

**GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON 17 MAY 2018 AT 7.30PM**

Venue:	Gotherington Village Hall, Gotherington	
Present:	Chairman Howard Samuels	
Attendees:	Clerk/RFO, Jules Owen and 75 members of the public	
Minute Ref.	Details	Actions
APM17.5.18.1	Introduction and welcome by the Chairman	
APM17.5.18.2	Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 30 May 2017 and Parish Meeting held on 7 February 2018 were signed by the chairman as a true and accurate record.	
APM17.5.18.3	Chairman gave his report of the last year – see Appendix 1	
APM17.5.18.4	<p>Chris Riley, Local Highway Manager for G.C.C. gave an update on Gotherington Cross Junction. The total budget available, including safety funding and some S106 was circa £40,000.00 Cost of 4-way traffic signals would be in region of £300,000.00 A roundabout would cost more and there was a shortage of land for a roundabout too. With limited resources available, what should GCC focus on? He received interesting feedback including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic census at war memorial would be worthwhile as they had a benchmark from when it was done prior to Homelands • Discussed possibility of match funding with S106 • Make junction more visible with VAS like on B4077 near Greet – that would potentially be in the budget • Biggest negative would be reduction in the bell-mouth • Parish council to investigate a mobile speed van from time to time • Was there anyone we could lobby higher up? <p>Yes - our MP, C. Cllr and B. Cllr.</p>	
APM17.5.18.5	<p>Cllr. Arnett gave a presentation on S106 Agreements, it was followed by an open forum session with residents. Forms were distributed and a Survey would also be delivered to all houses at a later date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion for indoor bowls • Resident stated floodlighting for tennis courts had been mentioned but as we did not have street lights in the village, it would spoil the dark sky • Could we define parish building, did it have to be owned by the parish council? <p>No, it had to be within the parish. We had looked to enlarge Village Hall previously but it was not viable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If areas overlap, TBC confirmed we could possibly purchase land with S106 - there was flexibility 	
APM17.5.18.6	<p>Chairman invited electors to raise any matters of interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk read-out 3 emails from residents who could not be present • Chairman confirmed S106 forms from the meeting tonight could be returned to him • Residents complained about 10/15 clumps of grass cuttings left around FF and brown bins were only half full. She suggested an 	

	email should be sent to Cricket Club	
APM17.5.18.7	There was not any other business.	
	Meeting closed: 21.03pm	

Chairman

Signed

Date

Appendix 1

Gotherington Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting 2018 Chairman's Report

Welcome to the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting.

It's wonderful to see so many of you here and I will start by giving a brief run through as to the plan of events for this evening. I have only been the Chair since the beginning of 2018 and I must say it has certainly been an interesting few months.

Anyway, we will start off with the agenda, I will give a short review of the past year from a Parish Council prospective and what we hope to achieve during the next 12 months.

Following on from that we have with us tonight Chris Riley, who is currently the local Highways Manager and he will be talking about the Malleson Road/A435 junction. This will be followed by questions and answer session with Chris from yourselves.

Councillor Ellie Arnett, a brand new Parish Councillor, will be talking about S106, what it means and how we as a village can benefit. Ellie will be showing a few slides and will be happy to take questions following the presentation.

Since the previous Annual Parish Meeting in May 2017 we have seen the **Gotherington Neighbourhood Development Plan (GNDP) being adopted by Tewkesbury Borough Council**. This was confirmed at a Full Council Meeting on 19 September 2017, Tewkesbury Borough Council resolved to bring the Gotherington Neighbourhood Development Plan into legal force. We as a village are very grateful to the GNDP Steering Group led by David Ward for the huge amount of work that the group did over the past few years to bring this to a satisfactory conclusion.

Another huge success was the eventual rejection on April 29th by the Inspectors to the planning appeal from the developers of The Meadow (Cook's Field). The original plans included a development of up to 90 dwellings, later reduced to 50, located in the heart of the village.

Another success story... the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) is a membership organisation and is the only national body representing the interests of over 10,000 local councils. One of the functions of the NALC is the Star Council Awards which includes categories such as Young Gotherington Parish Council

Councillor of the year, Council of the Year etc. and last year (2017) Gotherington Parish Council entered the Sports Pavilion in the Outstanding Project of the Year Award and on the 30th October, it was announced that we were awarded the runner up position.

I will just read the statement from the NALC judge

“Gotherington have built a very high-quality multi sports facility without using huge amounts of money and it was very striking that every single village group had donated money, large or small to it and now it is a very strong feature within the community.”

The Church Centre project was in full swing with a lot of work being done behind the scenes in order to establish the full costs of both the purchase and renovation of the building before being put to the Parish Council for approval. This project certainly created a lot of interest from residents and was a topic of conversation almost wherever you went in the Village.

This year we had the poll vote on the 1st March, the first in the Tewkesbury district since 2004 apparently. The demand for a parish poll was called by a number of residents as to whether the Parish Council should proceed with the purchase of the CC? A 47% turnout, again very high according to TBC, and there was a 45 majority in favour of those who voted against the purchase. (397 votes 176 – yes. 221 – no)

As a matter of interest this vote was not legally binding but the Parish Council at an EGM meeting the following evening voted to no longer proceed with the project.

As the new Chair of Gotherington Parish Council I am looking forward, I am certainly not forgetting the past, but we must move on and bring unification to this wonderful village of ours. We can start by working with residents, listening, taking comments and ideas on board and as you will hear later when Councillor Arnett chats about the S106 we welcome your input as to where the money might be spent. We now have a dedicated Parish Council website where lots of relevant information can be found, please have a browse and give us any feedback.

We also finally have a full complement of Councillors, all with different skills and interests and they certainly keep me busy and, on my toes, but please contact any one of them for any problems or suggestions that you yourself might have.

We are also making some progress on the technology front, with full online banking facilities and sometime in the future an automated booking system, there is some way to go on this of course but the rapid shift in technology will hopefully help us achieve this.

Next May (2019) the Local Elections take place and a new Parish Council will be elected to serve for the next 4 years, I realise it seems a long way off but not all existing members will be standing for re-election but of course they will always be on hand to offer advice.

As mentioned before the council needs a good mixture of young and less young, male and female to serve a Village that is increasing both in size and expectation. Please have a think about standing to be a Gotherington Local Councillor.

Thank you for listening.

Howard Samuels
Chair
Gotherington Parish Council