ambulance (Donation S137)	100908	£150.00	0.00	£150.00

## Balance of Accounts

Current account	£27,111.96
Business Premium account	£2,161.11
High Interest account	<u>£802.48</u>
	£30,075.55

In future HMRC are asking for payments to be made electronically. Clerk will discuss this with the internal auditor to find out if this is possible.

A quotation is still not been received for the Category 2 lights along High Road. Councillor King said that Balfour Beatty is being very slow in producing these quotations. No new contract has been issued to them as yet and Fenland DC are withholding payments. As part of their contract streetlights are suppose to be inspected every month.

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### **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Pots holes in Wolf Lane to be reported

It was pointed out that following the resignation of Councillor Walpole there was now no Vice Chairman. This will be remedied at the next Annual General Meeting

Village Health and Safety report needs doing. Councillor Mrs Hall will do this.

Councillor King reported that Inspector Davis has been visiting local Parish Councils and as he had not yet visited Gorefield he should be informed that the next meeting was the Annual Assembly.

Councillor King suggested that a skate bowl be considered instead of a skate park ramp. One has just been installed in a park in March

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (Annual Assembly)

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