

GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

M I N U T E S (subject to agreement at the next Council Meeting) of a meeting of Gotherington Parish Council held at **7.00pm** on Wednesday 11 August 2021 in the Rex Rhodes Building

Councillors Present: Howard Samuels (Chairman), Mavis Rear (Vice Chairman), Matt Dean, Bev Osborne, Jess Beddows

Also Present: Borough Councillors Mike Dean, Keja Berliner, 2 residents

21.08.01 Welcome

Chairman will call a minute's silence to remember the late Philip Smith, former Chairman of the Parish Council

Cllr Rear provided an interesting account of the work and fond memories of the former Chairman

.08.02 Apologies for Absence

Apologies accepted from Cllr Matt Dean and the Clerk

21.08.03 To receive declarations of interest/requests for dispensation for items on the agenda below.

No declarations/requests

21.08.04 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2021

The Minutes were approved as a true record

21.08.05 Parish Councillor vacancies – To co-opt new members

Applicants are invited to submit their details to the clerk 7 days before the meeting date

Cllr Samuels will continue to encourage new applicants

21.08.06 Public Participation

A resident has asked why a temporary footway cannot be provided for the Gotherington Lane closure

Enquiry raised with GCC

Comments:

New developments - people do enrich the village so must not be too negative and need to embrace the change. Appreciate the traffic is an issue but times have moved on. Fear of urbanisation.

Manor Lane application down for refusal. Appeal centered on count calculated. 5 year housing land supply should be reached to stop development- small amounts are welcome but not sustainable for large scale in the villages. Landscape issues that relied on last time which have not changed.

Garden Town - facilities and infrastructure to be provided- schools, shops, transport. Phase 1 land behind the Army camp, poss train bridge & new junction between 9 & 10 would be ideal! Big development but will be over time.

Lion Court going for non determination due to matter taking so long. Inspector won't look at previous plans & still we are expected to take more on.

21.08.07 To receive and request reports from County & Borough Councillors

Reports are invited to be sent in writing

County Councillor Hegenbarth submitted a written report re: funding available and new website format

Borough Councillor Dean advised that new Heritage Engagement Officer appointed and parishes asked to submit important heritage assets to be listed

21.08.08 To receive reports from Parish Councillors on external meetings attended

- receive Village Hall Committee minutes (available online)
- Airband - HS met with AirBand following numerous complaints by residents of not knowing what was going on. AirBand have sent explanation letters to all households to try to regain the loss of any goodwill. AirBand also made a suggestion of giving free broadband to the Village Hall. Wires going across Manor Lane which is a concern to residents and looks a mess. Malleson Road is underground but have made a real mess! Not sufficient consultation

21.08.09 Project Updates

1. VAS – confirmation of installation date – no information available and disappointed with leadtime
2. Tennis Courts – further to a meeting between the Tennis Club & Working Group the Council are asked to agree to support an application for S106 funding, encourage wider support, and to assist the Tennis Club by acting as fundholder – **the Council voted in favour of supporting an EOI for funding and will support as fundholder**
3. Broadband – providers as item 8- does include JWP & the Old Chapel. Unsure re latter.... Airwaves is super fast broadband so they may want to explore rather than BT
4. War Memorial – waiting for response from Glos County Council (Craig Freeman)
5. Gazebo – discuss style of building and investigate costs – JLB/MD to progress
6. Footpath improvements (CIL project) – MR to progress

21.08.10 To receive comments on play equipment schemes and decide on next steps for consultation

Following consultations with working group, playgroup and councillors to consider whether to take forward one of the schemes to an EOI

Not progressed. Cllr Osborne to provide further details from working group. Councillors to make site visit.

21.08.11 Planning Matters

Consultations:

21/00789/LBC Replacement of windows and door. The Stone House, 19 Malleson Road, Gotherington – No objection

21/00873/FUL Erection of raised platform, timber classroom/learning space, together with associated play deck, external decking area and curved ramp access, within the grounds of the Gotherington Primary School. – No objection

S106 condition – Manor Lane development - Discuss provision of a LEAP on site at Manor Lane or contribution to Freemans Field play area. Hopefully non starter but if they do get permission then there should be a play area on site. Waiting on Lioncourt to say where exactly this would go? Buffer zone there for bats, door mice etc. But need more info and don't want anything else on Freeman Field.

TBC Decisions:

21/00440/FUL Erection of a two storey side & rear and single storey rear extensions. 35 The Lawns **Permit**

21.08.12 Finance & Governance

1. To agree retrospectively payments made in July and agree any forthcoming payments including emergency repairs to buildings

The following were agreed:

Payments July

Reactive Drain Solutions (clearing block RRB)	2424.6	2020.5	404.1
MD Gibbons Cleaning RRB	207	207	0
Smart Property (repair to booker RRB)	40	40	0
Smart Property (noticeboard install/potholes)	440	440	0
Admin	575.98	575.98	0
Office Expenses/Mileage	39.24	39.24	0
Gotherington Village Hall - Hire	16	16	0
HMRC PAYE	146	146	0
NEST (Pension)	14.74	14.74	0
I & I Internet (email hosting)	8.4	8.4	0
Stump Busters	240	240	0
Balance Reconciled 31 July	68734.28	4151.96	3747.86
			404.1

2. To receive budget analysis to date - **Noted and in addition to the payments above there would be likely costs of £85 for window repairs and £225 for footpath clearance**

3. Confirm the current list of Standing Orders/Direct Debits (circulated) DD to Xero to be cancelled – **List of standing orders approved with cancellation of the DD to Xero**

4. Confirmation of new bank details - deferred

5. Following receipt of quotations for the website upgrade to appoint a supplier - **deferred**

6. Receive quotations for annual maintenance of the field, allocate budget from reserves and appoint a contractor – **Council agreed that the quote from Tom Jones be accepted**

7. To progress the employment of a Village Maintenance Person/Caretaker and agree hours/rate and equipment to be provided (budget consideration) – **after discussion it was agreed to continue to sub-contract any work with Smart Property Maintenance**

8. To consider whether to assist neighbouring property to protect from ball nuisance with trellis to existing fencing £240 – quotes not circulated at date of meeting

21.08.13 Working Group Reports

To receive written reports which will be taken as read and not discussed except to ask questions

Highways – None

Environment – choice of bin for Gotherington Grange public open space – **larger bin required to replace the one installed by the developer and agreed extra bin by balancing pond as close to road as possible**

Freemans Field – None

JWP – progress on quotes for timber treatment – Cllr Osborne to progress

21.08.14 Date of Next Meeting

8th September 2021 (when we have invited a representative from Glos Highways and our PCSO to attend)