

GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

11th March 2025 at 7:30pm.

Venue: Rex Rhodes Building, Gotherington. GL52 9EX.
Present: Councillors; Beverly Osborne (Chair), Steve Neighbour, Tim Fawke, Andrew Daniel, Anthony Lidington, David Rees.

Attendees: Selina Holder (Clerk/RFO) and 6 members of the public
Public Session

Resident 1: Asked the council if they knew who would take ownership of the new fence that are planned to be installed by the contactor at the Trumans Farm development. He was advised that the responsibility would be with the developer and then would pass onto the new owners of the properties.

He also wanted to let the council know that he was going to attend a meeting at Bishops Cleeve PC to discuss the ongoing problems with the cycle way on Gotherington Lane/Cleeve Road.

Chair advised him and the council that the work will be commencing soon to solve the drainage issues and repair the cycleway.

Resident 2: Asked if the repair work on Gretton road was still due to take place, Chair advised that the council had not been formally advised that the work was planned to take place. Chair asked the clerk to contact highways to check.

Resident 3: Wanted to know if the willow tree on the bend on Gotherington Lane is going to be removed. The Resident advised the council that it is estimated to be 500/600-year-old and that they are very resilient

Chair advised the council that the tree in question was possibly contributing to the issues on the bend on Gotherington Lane and had been damaged by a few cars.

Cllr Adcock advises that he is due to speak to Gaynor Bowden on another matter and would ask her advice.

Council agrees to have options investigated with the tree and would keep residents updated.

Resident 4: Wanted to discuss covenant land, he believed that following a conversation with a litigation lawyer the document has been advised as a "good standing document"

The council asked if the Lawyer would be happy to consult with the council on a formal basis. The resident agreed to talk to the lawyer to ask that question and would advise the council.

2025.02.01 To receive apologies from absent Councillors. Council note Cllr Fry's apologies.

2025.02.02 To receive declarations of interest for items on the agenda below. None received.

2025.02.03 To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 11th February 2025, Council accepted, and Chair signed.

2025.02.04 Reports from Borough Councillors and County Councillors; Verbal report given by Borough Cllr. Nigel Adcock. Since the last Parish meeting, the councillors have attended the usual committees and working groups. Cllr Adcock confirms that from the last meeting he has investigated the query from Simon Tarling about the comments on the planning portal being removed. He had been advised that due to some system changes the comments are on the portal, but no visible to the public.

Cllr. Adcock advised that an Enforcement noticed has been received for a property in Ashmead drive, Clerk noted that the parish had not received any communication about it. Cllr. Adcock to forward the information to the clerk to circulated with the council.

2025.02.05 To receive reports from parish councillors on external meetings attended.

Cllr Lidington - attended a webinar from Scribe about year end, and he has forwarded a copy to the clerk. He also attended a H&S webinar about the playground and exercise equipment.

Cllr Daniel - met with pest control, He advised that following the initial visit that the pest problem in the roof of the RRB has now been dealt with. – Chair advised that another check should be carried out in 6 months.

Minute reference	Description	Latest update
2025.02.01	War Memorial – Damage has happened to the bottom of the WM.	Due to the damaged caused to the newly restored memorial the council decided to look at alternate option for the perimeter. Chair advised the council that the stone mason has been contacted to quote to repair the work. Cllr. Liddington to contact the working committee of the restoration of the memorial and see what grants were applied. This would then help with the cost of the repair. The council have put a request into The Old Chapel for permission to install CCTV directly opposite the memorial, The Old Chapel have advised that it will be discussed at the next meeting. Clerk notes that the council would initially get a quote from the existing CCTV provider before deciding how many more quotes are needed.
2025.02.02	The play area and fitness equipment - H&S checks	Cllr. Liddington advised the council that he attended a webinar, which highlighted the importance of checks on the equipment used by the public. He confirmed monthly checks should be carried out.
2025.02.03	Cricket scoreboard	Gotherington Cricket club contacted the parish council to see if they will offer financial support towards a new digital scoreboard, the current manual scoreboard is the original one that was purchased in the 1960s. The score board would be supplied by a company called Scoreboards Online at the cost of £2949.00 Inc VAT. The council approved saying that they are happy to support the local club, and that the scoreboard will be funded from the recent CIL funds received. Clerk to contact the cricket club and supplier
2025.02.04	New gate at The Grange	A new metal gate has been installed behind The Grange. Residents have raised concerns about the suitability of the metal gate as it is very noisy. Cllr. Neighbour to speak to Hilary Grace to see if it can be swapped for a wooden gate and also discuss ramp access.
2025.02.05	Appoint and approve internal Auditor	Council approve that GAPTC can be appointed by the clerk.
2025.02.06	Scribe	Clerk asked the council to reconsider Scribe accounting package. Explaining that with the package you can track the finances and carry out live report to so budgets, CIL and VAT. The council approve the request and a payment for £500 for the software.
2025.02.07	Meadow Footpaths: Updates on maintenance for: Alongside The Holt. AGO20 Opposite the Village Hall. AGO18 Behind Lawrance's Meadow. AGO44	Chair to speak to Hayfields in the first instance or approach 3 company to get quotes for the work.
2025.02.08	Clearance of saplings and ivy on Ashmead Drive	Cllr Rees confirmed that work should be completed ready for the next meeting in April.
2025.02.09	New options for fixing the price for the gas and electricity for the RRB:	Clerk to send Cllr. Neighbour the renewal information and the account numbers. Cllr. Neighbour to investigate other supplier's prices and to let the clerk know which is the best option.
2025.02.10	VAT	Clerk confirms the last VAT payment was 2023, Clerk to submit S126 within the next few months once the queries raised around reclaiming VAT on CIL have been resolved.

2025.02.11	The cycle path lights have been turned on Clerk to report.	Report received from Vistry - The lighting to the cycleway is required by GCC Highways and has been designed to accord with their standards etc. as required through the Section 278 Agreement. I have raised your question / observation to GCC by email and again at a meeting with them earlier today. It is my understanding that GCC will take the question to their lighting team and will respond to me as soon as they can. Clerk to follow up during the next month and report in April
2025.02.12	2025 pipeline projects	A) Insulation in loft - Cllr. Daniel to report. No updates received B) Changing room Cllr. Osborne will now take lead of this project and will report on progress in April C) Replacement Gazebo - Cllr. Lidington and Cllr. Rees to report. Councillors are meeting Will from Green fields on Monday, to SEEK advice on the area around the gazebo. D) Land for sale – Chair to report. No land for sale within the parish at present. CLOSED.
2025.02.13	The freeman field drainage	Deferred to April
2025.02.14	The Community asset register renewal for The Shutters Inn	Deferred to April, Due to Cll. Fry not in attendance
2025.02.15	Speed watch project	Chair advises that she is in communication with the lead of the Woodmancote speed watch committee and will be having a meeting before the next meeting. Chair to report in April.
2025.02.16	New Savings account	The council have decided that a finance working group (FWG) be set up with Cllr. Neighbour, Cllr Fawke, Cllr Rees and the RFO (Clerk) The following items will be dealt with from the FWG – New savings account New bank account Report to be received in April.
2025.02.17	Street sign cleaning project	Cllr. Rees to speak to the scouts and see if they would like to help with the cleaning of the signs and will report back to the council in April.
2025.02.18	Persimmon Homes	Deferred to April, Council are meeting with Lisa on the 27 th of March 2025
2025.02.19	Vistry Planning Application	Deferred to April, no updated report received yet.
2025.02.20	Removal of dog bins at The Grange	Closed
2025.02.21	New bank account	This item has now been merged with 2025.02.16.
2025.02.22	Tennis Court project	Deferred to April
2025.02.23	Mobile network within the village	Cllr. Daniel advised that all data have now been analysed and that the report will be presented in the April meeting.
2025.02.24	Village hall carpark – Final invoice	Deferred to April, Neil was not in attendance
2025.02.25	Report works highlighted in play safe report	This item is now being merged with 2025.02.02 – clerk to email last report to all councillors.
2025.02.26	Moat Farm ball netting	Deferred.
2025.02.27	Cleaning issues	Clerk notes new cleaning has been appointed.
2025.02.28	Resident working party	Invites to be sent out following the next meeting, in time for the annual meeting in May.

Payment Schedule for March 2025.

The Clerk - £349.24 **APPROVED**

Cleaner - £211.07 **APPROVED**

GAPTC – Training Clerk's the Knowledge Part 2 – The Clerk £45 **APPROVED**

GAPTC- Renewal £372.96 **APPROVED**

Cleeve Fire Protection £160.80 – **APPROVED**

Planning received - None

Items for inclusion on next agenda. - None

Date of next meeting Tuesday 8th April 2025 at 7pm
Meeting closed 9:45pm