

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2026

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

Councillors C Tirrell and Mrs D Cutler

Apologies: Councillor G Booth

81/26 Public Participation

No members of the public attended the meeting

82/26 Minutes of meeting held on 10th August 2026 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

83/26 A confidential item will be discussed at the end of the meeting

84/26 Councillors Humphrey and Turner declared a personal or prejudicial interest in any item concerning the Community Hall as he is 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

85/26 MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

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(1) Highway Matters

Councillor Tirell reported that verge cutting had taken place outside the village and the village cut should follow shortly. Other outstanding matters have been reported but nothing is likely to happen at the present. MacMillan Coffee morning is being held on 23rd September at Murrow.

(2) Speed Watch

Councillor Mrs Cuttler reported that some sessions are being held in Gorefield but more could be held if volunteers could be found. As the leaflet drop was not successful Councillor Cutler may follow this up by door knocking.

(3) Play Equipment

Councillor Turner has visited the site to carry repairs but thee has been too many children playing there. Will try again later.

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

Fenland District and Parish elections will now be held May 2027. Due to the concerns over emergency provision at King's Lynn Hospital they are being asked to send a representative to speak to the Overview and Scrutiny committee.

(5) **Letting of land at Cattle Dyke**

As Councillor Turner has a personal interest in the following item he left the meeting whilst discussions took place

There are three parties interested in renting the 5½ acres of land at Cattle Dyke. The land was let at £110 per acre but one of the applicants has offered a lot higher price per acre. One of the applicants already farms the adjoining 3 acres so if they were given the tenancy then it would make a much larger block to let later on. Because there are three applicants it was agreed that the land should be let by tender to the three people who have shown an interest.

There is now one vacant allotment at Churchill Road. The person who showed in interest at the inspection evening should be offered it.

(6) **E-mail from tenant concerning removal of shed from Cattle Dyke**

The shed was already on the allotment when he took over and other peoples tractors have cause the collapse. Councillor Humphrey will arrange for the shed to be removed.

87/26 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

88/26 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning application received:

F/YR26/0619/F – erect entrance gates with a 3.2 metre high archway and attached CCTV surveillance camera to existing dwelling (retrospective) – 41A Cattle Dyke – no objections

Planning application approved:

F/YR26/0488/RM – Reserved matters application relating to detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale (Plot3 only) – land west of 176 High Road

89/26 **Financial Matters:**

Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26

The comment made was that the clerk did not make proper provision during 2025/26 for the exercise of public rights. This has been carried out correctly this year.

Assertion 10 concerning the setting up of .gov web site and e-mail addresses was not completed in time for this return but have since been completed. This was explained to the auditors and they are now satisfied.

Completed return has now been posted on the web site along with a notice of conclusion of audit.

Letter of engagement for internal auditor

Agreed that this was acceptable and will be signed by the Chairman and returned.

Account to be paid:	Nett	VAT	Gross
Scribe (Accounts package)	d/d £12.00	2.40	£14.40
Fenland DC (streetlight recharge)	d/p £4,187.94	837.59	£5,025.53
PFK Littlejohn (external audit)	d/p £210.00	42.00	£252.00

Balance of Accounts

Current account	£18,174.08
Business Premium account	£32,482.07
High Interest account	<u>£6,070.02</u>
	£56,726.17

90/26 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Property at Birds Drove has been reported to Planning Enforcement following the erection of a fence around a piece of agricultural land.

Fly tipping at Harold Bridge was reported and has now been cleared away.

Cambs Acre provided 6 slow cookers which were distributed at the recent coffee morning.

Street Pride insurance has been paid.

Councillor Mrs Clark will be participating in a Police meeting. E scooters are a problem in the village.

Defibrillator training 19th October not many asked to attend as yet. To be advertised more widely.

Date of next meeting: **Monday 12th October 2026**

Signed Date