

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

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

**Present:** Councillors: A Holt, Mrs K Hall, M Humphrey, Mrs K Robinson and Ms P Reynolds

Councillor S King and one member of the public

**Apologies:** Councillors Mrs J Hunns and Ms S Clark

92/18 **Public Participation**

There was one member of the public attending the meeting who wished to raise the matter of somewhere for people could walk their dogs in the village. She asked if a dedicated area could be provided on the Playing Field. The decision on this should be made by the Playing Field Committee but those present were able to confirm that there would not be enough room for this as most of the field is taken up by football pitches and the children's play area. It was suggested that she could use the Pocket Park as there is no dog ban on this area.

93/18 Minutes of previous meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018 were confirmed and signed

94/18 There were no extra items to be discussed

95/18 None of the Councillors had a personal or prejudicial interest to declare

96/18 **POLICE MONTHLY UPDATE**

Fenland Neighbourhood Policing Team Monthly Review will be e-mail to Councillors on receipt. Councillor Mrs Robinson is disappointed that we do not have a dedicated report for the village now as most of the report received now is not relevant to Gorefield. Most Councillors were of the opinion that they would rather see Police officers attending to other matters than writing reports.

97/18 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Streetlights at Cattle Dyke – from information received from Fenland DC it looks as if the Parish will have to pick up the cost of the repairs to these lights. This is because of the finishing of the contract with Balfour leaving all works that were outstanding with them cancelled and they now have to be resolved by the new contractors.

Fly tipping at Wolf Lane – this has already been reported. If the tyres are not collected by Fenland DC then North Level IDB to be asked to remedy the situation as they were the ones who pulled them out of the drain.

(2) **Excessive Speeding**

Following on from the discussion on this at the last meeting Councillor Mrs Robinson has come up with a few suggestions:

1. Make village a maximum 7½ tonne vehicle zone – this is not an option as many businesses in the village rely on lorries to make deliveries and collections.
2. Erect warning signage ie school/children/animals/old people at each end of High Road.
3. 30 mph sign 20 mph if necessary due to village school. Marking outside school not bold enough
4. Speed Indicator Device – needs battery changed every week and has to be moved around regularly.

Councillor King has had some discussions with County Highways with regard to the gateway features. This can only be erected at the start of the existing 30 mph zones because of the visibility splay issues. They have agreed to have further discussions on the 2018/19 application to have 40 mph zones put in at either end. It was agreed that as there were no other options then this would have to be acceptable.

(3) **Co-Option of new Councillor**

There has still not been any interest in this position.

(4) **Play Equipment**

Report passed on to the chairman and Councillor Humphrey. Most of the defects on the report are the need for exercise equipment to be painted. A new basket ball net is required – clerk will order this. Some trees also need cutting back.

(5) **Extension to Community Hall**

The plans have now been finalised and a planning application should be submitted shortly.

(6) **Web Site**

This is still progressing but Tin Fish are behind schedule.

(7) **Chapel Yard Maintenance**

This has been done once by the contractors and they have done a very good job.

98/18 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Copies of all other correspondence will be circulated to Councillors

**Planning application**

**F/YR18/0778/F** – erection of a single storey storage building and 1.652 metre high gates and fencing and formation of a new vehicular access track from Wolf Lane involving piping of drain – land south east of 58 Back Road – no objections

**Certificate of Lawfulness (existing) retention of a mobile home for residential purposes at land south of Tudor Lodge Hassock Hill Drove** – the planning officer responsible for this application has been informed that there have been ongoing enforcement issues on this site and the Council last reported it back in 2014.

100/18 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Review of Council spending for 6 months from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018**

See attached document

It was agreed that the clerk’s salary be increased in line with national guideline to £11.24 per hour.

**Accounts to be paid:**

	<b>Cheq No</b>	<b>Nett</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>
R Gagen (clerk’s salary 6 months)	100948	£1,460.84	0.00	£1,460.84
HMRC (Tax on Clerk’s salary)	100949	£292.60	0.00	£292.60
R Gagen (clerk’s expenses 6 months)	100950	£116.20	0.00	£116.20
G I Clifton (hedge cutting)	100951	£67.50	0.00	£67.50

**Balance of Accounts**

Current account	£32,587.08
Business Premium account	£21,185.93
High Interest account	<u>£803.42</u>
	£54,576.43

101/18 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Pleased to see that the hedge has been cleared from Wolf Lane/High Road junction

Oxford Drive adoption still ongoing

Gote Lane new streetlight has been erected, power will be moved from the old light in due course

Any problems with Stage Coach Buses should be reported direct to them via their web site.

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

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