

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 6TH MARCH 2018

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

Councillor King

One member of the public

Apologies: Councillor Ms Clark and PCSO Norton-Smith

23/18 **Public Participation**

A member of the public attended the meeting to explain the situation concerning the storage of a touring caravan on the concrete area at the back of her property which was originally used for garages. She has been in touch with Fenland DC who have intimated that they would be happy for her to park there but would be contacting the Parish Council to confirm if they are also in agreement. To date no information has been received. On receipt of this information the Parish Council will make a decision on the matter. Chairman was concerned that this would set a precedent and security could an issue..

24/18 Minutes of previous meeting held on 6th February 2018 were confirmed and signed

25/18 Risk Assessment to be reviewed at Item 12 on the Agenda

26/18 None of the Councillors had a personal or prejudicial interest to declare

27/18 **POLICE MONTHLY UPDATE**

Vehicle crime in the rural villages of Wisbech has caused some concern during February 2018. There have been many reports of thefts from vehicles, criminal damage to vehicles, and interference with vehicles. It appears that the majority of the vehicles which were targeted were work vehicles. Various work tools and personal items such as wallets, were among some of the items taken.

If anyone in your area who has a work vehicle where tools and other items are stored overnight, please advise them of the current criminal activity which is happening.

CRIMES REPORTED IN THE GOREFIELD AREA FEBRUARY 2018

3 x Criminal damage
2 x Business burglaries
2 x Residential burglaries
2 x Theft from motor vehicles

GENERAL CONCERNS

There was a robbery at Elm Village Store in February, where masked offenders stole cash and cigarettes after threatening the staff. This was a terrifying ordeal for the staff involved. Any information regarding this crime should be reported to the police.

There have recently been two reports of cybercrime incidents. One victim believed they had won the Spanish Lottery despite not having purchased a ticket. The victim had parted with several thousand pounds before realising that they were the victim of a scam. For further advice and information on different types of cybercrime, please contact Action Fraud UK. They are the UK's national fraud and cybercrime reporting centre.

Hare coursing remains a problem in the rural areas, and several reports are being made every week.

28/18 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Cabinet for Defibrillator

A new one has now been delivered and it should be commissioned shortly. Has been added to the insurance.

Community Hall Extension

No more information at present but to be added to the Agenda for further discussion.

Data Protection

A lengthy document has been received through NALC. Clerk will try to decipher it shortly.

29/18 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

30 mph sign in Cattle Dyke has been knocked down, to be report to Cambs CC. Finger post at Hassockhill Road junction has been knocked down, this has already been reported but may not get repaired until April.

(2) **Play Equipment**

On the recent report it suggests that most of the gym equipment needs painting. Councillor M Humphrey to speak to a painter to see he would be interested in taking this on.

Vandals have smashed on of the seats on the playing field and also damaged the climbing tower.

The damaged seat has been reported to the insurance company and they need details for a replacement seat. Agreed to claim for a similar seat but will probably replace with a metal one.

Clerk has a quotation for the repair to the climbing tower from Fenland Leisure Products for £549.60. This seems very high for the amount of damage there is. The chairman offered to do the repair himself with the Parish Council paying for the materials required. This offer was gratefully received.

(3) **Streetlights**

Letter received from Trevor Watson. The tender document for future street lighting repairs and maintenance has now been completed and is now out for tender, closing date for receipt of tenders is 19th March, contract should be awarded 29th March and the contract should commence 14th May.

Information should be shared with Parishes by 27th April and response will be required by 18th May. Fenland DC Cabinet to consider and agree proposal 14th June.

(4) **Web Site**

Clerk has been in contact with Cambs Acre and CAPALC. Neither of these organisations can help with the setting up of a Web site, they only offered the names of some commercial organisations. Clerk has asked for a quotation from one of these, still waiting for a response.

Clerk to contact clerk's from other Parish Councils who have their web site to find out who set up their web sites.

(5) **Siting of a caravan at Churchill Road allotments**

See information above under public participation.

30/18 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Community Survey

Is available to complete on www.fenland.gov.uk/CSPsurvey

Copies of all other correspondence will be circulated to Councillors

31/18 **PLANNING MATTERS**

F/YR18/0209/F – erection of a single-storey front reception extension, classroom extension and link corridor on existing building at Gorefield Primary School – no objections

Enforcement Issue

A response has been received from Cambs CC regarding property at Birds Drove. The enforcement officer requested further information about where the site is and then she will investigate the situation further

32/18 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Donations to worthy causes

It was agreed that donations be made to the Air Ambulance, Magpas and FACT as previous year.

Councillor M Humphrey proposed that £250 be given to each organisation this was seconded by Councillor Mrs Robinson. Everyone agreed.

A payment of £920 to be given to St Paul's Church to help with church yard maintenance as in previous years.

Accounts to be paid:

| | Cheq No | Nett | VAT | Gross |
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| R Gagen (clerk's salary 6 months) | 100928 | £1,385.32 | 0.00 | £1,385.32 |
| HMRC (tax on clerk's salary) | 100929 | £305.20 | 0.00 | £305.20 |
| R Gagen (clerk's expenses 6 months) | 100930 | £102.20 | 0.00 | £102.20 |
| Gorefield Playing Field (Hire of hall) | 100931 | £360.00 | 0.00 | £360.00 |
| Magpas (Donation) | 100932 | £250.00 | 0.00 | £250.00 |
| FACT (Donation) | 100933 | £250.00 | 0.00 | £250.00 |
| Air Ambulance (Donation) | 100934 | £250.00 | 0.00 | £250.00 |
| St Paul's Church (Church yard maintenance) | 100935 | £920.00 | 0.00 | £920.00 |

Balance of Accounts

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| Current account | £18,519.95 |
| Business Premium account | £21,175.37 |
| High Interest account | <u>£803.02</u> |
| | £40,498.34 |

33/18 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor King is still waiting for information about moveable signs, will pass it on when available. Some Parish Councils have put in a bid through Local Highway improvements to finance one of these signs.

Pot holes need reporting on Birds Drove, Bona Lane High Side and Wolf Lane.

Not had a piece in Village Voices for some while. Clerk suggested that the Chairman's annual report be put in after the next meeting.

Councillor Mrs Hall was concerned that information about planning application conditions should be noted for future use if there was a problem on a site. All information is held on the Fenland DC web site so if any information is required it can always be found there.

It was reported that dog fouling is a problem along Chapel Lane. To be reported to streetscene at Fenland DC.

Speeding continues to be a problem along the High Road.

34/18 **Extra Agenda item – Review of Risk Register**

Risk register was reviewed and all agreed that it was correct and should be adopted.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 3rd April 2018 (Annual Assembly)

Signed Date