

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2024

Present: Councillors: Mrs Hodgson, M Humphrey, N Turner, Mrs E Bramley, P Thatcher and Mrs Hemsall

Three members of the public

Apologies: Councillors S King, Mrs D Cutler and G Booth

89/24 **Public Participation**

Two members of the public attended to voice their objections to planning application F/24/0703/F. They have concerns about the location which is very rural, with very poor telephone and mobile signals and poor road access with no pavements. Also loss of a dwelling. They have made their comments to the planning Department.

Another member of the public who is the agent for F/Y24/0772/O gave a brief outline to Councillors concerning this application.

90/24 Minutes of meeting held on 9th September 2024 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

91/24 Confidential item to be discussed at the end of the meeting

92/24 Councillors Humphrey and Turner declared a personal or prejudicial interest in any item concerning the Community Hall as they are members of the Playing Field Committee.

93/24 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

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(1) **Highway Matters**

Nothing to report

(2) **Speed Watch**

Councillor Mrs Cutler sent the following report:

The speed watch monitor was malfunctioning so sessions have had to cease. The earliest date for a replacement is 18th October but that is in some doubt.

Roadside sessions will begin again as soon as a functioning monitor is received.

(3) **LHI Noncomplex Application – Successful/Unsuccessful**

Unfortunately the school application for flashing 20 mph signs was unsuccessful coming seventh with the first 6 being successful. Comment was made that only £500 was allocated from the Parish Council and this should have been £1,000 as other Councils.

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

Councillor King was unable to attend due to ill health and no report has been received

Councillor Mrs Cutler sent the following report:

She is offering to organise visiting groups to attend events in Gorefield such as Fenland Community Safety Partnership Team and Volunteer Cambs. Agreed that this would be a very good idea. Clerk will contact Councillor Mrs Cutler

95/24 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

96/24 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Affordable Housing Scheme (exception site) on land at Wolf Lane

There is still a 50% split within the Council for and against the development

Location is not suitable as the access is on to a very narrow road

Over development

Local school would not cope with the influx of new families.

Planning applications

F/YR24/0730/F – change of use of existing dwelling to a specialist children’s home and the erection of a detached associated office building – Richmond View 84 Cattle Dyke – concerns raised as to the suitability of the location, highway safety, no street lighting and no pavement. Neighbours comments should be taken into consideration.

F/YR24/0772/O – Erect up to 9 dwellings (outline application with all matters reserved) at land south of 4 -16 Back Road – access on to a very narrow road with no pavement, situated in Flood Zone 3, Letters of support are copies of the same letter and should be treated as only 2.

F/YR24/0782/F – erect a single storey side and rear extensions and a front porch to existing dwelling – Homefield Fendyke Lane – no objections

Planning application approved:

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 – Decoy Farm Decoy Road

97/24 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Internal Auditors letter of engagement

Is acceptable and was signed by the Chairman

External auditors report and certificate 2023/24

Points were noted and will be acted upon

Council Budget for the last 6 months and bank reconciliation

Payments are proceeding in line with those set out in the Precept

Bank reconciliation is correct and was signed off by the Chairman

Account to be paid:

	Cheq No	Nett	VAT	Gross
Scribe (accounts package)	d/d	£12.00	2.40	£14.40
Gorefield Village Hall (replacement cheque as previous one mislaid)				
	101157	£80.00	0.00	£80.00
R Gagen (clerk’s salary 6 months)	101154	£1,912.40	0.00	£1,912.40
HMRC (tax on clerk’s salary)	101155	£341.80	0.00	£341.80
R Gagen (clerk’s expenses 6 months)	101156	£84.20	0.00	£84.20

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£13,361.75
Business Premium account	£31,652.39
High Interest account	<u>£5,914.73</u>
	£50,928.87

98/24 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Clerk will obtain wreaths Councillor Mrs Bramley will have one for the school and Councillor Thatcher will take one to the Church

Trees are now ready for planting at Oxfield Drive. Elses Leverington Common have donated stakes and guards. Letter of thanks to be sent.

Browns Bridge is 200 years old this year.

Date of next meeting: **Monday 11th November 2024 at 7 pm in the Community Hall**

Signed Date