

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

Present: Cllr. Bev Osborne (Chair), Cllr. Hayley Brain, Cllr. Tim Fawke, Cllr. Antony Lidington, Cllr. Andrew Daniel.

Also in attendance: Borough Cllr. Agg, and 7 Members of the Public.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

RESIDENT 1 - Requested for the new counsellors to introduce themselves, Cllr. Brain, Cllr. Fawke, Cllr. Lidington and Cllr. Daniel all carried out introductions.

They also wanted to discuss if the council knew of any updates on the planning application at Hales Farm, particularly the access. They were concerned about how vehicles would fit down the access road.

The Chair confirmed that the council have submitted a written response to the online portal and that the concerns raised by the resident have already been included. The Chair then explained that the PIP application was for 1-5 buildings and that as part of our objection GPC has requested a reduction in that number. This would reduce the number of bins needed also allow a better layout to mitigate the effect on current homes.

Council also advised the resident that they could submit an objection themselves.

Borough Cllr. Agg explains that the portal is down due to a cyber-attack, she also notes that all planning is on hold until the system is back up. At present no date is given for the system to become live.

Cllr. Agg notes the whole of TBC are on a full lockdown with all communications.

RESIDENT 2 – Raised the ongoing issues with Hayfields traffic, Construction traffic is still entering the village, and the resident has emailed Hayfields directly to inform them. He is yet to receive a response.

When the planning was submitted, they had given a legal commitment under the planning construction plan that the traffic would only enter the site from the Gotherington lane entrance. Cllr. Agg will investigate when the planning portal is live.

They also wanted to seek an update with regards to the highway works needed in the village. The Chair confirmed that she has been in contact with Max Kelly (Highways Manager) he has confirmed that the damage in Gretton Rd was caused by the electricity supply company. Gloucestershire Highways have been in contact with them for the last year.

Gloucestershire Highways are now taking legal action against the supply company to have the work repaired. Due to the damage being part of the power infrastructure Gloucestershire Highways are not to do the repair themselves. The Chair has raised an official complaint about the road not being repaired.

SIMON – Wanted to discuss two items of the agenda items.

1 – Mobile phone signal within the village. He advised the council that when he was a Cllr, he contacted a company that build the mast on behalf of companies like EE/Vodafone and that they were not interested. He did comment that with BT removing the existing infrastructure over the next 18 months more options might become available to residents.

2 – The payment for the security upgrade of the website has not been made. Chair advised that the payment had not been authorised within the time frame. Chair confirmed that the payment has been re-set up and it would be authorised when Cllr. Neighbour returns.

CLLR. LIDINGTON - Spoke on behalf of a parishioner.

Cllr. Lidington showed the council a picture of 8/10 Cleeve Road and that when the owner cut the hedge back the white lines that are on the road have worn away and he wanted to know if the council could speak to the Highways and have them reinstated. The council agreed that they would contact the highways to have them reinstated.

1. To receive apologies from absent Councillors.

Council to note apologies from Cllr. Neighbour and Cllr. Fry.

2. To receive declarations of interest for items on the agenda below.

None received.

3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 13th August 2024.

Minutes signed and dated by Chair. The clerk notes that one Cllr. raised that under the item on page 3 that the word unanimous was incorrect as 6 Cllrs. objected and 1 approved. **All agreed.**

4. To receive reports from Borough Councilor's and County Councilor's.

Report given by Borough Cllr. Agg.

5. To receive reports from parish Councilor's on external meetings attended.

Cllr. Lidington reports:

Cllr. Lidington attended a community building network, they discussed fire safety and risk assessments. Cllr. Osborne and Cllr. Lidington have a meeting arranged for Wednesday to update the GPC risk assessment.

Cllr. Osborne (CHAIR) Reports:

1)The Chair and Eddie McLarnon met to discuss if Eddie would be happy to consult the council going forward with planning applications.

2)They also discussed the books that were in the telephone box. Due to the new Defibrillator being installed, a new housing is needed to be found. Locations to be agreed.

- 3)The Chair reported a raised drain cover outside of Gotherington cross garage; she notes that the defect has now been repaired.
- 4)Chair Spoke to a local resident about installing Wi-Fi in the RRB, he is going to send a proposal over to the council.
- 5) Chair met with a parishioner who works on the railway and has raised concerns that the works being carried out on the cycleway are unsatisfactory, the parishioner is concerned that it will not be enough to stop the flooding. **Council will monitor.**

Projects

- 1- New member co-option:** New councilors forms returned to clerk and sent to TBC. The chair welcomes new councilors and the councilors submit co-option forms to clerk.
The Clerk notes that once TBC can receive emails they will be sent to Tom Clark Solicitor and Monitoring Officer at TBC.
- 2- Vistry Planning application meeting:** GPC have invited Vistry to a meeting to discuss the planning application with residents.
Date to be confirmed –
Clerk to email Vistry again and arrange a date for the council to meet with Vistry.
- 3- Removal of the dog bins in the Grange development:** Meeting held with Firstport to discuss options to re-install waste bins on The Grange.
GPC met with Firstport on 21/8/24 to discuss options. Chair had spoken to TBC and confirmed there is no requirement for separate dog waste bins now, as all kerb-side waste is sent to the incinerator in Gloucester. GPC put forward three alternative solutions for consideration. Firstly, that Firstport reinstate two bins on the development in new locations which would allow TBC to empty them at no cost to residents or GPC. Two locations were highlighted.
Option 2 was that the original bins could be reinstated and a discussion on sharing costs between Firstport and GPC could take place.
Thirdly a covered bin could be reinstated in the original location on Malleson Road. Firstport agreed to discuss with residents group and respond.
Clerk to email Firstport before next meeting for update.
- 4- New bank account:** For tennis court fund. Chair to confirm options and ask for agreement.
Deferred to Oct.
- 5- Tennis court project:** Review scope of work and costings from Neil Birmingham.
Deferred to Oct.

- 6- Mobile Network within village:** council to discuss whether network coverage can be made better within the village.

Cllr. Lidington wanted to raise this item due to ongoing issues with mobile network.

The Chair confirmed that the council have investigated this previously.

Council agreed to do a poll on social media and assess the residents feeling on options that are available.

Cllr Daniel to action poll.

The clerk to write letter to Hayfields to see if they would install a mask.

- 7- Village Hall Carpark:** To receive an update on the works completed.

Resurfacing work is completed. The white lines are going to be done over the next few weeks once the new tarmac has settled. Due to the size of the car park, only 10 spaces are available to be drawn. Chair to contact TBC to arrange to have the disabled space put back on the main road outside 50 (56 Malleson Road), which was removed when the new road surface was done.

CHAIR TO REPORT.

- 8- Report on the works highlighted on the Play safe report:** Replacement sleeper needed for the slide as per the yearly safety report, Clerk to seek quotes. Clerk advises council that the surveyor at Greenfields is on leave and that they are meeting to do a survey next week.

Clerk to follow up and report to next meeting.

- 9- Rear of RRB Cleanup:** Update on the work to remove tree behind RRB.

Cllr. Fawke confirms that the tree will be removed on Wednesday the 30th of October 24.

Once the tree has been taken down, he will fix the guttering.

The salt grit still needs to be disposed of.

Garden house nursey have cleared all the items as requested.

ONGOING.

- 10- War Memorial:** planned to take place Tuesday 27/8/24 and be finished by end of October.

Work has started and will be completed by the end of September; some residents requested the netting to be taken down as it was obstructing views while they were driving - this has now been done.

ONGOING.

- 11- Moat Farm ball netting:** update on options and costs for replacement. **Deferred to Oct –**

Clerk to circulate quotes that were received last year to new councilors. Council to look at other options available. Cllr Brain to take photos of tree saplings to ascertain what tree they are and if they are an option.

ONGOING.

- 12- Weeds in playpark:** Report from Cllr Fawke on the trial weed killer applied.

Natural weed killer has been applied, it has had some affect and Cllr Fawke is happy to spray again.

Cllr. FAWKE TO REPORT.

13- Update on request for new public right of way signs for AGO12:

The Chair has sent a request for new signs for AGO12, not received at present.

ONGOING.

14- Update on environmental health complaints about 74 Malleson Road: Chair to report.

The Chair has contacted Environmental Health, they are aware of the property. Environmental Health have contacted the owner, they have been issued an enforcement notice.

ONGOING.

15- Removal of waste bin near gazebo: Chair to speak to TBC/UBICO.

ONGOING.

16- Phone box renovation project: Update from Cllr Lidington.

3 sides and the top of the phone box have been prepared.

Cllr. Brain to help Cllr Lidington to do the back of the phone box and one resident volunteered to help mask off the window when ready for painting to commence.

Defib signs are on order.

ONGOING.

17- Portable library: Council to discuss location options for the portable library.

Discussed in Cllr reports.

ONGOING.

18- Freeman field survey report: Report was sent to all councilors and to Neil at NGB. Council discussed if the survey is required. The council agree that this work is not what the council requires. Item to be removed from agenda. Cllr. Lidington and Cllr Daniel to meet to use a metal detector to find the lost manhole cover.

ONGOING.

19- GPC Website Security: Simon Tarling asked to present an update report on the upgrade to the website security provision:

As a result of Tewkesbury Borough Council's cyber incident, I have been checking our systems more regularly than normal. I appreciate this might all sound a bit abstract and like something that happens in a movie, however these events do have real impacts.

To put some figures to the problem, our website has had 2,129 attacks blocked this week. Of these, 128 have been of a complex (i.e. designed specifically to find weaknesses) nature. One of these attacks was very persistent. As such I have written some code to deny access to the website from the top 91 offenders.

I have changed the Ionos (our hosting provider) account password and have mandated the use of two factor authentication. The Chair and The Clerk have the new password.

ONGOING.

Finance

Payment Schedule for September 24

Clerk – Standard Hours. **APPROVED**

Lyn Simms - Cleaning - £270 **APPROVED**

Roy Balgobin – Training invoice 2 - £250. **APPROVED**

(4 hour remaining for ongoing support as and when required.)

Ian Crowe. FFA. - Preparation of Receipts & Payments Account £50.00

APPROVED

Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils - £215 – Internal Audit

APPROVED

Planning

(Due to Cyber-attack at TBC the planning portal is not active)

APPLICATION NO: 24/00573/OUT DESCRIPTION:

Construction of up to 100 dwellings, the formation of a new means of access on Evesham Road, new footpaths and cycle routes, the creation of areas of open space including play space, new surface water drainage, new landscaping and habitat creation and a school drop off car park.

LOCATION: Parcel Nos 0006 2700 2972 9680, Evesham Road, Bishops Cleeve

GRID REF: 395098 228865

Council resolved to object – Report to be submitted when the portal is active.

APPLICATION NO: 24/00574/FUL DESCRIPTION:

Creation of new landscaping, habitat creation, areas of open space, footpath and cycle links and bridge crossings. LOCATION: Parcel Nos 0006 2700 2972 9680, Evesham Road, Bishops Cleeve GRID REF: 395098 228865

Council resolved to object – Report to be submitted when the portal is active. (This is part of 24/00573/OUT)

Items for inclusion on next agenda

Gretton road - back of Andrews farm, residents have cut a well-established hedge down to the ground.

**Date of next meeting: Oct 8th 2024 at 7pm. At Rex Rhodes Building
THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:30 PM**

