

GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

11th February 2025 at 7:30pm.

Venue: Rex Rhodes Building, Gotherington. GL52 9EX.

Present: Councillors; Beverly Osborne (Chair), Hannah Fry, Tim Fawke, Andrew Daniel, Anthony Lidington, David Rees. Selina Holder (Clerk/RFO) and 25 members of the public, As well as two representatives from Lioncourt homes Worcestershire-based house developer.

Attendees:

Public Session Rachael and Daniel introduced Lioncourt homes and provided an overview of the development at Truman's Farm, which includes 42 units with 18 affordable homes. They discussed the initial site clearance works and the planned construction timeline starting in June/July.

The site Clearance is due to start on the 20th February for 4 days.

Resident 1: wanted to check that following a conversation over the phone that the builders are not due to attend number 3 Manor Lane until the end of the year. Rachael confirms that this is correct and that the fence will be erected at the end of the building works about 1 foot away from the ditch.

The developers confirm that although the initial work to clear the land will start in February this is to be able to access the site and the ecology works to begin.

They also advised that they will try to install the permanent boundary as soon as possible so that the residents do not have to have the building metal fence at the end of their gardens.

Resident 2: Raised concerns about possible parking issues that could happen during the development.

The developers advise that they will provide adequate parking on the side. Aswell as a pull in so that vehicles aren't sitting on the road and not blocking the road. Any issue can be raised with site manager.

The also raised concerns about building materials and mud on the roads due to the site access being near drainage that is already known to have flooding issues.

The developer confirms that special measures have been put in place to deal with mud and dirt that will come with the development.

The resident also asked about whether the developer was planning to install Corinthian Pillars at the entrance of the site. They confirmed that this is not the case.

Resident 4: Asked about construction traffic coming through Gotherington Village, especially with the local school being so near the development and that the main road through the village being very congested during certain time of the day.

Chair advises the developers that it will be best for deliveries to site to be done either before or after the school run.

Chair also asks Simon on his thoughts about going to Tewkesbury borough council (TBC) for a deviation on the traffic plan. Simon advised a possible alternate route that could be looked and Chair confirms that she will speak to TBC the following day.

Resident 5: Asked why the developers have not hired out a field for the builder's compound to be based in, as the current location will be close to the main roads of the village causing congestion.

The developer advise that this is not an option for this development.

Resident 6: Asked if any pile driving of the site would be taking place. She was advised that this is not the case due to shallow foundation.

Resident 7: Asked who would maintain the hedge row once the works had been completed, the developer advised that this would be taken over by a management company. Also, that the front of the development would be taken on.

Resident 8: Explained that Gotherington is a low light zone parish and asked if any street lighting was going to be installed, as well as if the houses would have burglar alarms or security lighting. They are advised that only low lighting is installed on the houses and no street lighting to be installed.

The Developers also advise that the swale on site will be a wet version and will have buoyancy aids.

Resident 9: Explains the entrance and exit of the development there is currently a gully that runs down, which floods very bad. Developers advised that they have submitted a pack to Gloucester Highways for the technical approval of the actual road.

Resident 10: Asked if the parish would be benefiting from community infrastructure levy (CIL). They confirm that the amount would be £149,700.

Resident 11: Had concerns that the fencing being installed would not be tall enough, they wondered if tree could be planted on the other side of the fence. The developers advised that they could not guarantee that the new owners would not remove them, he also advised that they could plant some in their own garden if they wished, but due to the garden being small this was not possible.

Resident 12: Asked about the options available to the public for the social housing. They were advised there will be six shared ownerships, which is what the government are pushing for at the moment.

Cllr. Fry ask on behalf of a resident for the developer to confirm the height of that permanent wooden boundary and would it come up to the stock fence, which they confirmed will be 1.8 meters and the fence would be installed in line with the land registry record and if any issued arise they would be liaising with the resident.

Ongoing communication to be carried out with the Clerk and a nominated resident. Clerk will also arrange for a monthly report to be received each month once work commences.

Resident 13: Advised that the footpath sign was missing in Shutter Lane, Cllr. Lidington advises that he requires more sign and once received he is happy to install.

Resident 14: Asked if the council could contact Hayfields and request that once the building work is finished could the footpath could be reinstated, Chair explained that this is on the agenda.

Resident 15: wanted to discuss the bins outside of RRB, He stated that he takes the bins out to be emptied, Chair advised him that Garden House Nursery (GHN) are to put the bins out and have been given the bin collection dates as it the GHN who are responsible for carry out this task.

24.11.12.1 Council note Cllr Neighbour apologies.

24.11.12.2 Conflicts of Interest. None declared.

24.11.12.3 To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 14th January 2025
Council approved the minutes, Chair accepted and signed.

24.11.12.4 Reports from Borough Councillors and County Councillors;

[Cllr. Adcock Report Feb 25.](#)

24.10.08.5 Reports from parish councillors on external meetings.

Cllr. Lidington attended a flood meeting, explaining that as a whole the village is lucky with the issue we have had. He advised that another flood warden is required and would see if anyone was interested in taking on the position.

Cllr Daneil and Cllr. Osborne met with the contactors on the 3rd February for inspected the insulation in the loft of the RRB and asked them to provide a quote.

Cllr. Osborne also attended a meeting with Lioncourt and a local resident to discuss on ongoing boundary issue. He has emailed Jacob Cotterill at Gloucestershire Highways.

Cllr. Osborne met with Hayfields as they had advised they would be installing a pathway on Ashmead Drive on the right-hand side where the fir trees.

Cllr. Osborne explained to the council and residents in attendance that in 1987, when AGS Close was built, the then developer, Britannia Cheltenham Ltd drew up a document that says that that entire strip there was given to the parish council which is on the land registry.

Cllr. Osborne informed GHW and Hayfields of the document and GHW have confirmed that the footpath would not be installed.

Cllr. Osborne confirms that Anj Patel is back off maternity leave and will be coming to have a discussion with the council.

Minute Ref.	Description	Latest update
25.02.11.1	Land at Trumans Farm, Manor Lane:	Discussion carried out in public session.
25.02.11.2	Meadow Footpaths:	T3 x foot paths need maintaining The holt. Village hall. Behind Lawrance's meadow. Council to contact the contractor of Lawrance's meadow to see if they are able to assist with the works required. ONGOING.
25.02.11.3	Groundsman/garden clearance contractor:	Cllr. Rees and 2 x volunteers to trim and remove the Saplings and Ivy on Ashmead Drive. Cllr. Rees to report in March. ONGOING.
25.02.11.4	New options for fixing the price for the gas and electricity for the RRB:	Clerk to recirculated it to council and to report in March meeting. ONGOING.
25.02.11.5	Minutes	Minutes to be issued to the council within one week of the meeting. Clerk to send a copy to chair and vice chair by the Friday and then to be issued by the Tuesday following the meeting. Clerk to check the website for the missing minutes on the website. CLOSED.
25.02.11.6	VAT	VAT has not been submitted for a number of years. Chair to send clerk bank statement so the date can be ascertained and then to submitted a VAT reclaim. Reclaimed to be submitted up to the 31 March 2025. ONGOING

25.02.11.7	CIL money	Outstanding CIL funds. The funds are included within item 10 Pipeline project. CLOSED.
25.02.11.8	The cycle path lights have been turned on	Gotherington is a low-light zone and request that the lights are turned off as per the agreement. Clerk to contact Vistry as the land is yet to be handed over the council. ONGOING.
25.02.11.9	Bus Shelter at shutter island:	CLOSED.
25.02.11.10	2025 pipeline projects: A) Insulation in loft - Cllr. Daniel to report. B) Changing room Cllr. Fawke to report. C) Replacement Gazebo - Cllr. Lidington and Cllr. Rees to report. D) Land for sale – Chair to report.	A) 1 quote has been received Cllr. Daniel to seek another quote for the council to be able to appoint a contactor. B) The previous architect has agreed to honour the quote from 2022. Cllr Fawke to source another quote for the council; to be able to approve. C) Councillors to go back to Greenfields and question the concrete base or type 1 to allow water to the roots. D) Chair to report in March.
25.02.11.11	Freeman Field Drainage.	DEFERRED.
25.02.11.12	The community asset register renewal for The Shutters Inn.	Application is progress, Cllr. Fry to report in March. ONGOING
25.02.11.13	Speed watch project.	Chair to contact Woodmancote Speed watch to gain understand of the project. ONGOING.
25.02.11.14	New savings account.	DEFERRED
25.02.11.15	Street signs need cleaning.	Cllr. Rees to liaise with the Gotherington Scouts. ONGOING.
25.02.11.16	Flooding in Gotherington.	Cllr. Lidington has been in contact with Jacob Cotterill (GHW)Who had attended the village and noted a few things that need addressing. As the council have now passed this to the GHW the council have closed this Item. CLOSED.
25.02.11.17	Persimmon Homes	Clerk to contact Lisa again and try to arrange a meeting for the next Month.
25.02.11.18	Vistry Planning application meeting.	Meeting took place on the 20 th Jan - Chair reports: Comparo would like to develop some of the land that they own and would like to come to an agreement

with Gotherington and sign over some of the land in order to keep the Covent in place.

The council have pointed discussed the parts that they would like to protect within the parish. Another meeting with Vistry and Comparo will be arrange once they have an idea of plans. **ONGOING.**

25.02.11.19	Removal of the dog bins in the Grange development.	Council still waiting for First port to confirm if the bins will be reinstated. Council also notes that a new metal gate has been installed at AGO12, Chair to inform Clerk of next step.
25.02.11.20	New bank account.	DEFFERED.
25.02.11.21	Tennis Court Project.	Chair and Clerk to contact contractors to received tenders for the scope of works put together by Neil (NGB)
25.02.11.22	Mobile Network within village.	ONGOING.
25.02.11.23	Village Hall Carpark.	DEFFERED.
25.02.11.24	Report on the works highlighted on the Play safe report.	DEFFERED.
25.02.11.25	Moat Farm ball netting.	DEFFERED.
25.02.11.26	New public right of way signs for AGO12 have been requested.	Cllr. Lidington confirms that all the signs have been installed and requested another 12 to be ordered so he can install another couple missing and keep the rest as spare so they can be done as and when needed.
25.02.11.27	Residents working parties.	Council to invite the residents to the Annual Parish Meeting. To be added to March agenda.
25.02.11.28	Cleaning issues.	Council needs to employ a new cleaner. Chair to arrange for a local advert to be added to Facebook.
25.02.11.29	2024-2025 Budget	Budget approved by the council and the Clerk notes that the precept was submitted on the 31 Jan 2025 with a increase of 3%.

Payment Schedule for February 25.

The Clerk - £349.24 **APPROVED**

Lynn Simms - £270.00 **APPROVED**

Bev Osborne - £13.56 **APPROVED**

New lock – £453.00 **APPROVED** - Payment to be made to Cllr. Lidington.

GAPTC - Training

Minutes & Agendas – The Clerk £45 **APPROVED**

Being a Better Councillor – Cllr. Lidington, Cllr. Daniel and Cllr. Rees £270 Total £315 **APPROVED**

Items for inclusion on next agenda.

Scribe.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 11th March 2025 at 7pm
Meeting closed 9:50pm