

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 Tuesday 22nd June 2021 Venue Village Hall

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

Also Present: Clerk/RFO, 3 members of the public

21.06.01 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed those in attendance

21.06.02 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence

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

There were no declarations/requests

21.06.04 To approve the minutes of the AGM held on 5th May 2021

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Annual Parish meeting were agreed and signed

21.06.05 Consultation on proposals for playground improvements and consider ROSPA Equipment Inspection – progress minor repair works or agree replacement

Adventure Trail - Rotate rope so that worn side faces surface

Fitness Skier – replacement cap

Spring Dog – tighten coil

Swing Basket – replace chain and shackles

Table Tennis – replace brackets

Slide – replacement cap

Council were given to understand that the items above would be replaced under the scheme of refurbishment

Youth Shelter – rotting timber

Councillor Samuels proposed, Cllr Rear seconded that the gazebo should be replaced and dealt with as a separate project, agreed

Large Goal – fault reported to football club for their action

No action required

At the end of the meeting Councillor Osborne presented 3 possible schemes for refurbishment of the playground. Councillors were asked to provide comments before the next meeting.

21.06.06 Parish Councillor vacancies

Cllr Samuels advised the meeting that a potential councillor may join the council meeting in July for co-option. A member of the public attending the meeting had expressed interest.

21.06.07 Project Updates

1. VAS – to confirm chosen supplier for additional new sign – The order was awarded to Coeval at

1 x Sign £2,000.00

1 x Solar package £676.85

1 x Delivery £132.22

1 x Installatio £535.00

Additional Warranty £120.00

Cllr Rear confirmed that Mark Wreyford-Bush would be taking down the existing sign and relocating it. Contractor waiting for confirmation of height of the pole.

2. Tennis Courts - Council discussed the logistics of managing this project and agreed that the knowledge and experience lay with the Tennis Club. The Tennis Club could make their own Expression of Interest for S106 funding backed by the Parish Council. **Cllr Dean/Cllr Samuels to progress**

3. Broadband – in progress, Cllr Rear advised that Airwaves are putting in new broadband from the A435 to Gretton

4. War Memorial – waiting for response from Glos County Council (Craig Freeman)

21.06.08 Planning Matters

21/00259/FUL Claydon Solar Farm - agreed to object

21/00019/FUL - Part Parcel 0250 Manor Lane – no objection

19/0066/TWMAJW – Wingmoor Farm – will support Bishops Cleeve response

20/01032/FUL Longfurlong Park Change of use of land from the storage of caravans to the siting of one residential caravan – no objection

21.06.09 Finance & Governance

1. To agree any payments in June and agree the bank reconciliation

Other than the usual utility payments, salaries and cleaning costs there were no other payments presenting for agreement

May payments and bank balance agreed retrospectively are:

Payments May (for authorisation)

GCC (Speed survey)	420	350	70
Rospa	132.6	110.5	22.1
GAPTC (Internal Audit)	195	195	0
ICO (data protection subscription)	35	35	0
I & I Internet	17.96	17.96	0
Stripe (Fees)	28.91	28.91	0
HMRC (PAYE)	166.27	166.27	0
Clerk (office expenses)	26	26	0
Clerk (broadband)	20	20	0

Madeline Gibbons Cleaning (RRB)	149.5	149.5	0
I & I Internet	4.2	4.2	0
British Gas	68.14	68.14	?
Xero (subscription)	18.81	18.81	0
AJ Gallagher (insurance premium)	1098.32	1098.32	0
Wellers Hedley (legal advice)	720	600	120
BG Business	35.58	33.89	1.69
BG Business	117.22	111.64	5.58
Clerk	575.98	575.98	0
Balance Reconciled 31 May	73101.96	3829.49	3610.12
		219.37	

2. To receive budget analysis to date – the Council noted Expenditure to end of May £8067.44 and Receipts £34574.02 were as expected

3. Confirmation of insurance renewal – **renewal agreed with Came and Co at £1098.32**

4. Confirmation of new bank details – Clerk/Chairman had researched options for a savings account and Nationwide seemed to be the easiest to set up with not much difference in interest rates between accounts. **Agreed to set up a Nationwide Account online**

5. Discuss Events Group grant – Cllr Samuels advised that an account has been set up for Gotherington Events and requested that the Council allows a grant of £1000 towards the event. This would be a one-off grant. **Proposed by Cllr Rear, seconded by Cllr Dean, all in favour**

6. Website Accessibility Compliance and ongoing management – **It was agreed that the website could benefit from being updated with a fresh look with a company to back up the technical side. A shout out for voluntary help had received no response. Quotes to be obtained.**

7. Receive quotations for annual maintenance of the field and discuss – the field was suffering from lumps and bumps, possibly poor drainage, and a quotation had been proposed by the cricket club. **A further quotation would be sought. B/F**

8. Hire of Marquee to Rotary Club – Cllr Samuels advised that the marquee was not in the best condition for hire and needed repair or replacement. **It was agreed that the marquee will be erected and checked before the next council meeting.**

9. Employment of a Village Maintenance Person/Caretaker – **it was agreed to pursue this new role and a job description was generally agreed. This would be discussed with the village hall committee and might be taken forward as a joint role**

10. Employment of a Project Officer – it was proposed by the clerk that if projects did not make headway that a project officer should be appointed on a short term contract.

This matter was deferred

11. Purchase of a new oven for the RRB – **A budget for replacement was agreed at under £500**

21.06.10 Working Group Reports

Working Groups are requested to give their reports in writing

There were no written reports

Cllr Rear asserted at the meeting that GCC do not have the manpower or funds to clear public rights of way and there is a serious backlog. Rather than wait for a response from the County Councillor and due to the number of complaints received Cllr Rear and Cllr Samuels took the decision to hire someone to do the clearance as in previous years. The decision was against the clerk's advice about double taxation and that when GCC crews eventually come to site they would have nothing to do and as a result Gotherington would always be clearing their own paths.

21.06.11 To receive County Councillor/Borough Councillor Reports and raise questions

Reports are requested in writing and will be inserted in the minutes

Apologies received from County and Borough Councillors unable to attend. No reports received. A question put to the County Council regarding the availability of the lengthsman scheme or other public rights of way operatives or grant was therefore outstanding for reply.

21.06.12 Public Participation

Questions, suggestions and comments on items on this agenda are requested in writing

1. Tree stump removal at Lawrences meadow – A resident had tried to progress the removal of the tree stump with the original tree contractor to no avail. He offered to obtain 2 new quotes for the Council's consideration
2. A resident raised his concern about a neighbour's trees blocking all light from his garden and wondered if there was anyone local who could assist with advice, Cllr Samuels offered to assist
3. Concern was expressed about the A435/Malleson Road junction – it was explained that work is ongoing

21.06.13 Date of Next Meeting

A Resolution will be called for the Council to exclude members of the public and press Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the sensitive nature of the business to be transacted under :

21.05.14 Legal Matter – Village Hall

To receive legal advice and discuss next steps

Advice circulated. Council were disappointed with the poor quality of the written advice and were asked to raise questions on it. In the meantime the clerk has written to the Charity Commission to obtain their views.

The meeting closed at 9pm

