

Gotherington Parish Council Minutes. April 2024

The Rex Rhodes Building on Tuesday 9h April 2024 at 7pm.

Members of the Council were summoned to attend for the business of considering and resolving upon the matters as set out below.

Public Questions: Member of GET team reported concerns about the scope of the Shutter Island project. They have identified an issue with the pole containing the VAS sign/bus stop sign/speed repeater sign and proposed GPC either remove or relocate the pole. GPC agreed to investigate and report back.

RESIDENT Mavis Rear made three points.

- A. She asked if Council are aware that footpath AG020 to be diverted around the Southern perimeter of the Hayfield Home development – council confirmed they are aware.
- B. She is also concerned the corner leading to the new development at The Butts have been widened at the grass verge and levelled. Council is aware and believe the original width will be reinstated at completion.
- C. She is concerned about the possible junction of AG06/AG012 still being closed and the hedge has had some groundwork done and now has large gap between the two points. Council will investigate the works done. Cllr Meller to discuss with Hilary Grace and also contact Firstport if needed.

RESIDENT Simon Tarling discussed Hayfields development including the piling and dilapidation surveys carried out on some properties. He asked about all communication between residents and Hayfields now being channeled through GPC. Council agreed to be a conduit to streamline information stream.

No declaration made to film or record the meeting.

(1) To receive apologies. None received, all present.

(2) No declarations of interest to items on the agenda.

(3) Minutes approve the last meeting.

(4) Report from Borough Councillors. Written report received.

(5) Reports from Parish Councillors on meetings attended.

- Cllr Meller confirmed meeting with Mike McGraham to discuss the drainage issues on FF.

- Cllr Mellor attended Community Orchard meeting and presented plan to plant additional trees throughout the village. See item 18 below.
- Chair confirmed meeting with BCPC to discuss Strategic gap between our villages. See 1. In projects below.

PROJECTS

1; Strategic Local Plan: updates regarding meetings to discuss **BIS16**. Chair attended meeting with BCPC to discuss the strategic gap and the inclusion of BIS16 parcel to the Strategic Local Plan. They confirmed they are committed to protecting the gap and will work with GPC to advance this. Claire Smith Marriott (Planning admin officer for BCPC) discussed TBC objection to new school planning application including reference to LAN3 as it will infringe into the strategic gap. GPC agreed that in future we might call on Claire Smith-Marriott to help with our objection if necessary.

2; Junction of AGO12 and 6: Cllr Meller to report -

- We are aware that the deadline for all footpaths to be included in the Definitive Map is the end of 2025
 - In June 2023 the Glos. branch of the Ramblers' Association researched this junction and concluded that in their opinion there is a legal right of way between AGO6 & AGO12.
 - Mark Snape (developer at The Butts, Shutter Lane) will be required to "make good" AGO12 after completion of the new builds.
 - In previous communication with Hilary Grace she had concluded that in her view AGO6 & AGO12 do NOT join and would not support any work by the Cotswold Wardens.
 - First Port, who now manage The Grange, will need to be consulted on their view on this matter.
- Council agreed we need to look back through the original planning applications for The Grange development to see if an access point to the development was discussed at that time. Cllr McLarnnon and Clerk to action. Also, Cllr Dean to look at his original house purchase info to find reference to access.

3; Defibrillator: Unit and box now installed. Chair and Clerk signed up to the portal to manage the unit. We are waiting for the unit to be adopted by the emergency services and final testing to take place. More work needs to be done to the box itself. Chair to investigate quotes for sandblasting. If not, volunteers to be sought to help with redecorating outside.

4; War Memorial: Cllr Meller gave report on progress of this project. Conservation architect report due imminently. Contractor engaged. Open event took place at The Old Chapel where 40+ people attended. The displays detailing the plans were well received. A request for additional funds yielded and additional £415.00 paid to PC ringfenced fund this month.

5; Moat Farm ball netting: Ongoing.

6; Chemicals stored in RRB: Cllr Neighbour spoke to cleaner, and all products have now been moved.

7; Condition of footpaths. Residents have highlighted issues with pavements throughout the village
 GPC agreed to develop a report detailing the issues which can be sent to GCC. Social media to be used to encourage residents to report issues using the GCC FixMyStreet portal.

8; To agree the Public Rights of Way maintenance schedule and contractor for 2024: update from councillor Meller. Now The Meadow does not need cutting with a machine, we have highlighted that strimming of footpath edges has become a priority. Council to agree a map of the footpaths which need attention and then we will invite contractors to tender for the work. We will need to have sight of their insurance policies for the work. Also, letter to be sent to residents with boundaries adjacent to these footpaths to remind them of their obligations. Chair to develop letter for agreement by all.

9; Car park: update regarding quotes for repair work to carpark – **Ongoing.**

10; Meadow development issues; Jon Jones of Hayfields emailed a progress update to Chair. Confirmed pilling completed. Drainage will now be worked on and installed. Archaeological report will be completed in 3 weeks time and report will follow.

11; Self-Watering Planters – this project is dependent on volunteers – Chair to draft letters and get approval before sending to residents.
12; Volunteer work. – DOE volunteer works completed. Motion to send thank you card. Approved
13; Flooding on Manor Lane and Gretton road. Action to progress. Reports of flood to be logged – Ongoing
14; Pétanque Club Bench: update on progress. Ongoing.
15; New noticeboard by school: Examples and costings for new noticeboard. Cllr Meller showed examples and discussed options - confirmation of site to be confirmed before decision on which example is finalised.
16; Rear of RRB Clean-up. Response from GHN or alternative plan. Chair to email GHN to discuss them paying for a skip then volunteers to complete clean up
17; Gate at tennis courts: issues around change to BST. Tennis club highlighted issues with the internal clock in the locking system not changing to BST so lock did not update, and hirers could not gain access. Chair and Clerk to develop email to be sent to company.
18; Community Orchard Funding Event: to see if any funding is available for GPC – Funding is available - location for new trees would need to be found - possible ideas - The Grange - Lawrences' Meadow – local farmers
Finance. To agree previously circulated invoices and expenditure. Clerk's hours: no additional hours this month - Approved. Course 1/3 to start clerk training £120 + VAT per year - The Financial Introduction to Local Council Administration (FILCA) is an online sector specific learning tool to support all new Responsible Financial Officers (RFO's) in England and Wales (or officers who have a financial element to their job role). Approved TBC - Cutting grass - £2,077.38 (for 2024) - Approved. Cleaners invoice: £270 - Approved.
Planning - To consider a response regarding the following Planning Applications: 24/00082/FUL Removal/Variation of condition 3, 7, 8, 9, 11, and 15 of the planning application ref number 21/00638/FUL (Retrospective) Homelands Farm Gotherington Lane Bishops Cleeve Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL52 8EN No objection Appeal Notification - 23/00678/FUL - 39 Gretton Road Gotherington Cheltenham Gloucestershire (Appeal is for - The appellant is appealing against condition 3 and 4 of the Council's decision.) Conditions 3 & 4 are: 3. The use hereby permitted shall only take place between the following hours. Monday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm, Saturday 9.00am - 2.00pm, Sundays – Closed, Public Holidays – Closed - Reason: To minimise potential noise and disturbance impacts on surrounding dwellings. 4. No more than 1 dog shall be kept at the site at any one time. The operators of the site shall keep records of the dogs, and these shall be made available for inspection at all reasonable times by officers from the local planning authority. GPC response - No objection with hours – make comment that no more than 3 dogs on site at any one time - Clerk to email response to TBC.

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New school building planning application - 2 form entry - response needed. Cllr McLarnnon to develop but it was agreed to approach Claire from BCPC if we need assistance.

AOB FOR NEXT AGENDA

1. Playing field - discuss drainage issues and missing manhole

2. New councillors

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 14th May 2024

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