

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

**HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL ON TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024**

**Present:** Councillors: Mrs Hodgson, M Humphrey and Mrs E Bramley  
Councillors Thatcher, Mrs N Hemsall,  
Councillors Mrs D Cutler and S King

**Apologies:** Councillor G Booth

39/24 **Public Participation**

None

40/24 Minutes of meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

41/24 No additional items for consideration

42/24 Councillor Humphrey declared a personal or prejudicial interest in any item concerning the Community Hall as he is a member of the Playing Field Committee.

43/24 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

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(1) **Highway Matters**

Nothing to report

(2) **Speed Watch**

Session held at our more frequent time of 8-9 am recorded 6% speeding.  
The session held between 4 and 5 pm which is a time motorists are not used to seeing us in Gorefield had 21% recorded as speeding.

The highest percentages recorded at over 30 mph are in the tolerance level permitted 31 -34 mph. 20% and 32%

We have not been able to fill all the session times (1 hour slots from 8am until 6pm) that were proposed on the all day speed watch for Gorefield happening in May but the session times that volunteers have signed up for will go ahead.

Councillors suggested that information be put on face book again and possibly a leaflet drop again to try to encourage more volunteers from Gorefield.

(3) **Reports from Cambridgeshire and Fenland DC Councillors**

Councillor King reported that he had recently met the Local Highway Manager for Fenland and Huntingdon and the new Local Highways Officer for Gorefield, Alex Edgoose who takes up her post on 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Despite numerous emails and repeated phone calls regarding bus stops in the village no response has come from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, whose responsibility this is.

With regard to 45 Back Road 5 Back Rd The Local Highway Manager for Fenland and Huntingdon is chasing up the boundary map.

With regard to Oxfield Drove adoption Councillor King has spoken to the Head of Leisure and Open Spaces, Fenland District Council. Unfortunately there is a disagreement with the developers, Tilia Homes, about the open space area boundary to be adopted so this is likely to take some time to progress. There is no further update from Tilia about the Deed of Grant of Easement.

Gote Lane/High Road drainage update from the Assistant Design Engineer, Design & Delivery:

“I hope to get the design checked and approved for costing by end of April. I can share the designs once this stage is complete”

Meeting between Cllr Thatcher and the Local Highway Manager Fenland and Huntingdon on 17/4

The Local Highway Manager Fenland and Huntingdon has confirmed that all the following have been repaired:

Popple Drove  
Birds Drove  
Chalk Rd  
Bona Lane

The top end of Allens Drove just past Newlings and further down near Chalk Road is in the process of being repaired

Hopefully planings will also be laid on some of the informal pull-in places on Wolf Lane

Warning signage has been deployed on the entire length of Goredike Bank

The Local Highway Manager Fenland and Huntingdon is meeting the Green Team Manager today to inspect the hedges

Quotes have been requested for various signage.

Local Highway Improvements

Speed warning signs for the school area

As these are classified as a non-complex LHI, I contacted the Senior Project Manager, Design & Delivery, who is leading on the non-complex schemes. The recommendation will be considered at the Highways and Transport meeting on 2/7. He has confirmed that the school LHI bid will be assessed on battery or solar powered flashing 20mph signs:

Local Highway Improvements

Bellamys Bridge

The Group Manager, Design & Delivery and the Senior Project Manager, Design & Delivery has confirmed that the application was withdrawn as £30,000 had been allocated from another funding source. They have also confirmed that this amount will cover all the works and investigations.

(4) **Village Voices**

Talks are being held with Fens Magazine.

(5) **Play Equipment ROSPA Annual Inspection**

Copy of this to be sent to Fenland Leisure services for a quotation for the repairs required

(6) **Co-Option of Councillors**

Nick Turner has now shown an interest in joining the Council but was unable to attend this meeting.

45/24 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

46/24 **PLANNING MATTERS**

**Planning applications:**

**F/YR24/0304/F** - Change of use of land to gypsy traveler's plot involving the siting of 2 residential mobile homes and 2 touring caravans, the formation of hardstanding, in filling of ditch (to create vehicular access) and erection of 1.8 m high fencing and a gate with 2.15 m high brick piers (retrospective) at land east of Fern House Birds Drove – this is development in the open countryside with no justification.

**F/YR24/0312/RM** – Reserved matters application relating to detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale (Plot 5 only) pursuant to outline permission F/YR23/0548/O to erect up to 1 dwelling (2 storey 4 bed) with detached garage at land west of 176 High Road 9 - Gorefield Parish Council have no objections with what is proposed for this site but are still very concerned with the access which is very near the junction with Hassockhill Drove and there is no footpath on either side of the road at this point.

47/24 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Accounts to be paid:**

	<b>Cheq No</b>	<b>Nett</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>
Zurich (Annual insurance renewal)	101143	£1,821.87	0.00	£1,821.87
CAPALC (annual subscription and Data Protection)				
	101144	£532.78	0.00	£532.78
North Level IDB (drainage rates)	101145	£378.76	0.00	£378.76
ROSPA (Annual inspection)	101146	£175.20	0.00	£175.20
Cambs Acre (annual subscription)	101147	£54.17	10.83	£65.00
Auditing Solutions (Internal Audit)	101148	£260.00	52.00	£312.00

**Balance of Accounts**

Current account	£16,225.04
Business Premium account	£21,571.72
High Interest account	<u>£5,892.69</u>
	£43,689.45

48/24 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Nothing further to report

Date of next meeting: **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (Allotment Inspection) at 6.30 pm meeting at Community Hall followed by Council Meeting at 7 pm at Gorefield Church Hall.**

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