

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL ON TUESDAY 2ND JULY 2024

Present: Councillors: Mrs Hodgson, M Humphrey, Mrs E Bramley and Thatcher
Councillors S King and Mrs D Cuttler

Apologies: Councillor G Booth and Mrs N Hemsall

59/24 **Public Participation**

None

60/24 Minutes of meeting held on 4th June 2024 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

61/24 Confidential item to be discussed at the end of the meeting

62/24 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.

63/24 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

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(1) **Highway Matters**

Nothing to report all items will follow in report from Cambs County Councillor

(2) **LHI Application**

Information to follow in Cambs Councillor report

(3) **Speed Watch**

All day sessions have been completed in all five villages and reflect similar findings. In Gorefield CSW started sessions later and finished earlier than in the other villages because of lack of volunteer availability.

The data collected shows that raising awareness is having an effect because although the motorists do not know which village we will turn up in on any day they are aware of the times we usually operate. During the times we

usually speed watch we monitored lower percentages speeding than at all other times throughout the day.

The July schedule was prepared before the data was collated but I will look at putting on sessions in August during the times that returned higher percentages.

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

Report from Councillor King Cambs CC Councillor:

Local Bus Services

Following on from the last meeting Councillor Nethsigha has cancelled a meeting concerning the bus services until a relevant officer from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combines Authority is available to attend

Encroachment on Back Road

This has been passed on to enforcement officer

Oxfield Drive

Tilia Homes are really struggling with a third party landowner with regard to the Deed of Easement so currently it is at a standstill.

Information received from the Head of Leisure and Open Spaces, Fenland District Council: "Date of adoption would be up to the legal people.

Speed Warning Signs for School area

Will be considered at the Highways and Transport meeting on 2nd July

High Road, Gorefield road markings

Have now been completed

Bellamy Bridge

Funding is now in place to provide new warning signs and road markings and any minor improvements that are identified

Traffic Lights on Sutton Road

The work on the replacement of these has now commenced and should be completed by 12th July

Road resurfacing at Church Road Leverington

Is planned to commence on 9th September to 4th October.

Missing 30 mph sign High Road Gorefield

The cost for this has been requested by a local highways officer

Blocked drainage gullies on Allen's Drove Bridge, junction of Decoy Road

Theses have now been cleared

Additional Wolf Lane planings

As these are man made passing areas it is more difficult to get planning put in them.

Gote Lane/High Road drainage

This is still ongoing with the finalised design still being checked

Weed spraying

Has now been reinstated and work will be commencing week beginning 1st July 2024: Newton, Tydd St Giles, Gorefield, Leverington, Wisbech St Mary and Parson Drove

Meeting with Cambs Highways officer

Councillor Thatcher had a very successful trip around the village and the majority of the repairs requested have now been carried out. Councillor Thatcher asked Councillor King if it is possible to have grips put in the grass verges along Wolf Lane to remove lying water.

Councillor Mrs Hodgson asked Councillor King to congratulate Cambs CC for doing the verge cutting at exactly the right time.

(5) Quotation for repairs to play equipment

Revised quotation received for carry necessary repairs to the play equipment (£2,838.70 + VAT. This is now acceptable and contractors to be given the go ahead

(6) Co-Option of Councillors

No prospective Councillors attended the meeting

65/24 CORRESPONDENCE

Unfortunately an e-mail received from Tydd St Giles re Stagecoach Route 50 Bus Service was missed last month as it went in the spam box. They are trying to arrange a meeting to discuss this bus route. Clerk will contact them to ask if a meeting was held.

66/24 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning application:

F/YR24/0493/F - Erect a 2 storey rear extension and a detached garage (with storage above) to existing dwelling involving demolition of existing rear extension and outbuildings at Decoy Farm Decoy Road - the extension is not in keeping with the existing dwelling and size and style is not in keeping with other dwellings in the surrounding area.

Planning applications approved:

F/YR24/0374/F – Convert integral garage to form additional living accommodation to existing dwelling – Threeways 70 High Road

F/YR24/0312/RM – detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale – Plot 5 only pursuant to outline permission – land west of 176 High Road

67/24 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Account to be paid:

None

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£8,653.70
Business Premium account	£31,652.39
High Interest account	<u>£5,914.73</u>
	£46,220.82

68/24 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Change of day for Parish Council meetings:

Monday evenings are now available from 7 pm in the Community Hall. As not all Councillors were able to attend this meeting clerk to send an e-mail asking if everyone is happy to change to a Monday evening.

Date of next meeting: **Monday 12th August 2024 at 7 pm in the Community Hall**

Signed Date