

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON 11TH MAY 2026

Present: Councillors: Mrs L Hodgson, M Humphrey, A Holt, N Turner, P Thatcher, Mrs S Clark and Mrs E Bramley

Apologies: Councillors: Mrs D Cutler and G Booth

One member of the public

41/26 **Public Participation**

Member of the public who attended the meeting did not wish to make any comments

42/26 Minutes of meeting held on 13th April 2026 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

43/26 There were no additional items for consideration

44/26 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. Councillor Mrs Clark declared a personal or prejudicial interest in any item concerning Fenland Planning Committee as she is a substitute member of the Planning Committee

45/26 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

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(1) **Highway Matters**

Meeting to be arranged for Councillors Thatcher and Mrs Clarke to meet with the Highways officer to look around at the bad state the roads are in.

Overhanging trees are causing a problem along the High Road. Letter to be sent to occupier Chairman to deliver.

(2) **Speed Watch**

No report received

(3) **Play Equipment**

Annual report received. Councillor Turner will have a look at and see if he is able to do some of the repairs required.

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

Nominations are open for Pride in Fenland

(5) **Web site and e-mail addresses**

This has now been applied for including e-mail address for clerk and Councillors

47/26 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Invitation for Chairman and one other to attend Chairman of Fenland DC Reception to be held on 3rd July at Gorefield Community Hall. Chairman will attend and another Councillor to be confirmed at next meeting.

48/26 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning application received:

F/YR26/0281/F – Change of use of land for siting of 2 containers and temporary siting of caravan for agricultural worker (retrospective) at Caravan Allens Orchard Cattle Dyke – It is situated in an elsewhere location with no justification

F/YR26/0334/PIP – Planning in principal for the erection of up to 9 residential dwellings on existing residential land, involving demolition of existing dwelling – at 25 Cattle Dyke – in an elsewhere location, will be harmful to the character of the open countryside, located in Flood Zone 3, there does not seem to be a need for these dwelling in a low growth village taking into consideration all the other applications that have recently been approved.

Planning applications refused:

F/YR26/0191/F – Erect 1 dwelling involving the demolition of existing outbuilding at land west of 7 Back Road

F/YR26/0136/F – Erect 1 dwelling for occupation as a children's home for 1 child (C2 use) and culvert across existing drain – land north of 84 Cattle Dyke

49/26 **Financial Matters:**

Internal Audit Report

Was circulated to Councillors before the meetings and points noted

Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26

Was approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman and clerk

Annual Accounting Statements 2025/26

Was approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman

Account to be paid:	Nett	VAT	Gross
Scribe(Accounts package) d/d	£12.00	2.40	£14.40
Zurich (insurance)	£2,162.40	0.00	£2,162.40
Auditing Solutions Ltd (internal audit)	£280.00	56.00	£336.00
ROSPA (Annual inspection)	£151.00	30.20	£181.20
Cambs Acre (subscription)	£62.08	12.42	£74.00
Balance of Accounts			
Current account		£21,586.11	
Business Premium account		£32,389.78	
High Interest account		<u>£6,052.77</u>	
		£60,028.66	

50/26 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

School hedge – several residents have complained about this overhanging the path. Write ti school again saying that if nothing is done Cambs Highways will be asked to get it done and the school will be required to pay them.

Planning enforcement – Seaford Farm Cross Drove – waiting for the submission of a planning application.

Street Pride carried out a litter pick along Wolf Lane – still loads of rubbish in the drain will be reported again.

Date of next meeting: **Monday 8th June 2026**

Signed Date