

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2024

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

Apologies: Councillors Mrs N Hemsall, N Turner, Mrs D Cutler and G Booth

99/24 **Public Participation**

No members of the public attended

100/24 Minutes of meeting held on 14th October 2024 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

101/24 Confidential item to be discussed at the end of the meeting

102/24 Councillor Humphrey declared a personal or prejudicial interest in any item concerning the Community Hall as he is a members of the Playing Field Committee.

103/24 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Village sign base

This needs some repairs doing to it. Councillor Humphrey will ask Mr Kimber to have a look at it.

Community Carol Service

Councillor and Mrs Thatcher will be attending

Boundary Encroachment and overgrown hedges

Visibility at junctions along Leverington Common is very poor. This to be reported to Councillor King. The hedge encroachment at Back Road/Wolf Lane has been reported but no response has been received. The hedge at 73 High Road is very over grown and obscures visibility from Cattle Dyke. Clerk to write to owners.

104/24 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

A local resident has e-mailed information regarding the Gote Lane puddle issue. He observed workmen doing work on three manholes on the east side of Cattle Dyke. They did not look at the one on Gote Lane which is bunged up (photographs were attached showing this). Clerk has sent this information onto Councillor King for his input.

(2) **Speed Watch**

Councillor Mrs Cutler sent the following report:

A temporary hand help replacement device is now being used. Using this device is not without problems, it looks like a mobile phone and there the assumption is made that we are taking photographs. Should the Parish Council receive any complaints you can assure them that the device only records the speed the vehicle is travelling at. Should complainants wish to discuss further please ask them to either contact Cambridgeshire Constabulary or me by e-mail csw.wsmppeward@gmail.com. Over the last two weeks sessions have been held in the other villages. Three hours worth of sessions are schedule to take place in Gorefield during this week.

(3) **Local Highway Improvement Initiative 2025/26**

It was agreed that as the school was unsuccessful with the bid for 20mph flashing signs the Parish Council will resubmit again.

(4) **Play Area Repairs**

The small gate at the entrance to the play area is broken. The spring that keeps it closed is broken and OLP are not able to supply a replacement spring. They have supplied a quotation for a replacement gate for the sum of £2,650.80 + VAT. It was agreed that was too expensive. Councillor Humphrey will approach a local engineer for his suggestions as to whether the gate can be repaired or his price to supply a replacement.

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

Councillor King did not attend this meeting and no report has been received

Councillors Mrs Cuttler and M Humphrey had nothing further to report.

105/24 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

106/24 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning applications:

Councillor Humphrey declared a personal or prejudicial interest in the following item and took no part in the decision making process

F/YR24/0891/O – Erect 1 dwelling (outline application with all matters reserved) at land north of Meadow Cottage Allens Drove – situated in open countryside with no justification, also in Flood Zone 3

F/YR24/0832/RM – Reserved matters application relating to detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale (Plot 4 only) – have no objections to the layout but are still concerned about the position of the access and lack of footway in front of these properties

F/YR24/0872/F– erect a single storey extension to existing detached garage to create an annexe (1 bed) ancillary to existing dwelling – Montague House 31 Cattle Dyke – no objections

Planning application approved:

F/YR24/0304/F – Change of use of land to gypsy traveller’s plot involving the siting of 2 x residential mobile homes and 2 touring caravans, the formation of hard standing, infilling of ditch (to create vehicular access) and erection of 1.8m high fencing and a gate with 2.15m high brick piers (retrospective)

Planning enforcement

F/YR21/150/F – The Cottage 314 Leverington Common – this was granted permission for one pitch only containing no more than two caravans. Now the site has been divided into more plots contain more mobile homes. Recently two old mobile homes have been moved out and left on a field access and on the road blocking it. This matter to be reported to planning enforcement.

107/24 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Account to be paid:

	Cheq No	Nett	VAT	Gross
Scribe (accounts package)	d/d	£12.00	2.40	£14.40
PKF Littlejohn (annual audit)	101158	£210.00	42.00	£252.00
Online Playgrounds (play area repairs)	101159	£2,838.70	567.74	£3,406.44
Royal British Legion (wreaths)	101160	£33.34	6.66	£40.00
Fenland DC (Land rent)	101161	£50.00	0.00	£50.00

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£9,598.91
Business Premium account	£31,652.39
High Interest account	<u>£5,914.73</u>
	£47,166.03

108/24 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Thatcher laid a wreath at Church on Sunday.

The local school held an event on Monday and a wreath was laid on the memorial in the Chapel yard

Date of next meeting: **Monday 9th December 2024 at 7 pm in the Community Hall**

Signed Date