

GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

8th October 2024 at 7:05pm

Venue: Rex Rhodes Building, Gotherington.

Present: Councillors; Beverly Osborne (Chair), Steve Neighbour (Vice Chair), Hannah Fry, Tim Fawke, Andrew Daniel, Anthony Lidington and Hayley Brain.

Attendees: Cllr. Cheryl Agg, Clerk/RFO, Selina Holder and eight members of the public.

24.10.08.1 No apologies.

24.10.08.2 Cllr. Brain declared interest with Item 5 - Gretton Rd.

24.10.08.3 To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2024
Council approves the minutes and Chair accepts and signed

24.10.08.4 Reports from Borough Councillors and County Councillors.
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24.10.08.5 Reports from parish councillors on external meetings.
All Councillors confirm that all external meetings attended are on the agenda.

Public Session **Resident 1** – Attended as she was interested in the test pitches being carried out opposite the Farmers Arms, she asked if it was still within the Gotherington boundary - Chair confirmed she was correct.
Chair noted that it was also on the agenda for further discussion. (page1/Item 2)

Resident 2 - Asked who has responsibility for the drainage in Manor Lane.
Chair noted that it was also on the agenda for further discussion. (page1/Item 1)

Resident 3- Has three items to discuss.

1 – What is happening about the drainage in Gretton Road. Sandbags have been on the path and road for 6+ months due to flooding and ongoing drainage problems. She wanted an update about what the Gloucestershire Highways are planning to do about the problem.

Chair noted that it was also on the agenda for further discussion. (page1/Item 1)

2- She requested representation from Gotherington Parish council to go to Bishops Cleeve Parish council and speak about the mess in Gotherington Lane. Litter and overgrown hedgerow as you come into Gotherington and the overgrown weeds on the verges outside of the food outlets.

The new cycleway/Footpath is currently closed, due to another reason. But the cycleway has not been maintained and again has overgrown hedges and weeds. She also mentions that the cycleway will continue to flood until the brook has been cleared.

She states that because the water comes down off the hill and it used to flow down into the brook to drain away, but now due to the new cycle path the water is now flooding and causing a bad bend in general to become dangerous.

Chair advises the resident that the land has not been adopted by Bishop Cleeve yet and the responsibility still is still with the developer.

County councillor Cheryl Agg advises that she herself has had to drive Gotherington lane to attend the meeting and that although the developer has not handed the land over to Bishop Cleeve, Gloucestershire County Council should be informed of the ongoing problem.

Chair noted that she has spoken to Bishops Cleeve and that they were not aware that the grass was not being maintained but also advised that the responsibility still lies to Vistry as the land has not been handed over.

3- The last point was about the footpath that goes around the back of the school, the footpath has not been maintained and that the trees are hanging over.

Chair advises that she has spoken to the school during the summer about the footpath and that she was told that the footpath would be maintained again after the nesting season in September.

Clerk to send a letter to the school asking them to arrange for the footpath to be maintained and that if it is not done by one calendar month of the letter, the parish will employ someone to carry out the work and charge the school.

Resident 4 - Asked who is looking into the problems with the chicane on Gotherington Lane, Chair advises that previously Max Kelly had been the person dealing with the ongoing issue but Borough Councillor Agg notes that Max has now left Gloucestershire Highway, and that Jacob Cottrell is the new Manager.

Chair advises the resident that the Gloucestershire Highways have attended and looked at the road and during the visit they saw for themselves how dangerous the road was. Chair also mentions that if anyone witnesses any issue with that part of the road or any others, they can log on report with Fix My Street.

Simon - Wanted to discuss 4 items.

- 1- Gotherington Parish is a low light parish, the lighting installed does not following the neighbourhood plan, Chair advises that the council were informed that the lights would be red to follow the neighbourhood plan.

Chair asks clerk to write a letter to Gloucestershire County Highways.

- 2- Ashmead drive hedging has not been cut, causing it to hang over. Simon asked if the council could send a reminder to the residents. Chair to contact the residents group
- 3- Hayfield have submitted an amendment to the drainage plan for the building work being carried out. With the flooding that has happened in the last 10-days Simon is concerned that if the amendment is approved the flooding would become worst, he noted that he has raised an objection on the planning portal and asked if the council would do the same. The council had not been advised of the amendments submitted. Simon will send the amendment to the clerk to share to the council.

- 4- The website security update: Simon had turned on the upgraded system within the last 7 days, he checked the report this afternoon:

284 attempts within the last 7 days and 0 successful.

Context for information, before the upgrade:

In August more than four thousand attempts with the majority being able to access the website but then failed when needing a password

In September it fell to around two thousand attempts, following reprogramming from Simon.

The council Thanks Simon for all his efforts and work he has done to achieve this.

Cllr. Lidington-Was approached by the owner of The Shutters Inn, 8 years ago the council add the pub to the community asset register, The listing needs to be renewed as only last for 5 years.

Chair notes this is to be added to the next Agenda.

Cllr. Lidington also proposed to the council about applying for a 20mph speed limit throughout the village. Chair explain that this has been investigated and the average speed following the investigation was 27mph.

The council will discuss in more detail. Cllr. Neighbour and Cllr. Lidington to contact Woodmancote Parish Council to discuss the speed watch project they have running.

Minute Ref.	Description	Latest update
24.10.08.1	Flooding in Gotherington.	Council discussed on going flooding within the village during extreme rain, Chair has sent a detailed plan showing where the flooding is flowing within the village. Council is doing everything possible to try to get a resolution. Gretton road resident have attended this meeting and raised ongoing concern with the flooding issue. Shutter Lane is also now flooding during severe weather. Cllr. Lidington notes that during the last storm the road was impassable. ONGOING.
24.10.08.2	Persimmon Homes.	A meeting with persimmon Homes has been arrange and the council will provide a full update the next parish meeting. Octobers update: Chair notes that she contacted Tewkesbury Borough council querying why the planning is under Bishops Cleeve when it is within Gotherington boundary and not Bishops Cleeve. The planning material does state it is Gotherington. Currently trial digs are taking place. Chair to put link onto the local WhatsApp so residents can see the application. Clerk to ensure that the website is up to date for the November meeting. ONGOING.
24.10.08.3	Vistry planning application meeting.	Chair showed council and attendees a plan on the covenant land between Gotherington and Bishops Cleeve. First meeting - Comparo And Vistry attended a meeting with the council, to discuss planning on BIS16. The walkway next to the new school on the planning would come into Gotherington boundary. They also want to discuss about developing the remaining land. The Developers were asked to respond with a proposal in writing. Council will provide more information as it becomes available. Second meeting – Bruton Knowles (land agent) and Jill Parkinson of Vistry met with the council. To discuss planning options on the land behind the school and down past the Lawns. They enquired if the school needed more land for fields or a carpark. The meeting was for information only and they were asked to put a proposal in writing. They also confirmed that the sale of the Trumans farms development was due to be completed by the end of the week. ONGOING.

24.10.08.4	Parking on Malleson road during events within the village.	Cllr. Daniel wrote to the local clubs explaining the councils ongoing concerns. The football club has replied mentioning that they have sent a message to all parties and will continue to send reminders. Council notes that issues have been slightly better since the communication. CLOSED.
24.10.08.5	Well-established hedges on Gretton road have been cut down to the ground by a resident.	Cllr. Brain declared interest on this item. Chair has submitted and a report to the planning enforcement team at Tewkesbury Borough Council. ONGOING.
24.09.10.6	Removal of the dog waste bins in the Grange development.	Clerk to contact Kaite for an update. ONGOING.
24.09.10.7	New bank account - for tennis court fund.	Deferred to November.
24.09.10.8	Tennis court project – Review scope of work and costing from Neil Bermingham.	Deferred to November.
24.09.10.9	Mobile network within the village - Council to discuss if network coverage can be made better within the village.	During September's council meeting, the council decided to do a poll for the residents to be able to have a view of the current signal issues and if they would like to see if anything can be done to help. Cllr. Daniel is managing the project. October's report - The poll has been made available online and can also be shared via message or WhatsApp. ONGOING.
23.12.12.10	Village Hall Carpark.	Work is now complete along with the new white lines. Chair asked that when the invoice is submitted by the contractor, that the clerk to review this with Neil Bermingham to confirm everything that was carried out was completed, and to then end to council for approval of payment. The council offer Thanks to Neil Bermingham for all his help with achieving the resurfacing. ONGOING.
24.09.10.11	Replacement sleeper needed for slide following the report from play safe.	Clerk has contacted Greenfields and waiting for quote to be emailed. Clerk has emailed Kopan requesting a quote for replacement sleeper.
24.02.02.12	Cleanup behind the RRB	Cllr. Fawke reports that the gutter is now fixed, and the tree removal is still planned for the 30th of Oct.

24.02.02.13	War Memorial.	ONGOING. Work is on hold due to the current weather also due to a small flooding issue, drill hole was made for the water to drain this has resolved the issue. A new plaque has been installed on the east side. ONGOING.
24.02.02.14	Moat farm ball netting.	Cllr. Brain sent photos of the saplings that could be used as another option. Chair has sent the photos to Chris Arnold (Tree surgeon) to identify them. ONGOING.
24.08.13.15	Weeds in playpark.	Cllr. Fawke reports that the weeds and mostly gone and the natural spray is working effectively. Cllr. Fawke to email the clerk an expense receipt to be reimbursed for the materials purchased to complete the project. Cllr. Fawke will also carry on spraying the area as and when required. CLOSED.
24.08.13.16	New public right of way signs for AGO12.	Signs have been requested. Chair will follow up to see when they are arriving. ONGOING
24.09.10.17	Health complaints at 74 Malleson road.	Environmental health has been informed. They are trying to trace the owner of 74 Malleson rd. ONGOING
2309.10.18	Removal of waste bin near the gazebo.	Chair to contact UBICO to see why the bin is not being emptied. If UBICO cannot collect the bin the chair will contact Orchard Engineering to remove the bin. A replacement bin to be discussed at next meeting and Cllr. Daniel will investigate housing cost for the bin and report during November. ONGOING.
24.08.13.19	Phone box renovation project.	Cllr. Lidington reports all the prep work is now complete and that due to the harsh weather they have been unable to do the topcoat of paint. It would need two dry days to allow the application of to the topcoat and give it chance to dry. ONGOING

24.08.13.20 Portable library location.

Council is seeking a new location for the portable library.

Cllr. Lidington to speak to The Shutters Inn to see if it could be located within the area or on Shutter Island.

ONGOING.

Finance

24.10.08.01 To note and conclusion of the Annual Audit for the year ending 31 March 2024 and to note any comments. **Noted and no Comments.**

24.10.08.02 To note and conclusion of the Audit Notice period 01/10/24 to 14/10/24. **Noted and no Comments.**

Payment Schedule for October 24

Clerk – Standard Hours. **Approved.**

Lyn Simms - Cleaning - £216 + £2.20 for toilet roll Total £218.18. **Approved.**

Ian Bishop - £5984.40– Payment phase one of restoration. **Approved.**

Notice Board Company (UK) Ltd. £972.00 – For new notice board. **Approved.**

PFK Little John £252.00 – Payment for AGAR 20203-2024. **Approved.**

Planning

No planning application sent during the last month due to cyber incident at TBC.

Items for inclusion on next agenda.

Scribe is a financial package for council. Clerk to report on cost.

Street signs need cleaning.

RRB – Wi-Fi project

Shutter Lane - during the last storm standing water caused flooding issues.

Cllr. Lidington proposed a 20MPH speed limit throughout the village.

The community asset register renewal for The Shutters Inn.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 12 November at 7pm
Meeting closed 8:45pm