

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2019

Present: Councillors: A Holt, M Humphrey, Mrs J Hunns, Ms P Reynolds,
Mrs K Hall and P Thatcher

Councillor S King

Apologies: Councillor Mrs S Clark

221/19 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present

222/19 Minutes of previous meeting held on 3rd September 2019 were confirmed and signed

223/19 There were no additional items for consideration

224/19 Councillors Holt, Humphrey and Mrs Hunns declared a personal or prejudicial interest in the item concerning the extension to the Community Hall as they are all members of the Playing Field Committee

225/19 **POLICE MONTHLY UPDATE**

To be forwarded on to Councillors on receipt

226/19 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

LHI 2019/20 – information as been received about the 40mph buffer zones for east and west approaches to the village. Gates and signs will be retained at the end of the 30 mph zones and new 40 mph signs put on the other side in place of the national speed signs. New 40 mph roundels will be placed along Decoy Road near Turnover Farm and along Gorefield Road after the Fendyke Lane junction. Road markings are also to be redone along Wolf Lane at entrance to 30 mph zone. Everyone was in agreement with these proposals. Clerk to confirm acceptance.

(2) **Streetlights**

Councillor King has received further information about streetlights FPC3 and FPC4 in Cattle Dyke. They were replaced in 2009 which has been confirmed by Cambs CC including the EDF services. For some reason the electricity service has been removed. The new contractor has obtained a quote of £1081 to reinstate the service. It was agreed that there was no other option than to agree to the payment of this amount.

Streetlight opposite Oxfield Drive was originally a pole bracket and this has now been replaced with a column which was then hit by a vehicle and it was thought that the developers again replaced it. It now appears that this light does not form part of the Section 38 agreement. The Parish is invited to accept this streetlight column in place of the original pole bracket and then it will be added to the inventory and then a request will put through to the contactors for the repair. Councillor King will make further enquiries about this light before any agreement is made.

(3) **Play Equipment**

Nothing has been heard recently clerk will once again chase the contactors and ask for a quote for any work that is needed.

(4) **Extension to Community Hall**

Nothing further to report at this time

(5) **Web Site**

Web site is now up and running. Councillors Humphrey and Thatcher and the clerk will attend training on Friday.

227/19 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing to report

228/19 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning Application received:

F/YR19/0762/PNC04 – Change of use from agricultural building to a single storey 2 bed dwelling - Barn south west of Briarheath Honeyhill Road – no objections

Appeal Decision

Land north west of No 8 Gote Lane – 2 no 3 bed chalet bungalows – appeal was dismissed.

229/19 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Review of Parish Council spending from 1st April to date

Clerk had produced a spreadsheet showing spend for the year to date set against what was allocated in the Precept.

Accounts to be paid:

	Cheq No	Nett	VAT	Gross
R Gagen (Clerk's salary 6 months)	100981	£1,460.64	0.00	£1,460.64
HMRC (tax on clerk's salary)	100982	£350.60	0.00	£350.60
R Gagen (clerk's expenses 6 months)	100983	£84.20	0.00	£84.20

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£43,408.55
Business Premium account	£21,238.79
High Interest account	<u>£805.42</u>
	£65,452.76

230/19 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Chalk Road lots of pots holes – will be reported
Street light in Back Road obscured by trees – Chairman will have a look at
Chapel Cemetery- Ivy covering lots of the old grave stones – contractors to be
asked to clear away.
Chairman and Councillor Thatcher recently attended a meeting at Fenland
regarding the New Local Plan. Most of the information concerned Growth Villages
which Gorefield is not one of them.
High Side – pot holes to be reported
Leaves outside Old Chapel need clearing away – to be reported to Cambs County
Highways
Councillor Mrs Hall has visited the drop in centre held in the Village Hall to
discuss the use of technology. Some of those attending would be very interested in
getting some help but unfortunately there is no wifi there. Also visited the Silver
Surfers at Parson Drove but did not think that this was very helpful.
Councillor King has arranged for the hedge along Cattle Dyke to be cut back
Peter Thatcher needs to supply a photograph for the web site
Gote Bridge Corner Stone on going

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 5th November 2019

Signed Date