

Gotherington Parish Council minutes

The Rex Rhodes Building, on Tuesday 13th August 2024 at 7pm.

Present at the meeting

Councillors; Beverly Osborne (Chair), Steve Neighbour (Vice Chair), Caroline Meller, Hannah Fry, Tim Fawke, Andrew Daniel, Anthony Lidington and Hayley Brain.

MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION - 15 minutes will be set aside for public

1. Resident wanted to understand if we are planning to engage with Vistry. Confirmed that is on the agenda.
2. Resident wanted to ask for footpath signs to be added to the entrances to the newly laid AGO06. Chair agreed to contact Hilary Grace to request two.
3. A number of residents asked to discuss the issue of the junction of AGO06/AGO12. Council advised they should gather a body of evidence to support their contention that there has not been a junction there for 40 years and present it to the developer of the Grange and Hilary Grace from GCC. Ultimately, we GPC, will abide by the decision of the Public Rights of Way officer once her decision has been made final. ITEM 9
4. A number of residents wanted to discuss the planning application for Hales Farm. It is on the agenda.

- (1) Apologies received from Cllr McLarnon. He has advised he is standing down with immediate effect due to his move to Dorset. Council would like to minute thanks to Cllr McLarnon for all his help over many years and wish him good luck in his new venture.
- (2) Cllr Daniel did not attend and has not responded to any emails this month. Chair to visit him.

(3) No declarations of interest

- (4) To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 9th July 2024. Minutes accepted but Cllr Lidington made a comment that we do not record the motion of outcomes or actions. Noted.
- (5) Cllr Mellor asked to go back to consecutive, numbered items and an action column. Chair will instruct clerk to add.

(6) To receive reports from Borough Councillors and County Councillors. None received.

- (7) To receive reports from parish councillors on external meetings attended.
- (8) Cllr Lidington reported a meeting with the newly formed telephone box group to discuss the scope of works. On this matter Chair reported that the resident adjacent to the telephone box is unhappy with the suggestion to install a bench or planters as he fears for the security of his property if it would help anyone get over his wall. Accepted.
- (9) Chair confirms discussions with Public Rights of Way officer on the question of AGO06/12.

PROJECTS

- 1- New member co-option:** Hayley Brain attended last month but lives in Woolstone. We have clarified that you must have lived in the same parish area, or within three miles of it, during the whole of those 12 months before the day on which you are co-option.
Hayley was welcomed as a co-opted member.
- 2- Vistry Planning:** Holding letter to Vistry has not been sent. This needs to be done urgently.
Clerk had suggested 5th September for a village meeting in VH but we need to ask Vistry for a mutually convenient meeting. Report for next meeting.
- 3- Removal of the dog bins in the Grange development:** Chair to contact TBC to understand which bins in the parish are on the list to be emptied and paid for by us/TBC. Once this cost is understood if we are not paying for those two bins, we need to understand if we can pay for them. We can then go back to Firstport to discuss. Chair to send email to S106 officer at TBC to clarify how those two bins were funded originally.
- 4- New bank account:** For tennis court fund. Agreed unanimously. Chair to circulate the details of second Lloyds account to all members.
- 5- Tennis court project:** Review scope of work and costings from Neil Birmingham. **No report available. Carry forward**
- 6- Village Hall Carpark:** Pre-agreed budget of £15,000 was approved in July meeting with council to decide on contractor. Council resolved to accept the quote from Cheltenham Surfacing. Chair to instruct.
- 7- Play safe report:** Replacement sleeper needed for the slide as per the yearly safety report, Council to approve cost for the sleeper to be purchased and install. No quote available from Clerk. Carry forward
- 8- Community orchard trees:** Cllr Mellor confirmed we have missed the allocation for this year. **ITEM CLOSED**
- 9- Rear of RRB Cleanup:** GPC minute thanks to Garden House Nursey for clearing their items with a skip. Cllr Fawke obtained quote from Chris Arnold to remove the hawthorn tree in that area plus also remove the dead tree to the east of the kissing gate in FF.
Cost: £420.00 inc. vat.
Members Unanimously agreed to accept this quote.
- 10- War Memorial:** Cllr Mellor reported that the work will commence on Tuesday 27/8/24 and be completed by the end of October.
The team are planning a re-dedication service, possibly to be held on remembrance Sunday.
Donations are still being received but Chair confirms she has spoken to the CIL officer and confirmed CIL funding can be used for the shortfall. Amount needed still to be confirmed.
- 11- Moat Farm ball netting:** update on options and costs for replacement. Carry forward to September
- 12- Weeds in playpark:** Council discussed the need for a safe option for dealing with the weeds in the play area. Simon Tarling suggests he uses 5% concentration of white vinegar as a weed killer. Cllr Fawke to source some as an experiment.
- 13- Alzheimer's Society Trek 24 event:** this was agreed last month **ITEM CLOSED**
- 14- Issues with grass cutting around The Kings Meadow .** Chair has confirmed issues resolved. **ITEM CLOSED**
- 15- Tennis court project.** Neil Birmingham unable to provide update . Carry forward to September
- 16- Phone box renovation. Resident Seb Belcher has agreed to head the project team to complete the renovation. He has supplied a scope of works including detailed costings of £355.48. Chair confirmed £500 had previously been agreed so this is within budget. Council unanimously accepted this. Cllr McLarnon will pass over the paint etc to Seb.**

17- Portable library: Council feel that inside the telephone box is not the correct place for a lending library now the defibrillator has been installed and the box is so big. Chair to communicate with the person who organises the lending library to confirm. Discussed location options for the portable library. **Possibly at the shop? This is beyond GPC control.**

18- Freeman field survey report: Report was sent to all councillors and to Neil at NGB. Council to discuss if the survey is required. Carry forward to September

19- GPC Website Security: Simon Tarling reports there have been 803 attempts to infiltrate the GPC website this month. He recommends we upgrade our security.

The service costs are £100 /per site. So, for both sites the annual cost would be circa £200. Full discussion took place. Council unanimously agreed to accept this recommendation.

Payment Schedule for July.

Clerk – Standard Hours.

Lyn Simms Cleaning

06/07/2024	3	£54.00
13/07/2024	3	£54.00
20/07/2024	3	£54.00
26/07/2024	3	£54.00
		Total: £216.00

Agreed.

Planning.

24/00456/FUL | Erection of a side lean to porch, a front glazed porch, installation of roof light, replacement door and alterations to the fenestration. | 4 Manor Lane Gotherington Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL52 9QX. Council agreed we have no comment. Clerk to upload to portal.

24/00611/PIP | Construction of up to 2 dwellings. | Part Parcel 5823 Gotherington Fields.

While we have no specific objection to these two houses, we discussed whether we should object to any further development in the village. Council took vote on response.

Object = 6

Accept = 1.

Unanimously Carried. Chair to ask Bishops Cleeve Planning officer to help write our response.

24/00604/FUL | Conversion and extension of existing barn to 1No. dwelling, and the replacement of all other structures with 4No. dwellings (in accordance with permission in principle ref. 23/00476/PIP) | Hales Farm.

Several residents attended to discuss their objections. It was agreed that we would object strongly to this application. The main points being number of units being too high, access, parking, refuse collection and access to the rear parcel. Chair agreed to try to set up a meeting with BC planning officer to collate a suitable response. Unanimously agreed.

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Items for inclusions on next agenda Cllr Lidington would like us to speak to environmental health about 74 Malleson road after resident reported rats in the area.

Cllr Mellor will complete tree policy

Cllr Mellor would like us to remove the bin near the gazebo as UBICO will not empty it, It is too far from the entrance.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8th September 7pm