

Gotherington Parish Council Minutes.
The Rex Rhodes Building on Tuesday 9th July 2024 at 7:00pm.

Present:

Cllr Bev Osborne (Chair)
Cllr Caroline Meller
Cllr Eddie McLarnon
Cllr Hannah Fry
Cllr Tim Fawke
Cllr Antony Lidington
Cllr Andrew Daniel

Also in attendance:

10 Members of the Public

PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

One resident wanted to discuss the ongoing flooding issues on Gretton road. The resident lives on the stretch of road that is affected and has contacted GCC HIGHWAYS plus SERVERN TRENT and NATIONAL GRID.

After some investigation it has been discovered that the flooding is due to a fault that happened when NATIONAL GRID carried out work in Nov 23. The fault has been accepted by the company.

Work is due to be carried out to repair the fault in Aug 24. The resident wanted to know if the council would help with contacting the GCC HIGHWAYS regarding the repair work that would need to be carried out once the pipe in repaired to the road surface.

The council agree that the clerk will email the GCC HIGHWAYS on behalf of the resident to help assist the repair.

Following on from a social media post asking for new members, the Chair asks if anyone attending the meeting is interested in joining the council. Four residents agreed to be co-opted. The councillors signed the Co-option forms. Clerk to circulate the new Councillor information.

- 1. To receive apologies from absent Councillors.**
Council note that Cllr Neighbour was on holiday.
- 2. To receive declarations of interest for items on the agenda below.**
None were received.
- 3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 11th June 2024.**
Minutes signed and dated by Chair.
- 4. To receive reports from Borough Councillors and County Councillors.**
No reports received.

5. To receive reports from Parish Councillors on external meetings attended.

1. The Chair had a discussion with Hilary Grace re junction between AGO06 and AGO12. Hilary has confirmed that her decision as the Gloucestershire Public Rights of Way Officer is that the connection between these footpaths should be reinstated.
2. It was reported that the memorial bench for Bob Rear on Shutter Island has been damaged. Chair confirmed that in line with the GPC policy on memorial benches, the responsibility for repair or replacement lies with the Rear family. She has offered any assistance on removal if that helps.
3. Following complaints about the trees and bushes around the thatched house on Malleson Road, the Chair reports she has made contact with the owners and they have agreed to get the remedial works done later in the year, after the nesting season.
4. The Chair met with residents and the organisers of Severn Freewheelers Bike event at Prescott to mitigate the issues experienced in previous years. It was agreed they would email all ticket holders to confirm the speed limit through the village would be reduced to 20MPH and a Blood Bike would be parked at the start of the Grange Development to discourage speeding. Residents reported no issues this year so it was a successful event. GPC thank the organisers for their understanding.
5. Alzheimer's Society Trek 24 event. 1300 walkers passed through the village which they report raised £500,000 for the charity.
6. 4 new party bookings in the JWP and we have received very positive reviews.
7. Residents are unhappy that the grass cutting around The Kings Meadow has not been done again.
8. Contact made with BCPC and a resident who is helping Borough and County councillors find a solution to the drainage issues on the cycleway. Confirmed GPC will attend the meetings when arranged. He also dug a trench on Manor Lane to alleviate the drainage issues in that area. We thank him for his efforts.
9. Update on sinkhole on Malleson Road. It is a water pipe damaged by the new gas pipe recently laid.
10. Meadow development. There are ongoing issues with the heights of the buildings. Residents are in discussion with the developer. GPC monitoring.
11. A complaint was raised about a construction vehicle using Ashmead Drive but the developer has confirmed this would be a mistake. GPC to monitor.
12. Offer from young residents to do work on the FF over the summer. GPC agreed this could not be paid work because as a subcontractor they would need insurances etc.
13. Complaints about weeds in the playpark. Need to look for weedkiller.

Projects

- 1. Cllr. Matt Dean: To note, Cllr Dean resigned due to changing work commitments on 24-06-2024 with immediate effect.**
Council would like to thank Matt Dean for all his help and advice over the last 2 years, The council wish Matt all the best for the future.
- 2. Rear of RRB Cleanup: To discuss if GHN have cleared items ready for the next phase to be arranged.**
No clean-up has been done or contact from GHN received, Cllr Fawke to speak with GHN to obtain an update.
- 3. Defibrillator: Council to note that the defibrillator is now online and can be seen on portal as active.**
Council note that the defibrillator is active and that it was used in the last few days, Clerk to Email Nikki Keen to confirm all checks have been carried out and that it can go back online.
(Clerk notes that the defibrillator has been confirmed as active again)
- 4. War Memorial: Reports from the last month, Council to note that the planning application was published Thu 18 Apr 2024.**
Cllr Meller confirms herself and another member met with Ian (stone mason). Ian is ordering the stone for work to be carried out. The stone has a lead time of about 5 weeks, but the Ian is still hopeful that the work will be completed for Oct.
- 5. Moat Farm ball netting: update on options and costs for replacement.**
Deferred to August.
- 6. Drainage issues Gretton road: To discuss ongoing drainage issue.**
Drainage issue was discussed in public session, Repair work is due to be carried out August 2024
- 7. Vistry - Gotherington and Bishops Cleeve: Vistry has requested a meeting with Gotherington residents to show planning plans.**
Council agrees to arrange a meeting with Vistry. Clerk to speak to GVH to see availability and contact Vistry.
- 8. Village Hall Carpark.**
Neil Bermingham of NGB Groundworks discussed the quotes he was asked to evaluate on behalf of GPC, to resurface the drive and car park. To allow the works to be done during the school summer holidays when usage is less, Chair agreed the quotes emailed in by Neil could be circulated to all members and, to allow the decision to be made Council have pre-agreed and approved a budget of £15,000 for the works to be carried out. Added to Aug agenda to discuss who to employ.
- 8. Accounting reports for audit 2024**
 - a. To note the Internal Auditors report for the financial year ending 31st March 2024.**
Internal audit accepted by Council.
 - b. To adopt the accounts for the Financial Year ending 31st March 2024.**
Accounts adopted by Council and signed and dated by Chair.
 - c. To approve the Annual Governance Statement for the Financial Year ending 31st March 2024.**
Annual Governance statement approved by Council and signed by Chair.

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d. To approve the Annual Accounting Statement.

Annual Accounting statement approved by Council and signed by Chair.

Finance

Lyn Syms – Cleaning for June 2024 - £270 – APPROVED

The Clerk – Hours for June - £349.27 – APPROVED

Chair - £42.00 expense for refreshments at Annual Parish Meeting plus leaving gifts for three members – Payment to be made July 2024.

Planning

Like-for-like repairs to stonework and installation of new marble plaque

Planning Application.

Gotherington War Memorial Gretton Road Gotherington Cheltenham Gloucestershire

Ref. No: 24/00329/LBC | Received: Thu 18 Apr 2024 | Validated: Tue 11 Jun 2024 | Status: Pending

Consideration – **No objection.**

Items for inclusion on next agenda

Weeds in playpark and replacement sleeper for slide.

Alzheimer's Society Trek 24 event.

Residents are unhappy that the grass cutting around The Kings Meadow has not been done again.

Tennis court project.

Resurfacing of the drive and car park (Council agreed a £15k expenditure in July 9th meeting)

Phone box exterior.

Portable library - needs to new place to be kept.

Defibrillator training.

Freeman field survey report.

**Date of next meeting: August 13th 2024 at 7pm. At Rex Rhodes Building
THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:20 PM**