

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2017

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

Councillor King

**Apologies:** Councillors D Humphrey, Lay and Ms Clark

44/17 Minutes of previous meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were confirmed and signed

45/17 There were no additional items for consideration

46/17 None of the Councillors had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

47/17 POLICE MONTHLY UPDATE

The Police continue to visit local primary schools in the rural villages, aiming to be there at the start time and end time of school to engage with the children and parents, and to address any arising issues. They are currently in the process of setting up an “Internet Safety” package which is aimed at 8 – 11 year olds. They will be visiting all of the participating rural primary schools within the next 3 months to pilot this new scheme aimed at introducing children to the dangers of using the internet.

They also visit the care homes on a monthly basis to meet with the staff and engage with the children, which helps build good relationships between all parties.

Where possible they also attend the youth club on a Monday evening.

Speeding still appears to be a problem in most rural villages. Unfortunately, the Special Constable Andy Thompson, who works closely with regarding Speed Enforcement, is currently unavailable for the foreseeable future. There are other Special Constables who are able to undertake Speed Enforcement, but due to the vast area of coverage, they cannot guarantee how often this will be. They therefore ask if anyone in the community is interested in becoming a Speed Watch Volunteer and would like to find out more about becoming a speed watch volunteer, please contact: [speedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:speedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk)

### COMMUNITY CONTACT POINT

The last community contact point in Parson Drove took place on 12th April. There was no representative from Fenland District Council, although they have been informed that a new person will be in post in the near future. Once this has been confirmed, they will be looking to arrange a community contact point in Gorefield. Details will be confirmed hopefully in the near future. Meanwhile, If anyone would like to have a say on issues in your area, you can complete an online survey at :

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WisbechCommunitySafety>.

Results from these surveys will be displayed on the Community Safety Partnership blog every 3 months at [www.communitysafetypartnership.worldpress.com](http://www.communitysafetypartnership.worldpress.com) . The results will be used to identify the local policing priorities for the following 6 months.

Councillors King and Booth attended at Parson Drove where there was 1 member of the public attended in 2 hours. This appears to be a waste of officers' time and feels it would be better if they attended public events like Gorefield Show or the Leverington Craft Fair.

#### CRIMES REPORTED IN THE GOREFIELD AREA APRIL 2017

1 x Theft of caravan

#### GENERAL CONCERNS

There have been several burglaries/aggravated/distraction burglaries in both the town centre and rural villages of Wisbech. Please remain vigilant at all times, and take care when answering the door to bogus callers. Homes with no security measures in place are five times more likely to be burgled than those with simple security measures. Good window locks and strong deadlocks can make a big difference

#### 48/17 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

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

Markings on Wolf Lane have still not been re-done.  
The condition of the road at Harrold Bridge is very bad will be reported to Highways

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

Chairman did an inspection after the last meeting and found all the points very trivial and did not need attention at the moment

##### (3) **Damage to grass verge by buses**

An e-mail has been received from Stagecoach stating that they will put up a notice advising drivers that they should not be pulling over onto the grass verge when they waiting and turning around.

Councillor Mrs Robinson suggested that the verge be re-instated and Stagecoach charged for this service. Councillor King said he would ask Highways about this.

##### (4) **Village Health and Safety Check**

Councillor Mrs Hall undertook this.

The only points of note: Notice board outside school is rather tatty could do with tidying up and Village sign base needs weeding.

Councillor Mrs Hunns will undertake the next one in July.

#### 49/17 **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspond to be circulated

#### 50/17 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning applications received:

**F/YR17/0315/F** – Erection of a 2 storey side and rear extension to existing dwelling, alterations to existing outbuilding to form annex ancillary to main dwelling and erection of attached pool house - Willaims Place 75 High Road – no objections

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## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**To approve the accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> Mary 2017.**

A spreadsheet showing all the receipts and payment for the year was circulated to Councillors. Proposed by Councillor M Humphrey and seconded by Councillor Mrs Hunns that these be approved all agreed.

The Chairman signed the Annual Accounting Statement on behalf of the Council.

### **Review of the Council's Risk Assessment**

Copies of the existing one had been circulated to Councillors. Councillors were happy with the information other than ISS World instead of the Landscape Group are responsible for the play equipment inspections.

All agreed that be updated and accepted for the coming year.

### **Accounts to be paid:**

	<b>Cheq No</b>	<b>Nett</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>
Community Heartbeat (Defibrillator)	100911	£2,020.00	404.00	£2,424.00
CPALC Annual subscription	100912	£329.28	0.00	£329.28
Auditing Solutions (Internal audit)	100913	£195.00	39.00	£234.00

### **Balance of Accounts**

Current account	£35,854.92
Business Premium account	£2,161.11
High Interest account	<u>£802.48</u>
	£38,818.51

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## **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Wolf Lane Sign missing this was ordered weeks ago but it has been promised shortly

Grass verge along Chapel Lane this is done when the rest of the village is cut by Cambs Highways

Councillor King attended a meeting arranged by Cambs Acre for Councillors and clerks at Doddington to discuss common issues for Parish Councils. Gorefield PC was not informed of this meeting.

Street lighting - Fenland DC has terminated their contract with Balfour Beatty. Any problems with street lights should now be reported to [assets&projects@fenland.gov.uk](mailto:assets&projects@fenland.gov.uk) . A new contractor should be in place by June.

Kerb edge has been damaged at junction Wolf Lane/High Road. Large pot hole at Gote Lane both to be reported

There continues to be a problem at the parking area for the allotments. There is now a truck there full of rubbish. Councillor King will report this via Justin Wingfield to Fenland DC

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017

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