

## GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### **MINUTES OF THE Parish Council Meeting HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> July 2105**

**Venue :** Rex Rhodes Building

**Present :** Councillors David Hearn, Sylvia Stokes, Les Howard, Caroline Ryman, Howards Samuels, Bev Osborne, Allen Keyte and David Ward, Gill Cannon (clerk), 6 members of the public

**Apologies :** Cllr Mel Gore

15.7.2. **Declarations of Interest** - None

15.7.3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015** – Approved subject to the various alterations tabled by Cllr Stokes.

15.7.4. **Clerks report** : - a) 4 training places booked in September for Cllrs + Chairman course. b) Clerk reported on a meeting with the external auditors which had raised some simple administrative queries which had been answered but the audit had to be resubmitted. Cllr Hearn and the clerk signed the amended statement. c) Clerk reported that she had contacted TBC re verges at bottom of Malleson Road which have now been cut d) dog fouling signs ordered – delivery in 6 weeks d) Footpath maintenance – clerk awaiting confirmation from Vince Larcombe as to scope of agreed works. Also on urgent cutting back and regular ongoing maintenance e) contract for nursery ongoing – clerk and Cllr Osborne f) clerk confirmed new schedule received which confirms cover adequate for our needs g) risk register ongoing but a number of risks had been reviewed as part of the annual audit.

15.7.5 and 6 No councilors present therefore no reports.

15.7.7. Draft Financial statements were approved. Clerk explained that were issues at the bank which needed to be sorted out due to the change in clerk and councilors.

15.7.8a) Moat Farm Development - Rule 6 statement prepared by Cllr Stokes. Discussion around the robustness of figures and the fact the a preferred option is a linear development. Cllr Stokes to revise statement in good time to meet the timescales for the appeal. B) Shutter Lane. Cllr Stokes confirmed that the criteria has been reached for the release of the Rule 106 monies. This was confirmed by the clerk who had had a meeting at Tewkesbury Borough Council and raised the question. c) Designation of green space. As part of the NDP the Council was requested to consider various parcels of land to be the subject of an application for green space designation. There is a need to gather and provide evidence that the relevant space has importance in beauty, historical significance, recreational value, richness of wildlife or tranquility. Recommendations will be requested from the village

as part of the NDP Open Meeting d) – Planning, There had been 3 recent planning applications in the last few days: Homelands – a development of 52 houses which was merely a second phase. Overall view was that it was already agreed but there was a need to keep an eye on traffic flow and parking. Homelands 2 – a development of 127 houses. There is no access onto the lane and therefore no comment. Long Furlong – this development will improve the area.

15.7.9 Cllrs Osborne, Samuels, Howard and Churchill expressed a wish to go on training which will take place in September. Clerk to confirm course bookings. Cllr Hearn expressed a wish to go on the Chairmanship course. Clerk to action

15.7.10 Large fluorescent dog fouling signs need to be very carefully sited. Once the signs are received (approx. 6 weeks) it was suggested that the Council walk to the proposed sites and agree positioning. 3 signs are need at Long Furlong

15.7.11 Litter picking Gill Parsons had confirmed that this is still continuing

15.7.12 APM – Cllr Keyte confirmed that a speaker had been organized from the Borough and that he would chase and confirm name. Cllrs Howard and Osborne agreed to be responsible for refreshments

15.7.13 Gym equipment. It was felt that a decision of the Council taken based on the parish plan should not be reversed. Cllr Hearn proposed that the gym equipment be retained. Seconded by Cllr Howard Put to the c=vote 6 for, 1 against, 1 abstention. After discussion Cllr Hearn proposed that the gym equipment be sited adjacent to the petanque piste confirming that a sign should be displayed that it should not be used whilst petanque was in play. Seconded Cllr Ryman. 6 for, 1 against, 1 abstention

15.7.14.a) Rex Rhodes Building Maintenance. Three quotes have been received but one has been asked to quote on the same basis as the other two, It has been established that people would use the shower facility. It was agreed that the work should be done provided the quote did not exceed £2,500 Cllr Stokes confirmed that s106 money could be used provided we kept the TBC informed of our actions. Cllr Stokes to provide clerk with contact details. Cllr Osborne raised the issue of appropriate cleaning equipment for the cleaner. It was agreed that Cllr Osborne should purchase the necessary items and claim on expenses. b) Nursery. Quotes to be obtained for the renovation of the play area. The nursery want a shed which the Council is prepared to approve but not pay for. Clerk and Cllr Osborne to liaise re contract/rates for nursery use of RRB.

15.7.15 Footpath maintenance – see clerks report

15.7.16 NDP site criteria presented by Cllr Ward and accepted. Next step Open meeting next weekend

15.7.17. Ownership of the village hall. Papers are still with the solicitor who requires additional information. Ongoing

15.7.18 Insurance. Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to the insurers and had obtained a new schedule confirming full extent of cover and that it was satisfactory for

our needs.

15.7.19a Freeman's Field Maintenance Contract. Clerk to obtain a copy of the cutting and weed control schedule

15.7.19b The Gazebo is in need of renovation. Quotes had been obtained. Cllr Samuels proposed that the work be carried out and Cllr Keyte seconded.

15.7.19c A query had been raised about the legalities of the sale of alcohol on the Field. Clerk to investigate the process and cost of the Council obtaining a licence

*Public Concerns*

*Overgrown pathway at Long Furlong. Council agreed and clerk to contact Vince Larkcombe to cut back immediately and quote for ongoing maintenance of it 3 times per year.*

Meeting closed at 9.47

Items for Next Agenda

1. Venue for future Council meetings
2. 2016 Village Fete
3. Gym equipment
4. Ownership of Village Hall
5. Rex Rhodes Building
6. Venue of Council meetings

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