

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

**HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

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

**Apologies:** Councillors Mrs D Cutler and G Booth

One member of the public

109/24 **Public Participation**

A member of the public attended the meeting and wished to report a problem with a hedge on the corner of Wolf Lane and Back Road which is over hanging and restricting vision around the corner. This will be reported to Cambs CC.

110/24 Minutes of meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

111/24 There were no additional items for consideration

112/24 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.

113/24 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

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(1) **Highway Matters**

Gote Lane puddle is still being an issue. Drains are blocked and require cleaning out. Will be reported

(2) **Resignation of Councillor Mrs Hemsall**

Unfortunately due to work commitments Councillor Mrs Hemsall has had to resign from the Council. Councillors have much appreciated her valuable contribution to the Council and she will be greatly missed.

(3) **Speed Watch**

Councillor Mrs Cuttler on behalf of Community Speed Watch has requested financial help towards the purchase of batteries for the new hand held device they are now using. It is not possible to use re-chargeable batteries so new batteries will have to be purchased on a regular basis. The cost of the batteries to run sessions in Gorefield will be £16. It was agreed that the Parish Council will finance these.

Councillor Mrs Cutler sent the following report as she was unable to attend due to attending another meeting:

In November 3 sessions were held in Gorefield. They all recorded speeding.

We were without a Constabulary speed watch co-ordinator for some time but Julie is now fully into her new role. She raised concerns regarding the data our group has been returning and I met with her. Following on from the meeting Julie has attended roadside sessions with us. Not that our data was being questioned as inaccurate but witnessing it herself gives greater ammunition to call for police enforcement. During 2023 we were strongly supported with police enforcement but not so much in 2024 and the percentage we record speeding has been creeping up. Julie, having seen the data for all our sessions and her attendance at roadside with us supports our findings that speeding is an issue in all the villages our group covers. Therefore she will put actions in place for us to start receiving more enforcement. She will push for the Vision Zero Team, based in Cambridge to extend into our area to carry out enforcement.

(4) **Play Area Repairs**

The small entrance gate still needs to be repaired. Councillor Turner will have a look at it to see if the broken spring can be replaced.

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

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

Fenland DC Councillors had nothing further to report

Councillor Thatcher attended the Fenland DC Chairman's Carol Service on 6<sup>th</sup> December at St Peter's Church Wisbech

115/24 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

116/24 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Land at Wolf Lane comments to be made on updated position on Highways and education.

Councillors wished to make the following comments:

The Council is still 50/50 divided on this project.

There are still concerns over the location of the site and the infrastructure around it.

The lack of public transport to the village

They dispute the figures supplied for attendance at the local school. The Parish Council is advised that there are presently 99 children on role.

**Planning application:**

**F/YR24/0960/RM** – Reserved matters application relating to detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale (Plot 1 only) – land west of 176 High Road – no objections to the appearance of the dwelling but are still concerned with the positing of the access and the lack of footpath

**Application referred to Planning Committee:**

**F/YR24/0772/O** – erect up to 9 dwelling (outline application with all matters reserved) at Land south of 4 – 16 Back Road – Officer Recommendation is to refuse the application. Councillor Humphrey will attend the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council

**Planning applications approved:**

**F/YR24/0730/F** – Change of use of existing dwelling to specialist children’s home and the erection of a detached associated office building - Richmond View 84 Cattle Dyke

**F/YR24/0782/F** – Erect a single storey side and rear extensions and a front porch to existing dwelling – Homefield Fendyke Lane.

117/24 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Account to be paid:**

	<b>Cheq No</b>	<b>Nett</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>
Scribe (accounts package)	d/d	£12.00	2.40	£14.40

**Balance of Accounts**

Current account			£9,613.85	
Business Premium account				
£31,652.39				
High Interest account			<u>£5,914.73</u>	
			£47,180.97	

118/24 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Alan Holt who attended the meeting as a member of the public has agreed to be co-opted on to the Council. Everyone was pleased to welcome him back

Village sign base still needs repairing – clerk to e-mail Mr Kimber for a quote

The local school would like to have a salt bin and Councillor Mrs Bramley was wondering whether Fenland DC would supply one. It was agreed that as the one situated on High Road is not used it could be moved up to the re-cycling area and used by the school.

The hedge along the front of the school playing field is very over grown and overhangs the path. Clerk to write to the school.

Date of next meeting: **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7 pm in the Community Hall**

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