

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2017

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

Councillor King

Apologies: Councillor Ms Clark

84/17 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present

85/17 Minutes of previous meeting held on 1st August 2017 were confirmed and signed

86/17 Streetlights to be discussed later in the meeting

87/17 None of the Councillors had a personal or prejudicial interest to declare

88/17 **POLICE MONTHLY UPDATE**

A Community Safety Partnership meeting was held on 1st August at The Gorefield Community Hall and Sports Pavilion. PCSO Helen Norton-Smith was in attendance with Rosie Cooke from Fenland District Council, where they met some of the local residents. They would like to express their gratitude to Ken Barber who holds the Art Group, and who allowed them to have their meeting there. If you were unable to attend this meeting, but would like to express any concerns you have, you can complete an online questionnaire at : <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WisbechCommunitySafety>. The results from these surveys will be displayed on the Community Safety Partnership blog every 3 months at www.communitysafetypartnership.wordpress.com .

Special Constable Andy Thompson is back on duty, and they have some planned Speed Enforcement Patrols coming up during the month of September. If you are interested in setting up your own Speedwatch Group, please contact her for further details.

CRIMES IN THE GOREFIELD AREA AUGUST 2017

1 X Shed burglary
2 x Theft

GENERAL CONCERNS

There have been several issues of hare coursing in the rural areas of Wisbech. If you are aware of this happening in Gorefield, please contact the police.

There have been several reports of heating oil theft. Advice on how to protect your oil tank from thieves, and other crime prevention advice can be found on the Cambridgeshire Police website, or contact the local crime prevention officer on 101.

Dwelling burglaries and shed burglaries are still happening in Wisbech and the surrounding rural villages. If you see anything suspicious, please report it to the police.

(1) Highway Matters

E-mail received from a member of the public stating that Mr Nicholson the Highways Officer and some of the Morrison utility workers have been seen surveying the area at the top of Gote Lane opposite the Church. Hopefully in the near future something is done to resolve the flooding problem in this area.

E-mail received from Steve Nicholson answering questions posed to him by Councillor Clark. Hounds teeth on Wolf Lane have been passed back to Projects who were responsible for ordering the installation. Road markings at east and west entrances to the village have now been re-done. Reinstatement of the highway where damaged by bus has been done. The 30 mph sign which has been installed at the western end of the village is now at the prescribed height for such signs therefore it is at a different level to that opposite.

Local Highway Improvement funding 2018/19 – the application for this should be in by 15th October. Agreed that a scheme for traffic calming at the eastern and western approaches to the village should be put in. One suggestion was gated entrances to give the impression of the narrowing of the road to slow traffic down.

Several e-mails have been received about the junction at Bellamy's Bridge which is on the boundaries of Wisbech St Mary, Parson Drove and Gorefield Parish Councils. Over the years suggestions have been as to how this junction can be improved but nothing has happened. A meeting is to be arranged with all Parish Council chairmen and clerks and Cambs CC and Fenland DC members. It was suggested that the Local Highway Improvement funding could be used jointly with the other Parish Councils.

(2) Play Equipment

The zip wire required repairs shortly after the last meeting. Fenland Leisure Products were asked to look at it and quote for the work needed. Some work was carried out FOC charge to get it working again but further work is required which will cost £245.47 + VAT. They have been given the go ahead to do the work.

Latest Play area inspection states that the Willow tunnel needs pruning still.

(3) Defibrillator

Local electrician Alan Clarke has agreed to install the defibrillator

(4) Village health and safety report

Councillor Mrs Hunns carried this out. Points noted – Village Sign base need weeding, Notice Board outside school need cleaning, bench on Pocket Park needs attention, seats at Richmond Green and outside church need cleaning up. The one outside the Church is not the responsibility of the Parish Council. Councillor Mrs Hall will mention this to the PCC.

Chairman will speak to a local tradesman about getting some of these small jobs done also including the cutting of the hedge on the Pocket Park

Streetpride

Is struggling to get new members and have now decided to change to meeting every other month. Fenland DC are helping by putting out a press release to encourage new members.

Copies of all other correspondence will be circulated to Councillors

91/17 **PLANNING MATTERS**

F/YR17/0712/F – erection of a single storey rear and side extension and two storey side extension to existing dwelling involving demolition of garage, sun room, kitchen and store at Homefield Fendyke Lane – No objections

F/YR17/0702/F – erection of two storey front and side extensions involving demolition of existing rear extension and erection of detached triple garage with 1 bed annexe – Pear Tree House High Side – no objections

92/17 **FINANCIAL MATTERS****Accounts to be paid:**

	Cheq No	Nett	VAT	Gross
Paul Wyles (Extermination of wasp nest)	100915	£50.00	0.00	£50.00

Balance of Accounts

Current account		£16,303.29		
Business Premium account	£21,161.11			
High Interest account			£802.28	
			<u>£38,266.68</u>	

93/17 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Decoy Road sign has been knocked down

Fly tipping – Goredyke Bank end of bridle way to be reported

Bus stopping place has been reinstated and marker post put in but now buses are stopping further back and damaging the verge again. Stage Coach to be advised about this.

94/17 **Streetlights**

A letter has been received Councillor King setting out Fenland DC's proposals for the future repair, management and replacement of Parish Council streetlights:

A free inventory and condition survey, this will include the rectification of any routine or minor faults and will be wholly funded by Fenland DC.

The free future management of Parish Council street lighting stock and service requests

The free re-labelling of Parish Council street lights

Repairs, maintenance and energy will in future be funded by Parish Councils at an estimated cost of between 47 and £67 per column per annum. Actual costs will be confirmed as part of the procurement process.

Each Parish Council will remain responsible for funding the replacement of defective columns, knock downs and new columns.

Gorefield PC have 50 street lights which includes the one opposite Glebe Close which was put up by the Developer.

It was unanimously agreed that Gorefield Parish Council wishes Fenland DC to manage their street lights.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 3rd October 2017

Signed Date