

GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE Parish Council Meeting HELD ON 8th December 2015

Venue : Rex Rhodes Building, Started at 7:30 pm

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

Prior to the formal business of the Council an open meeting was held with the representatives of Centaur Homes to discuss the proposed temporary closure of Shutter Lane to permit widening and drainage works. See Appendix 1

Apologies : Cllrs Churchill and Howard, Cllrs Mel Gore and Rob Bird

Cllr Hearn announced the resignation of Gill Cannon, Parish Clerk. He assured the meeting that the Council were looking at cover for the post both short and long term.

15.12.2 **Declarations of Interest** – None

15.12.3 **Minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2015** – Approved and signed

15.12.4. **Clerks report** : - The clerk's report had been circulated and was accepted – outstanding matters to be discussed through agenda points. .

- a) Shutter Lane – meeting held with representatives of Centaur Homes which had led the attendance of Centaur Homes at this meeting
- b) Relevant information had been passed to the snow warden
- c) All costs re the work on the Rex Rhodes Building had been obtained and delivered to the TBC by Cllr Keyte. Approval for all expenditure had been obtained under s106 agreements.
- d) Council tax situation on the transfer of the village hall back to the GPC – Clerk had established that exemption should still apply but in the event of it not doing so small business relief would apply which would mean no payment. This also applies to the Rex Rhodes Building. Cllr Keyte had taken this up and obtained a refund of Council Tax relating to the last 5 years.

15.12.5. There was no report from the Borough Councillor

15.12.6 There was no report from the County Councillor

15.12.7 **Finance.**

a) Cllr Keyte presented the current month's report which showed a healthy balance. Bank access for Cllr Keyte had not been completed and therefore a full reconciliation was not available.

b) The invoices to be paid for the month were as follows

• William Gilder Ltd– Jetting works	£ 168.00
• I and I Internet – Web hosting	£ 21.56
• GRCC – GNDP	£ 927.00
• Vince Larcombe – balance bar	£ 150.00
• Wicksteed Leisure	£6588.72
• Poppy Wreath	£ 20.00
• Sundry including ink	£ 17.00
• Clerks salary	£ 274.48
• Cleaning materials	£ 2.58
• Cleaner RRB	£ 100.00

TOTAL £8269.34

c) Budgets. – Cllr Keyte presented budget papers showing an anticipated reserve of £ in year 2015/16. He also presented a proposed budget reducing the precept to £8000 See Appendix 2. Cllr Keyte proposed the adoption of the budgets, Cllr Hearn seconded. Vote unanimous. (See Appendix 2)

15.12.8 Planning

a) Shutter Lane Cllr Keyte presented an account, accepted by Tewkesbury Borough Council in respect of s106 monies.

b) i) Following the meeting with the representatives of Centaur Homes and the discussions around the proposed works (See Appendix 1) it was agreed that an on site meeting with Michael Glaze of Gloucestershire County Council should be held to try to reverse the decision to widen the road. Cllr Keyte to arrange.

ii) It was also agreed that a written survey of the 26 residents in Shutter Lane should be undertaken to determine whether they wanted the road widened or to remain the same with its country lane aspect. Cllr Samuels to action

iii) Further investigation into the possibility of making Shutter Lane into a 20mph speed limit. To be included in discussion with Michael Glaze

c) There were no recent planning applications save for one in the Bishops Cleeve area but which borders onto Gotherington. Cllr Stokes to investigate that application further and if necessary inform the planning committee if a planning committee meeting needs to be convened.

15.12.9 Neighbourhood Development Plan. Cllr Ward gave an update.

- All the GNDP forms, appendices and consultation forms are being printed. The consultation period will run from 15th December to 9th February 2016.
- Consultation forms will be delivered to every house in Gotherington and Gotherington Fields
- The Councillors and 7 other volunteers will deliver the forms which delivery will be coordinated by Phil Aplin.
- To complete the forms residents will need to read a copy of the latest GNDP which will be available online and on a loan basis from the shop, village hall and Bishops Cleeve library.

- These forms will then be collected, collated and enters into a database
- The steering group will invite the five interested developers, Persimmon, Pembury, Lioncourt, Moat Farm and Gallagher to present their plans and timescales to the NDP in the period between 6th and 20th January.
- Question and Answer sessions will be held on the 20th January to inform and answer any queries from residents.
- The Parish Council having made a determination that a SEA (Strategic Environmental Assessment) is not required must send a copy of that determination various agencies – clerk to action
- The Parish Council also needs to consult those bodies likely to be affected by our GNDP proximate to the Gotherington parish area. Clerk to action

15.12.10 Proposal to seek a weight restriction order re Gotherington Lane.

Due to the increasing volumes of heavy traffic including construction traffic it was considered prudent to seek a weight restriction in this area and to try to divert construction traffic. Cllr Keyte proposed that an approach be made to Gloucestershire County Council (Michael Glaze) in this respect. Seconded Cllr Hearn. Vote unanimous. Clerk to action

15.12.11 School admission criteria. The headmaster of the school is reviewing admission criteria and is anxious to retain a catchment area of the 3 villages. He has asked that the parish council support him in with this admission policy. Cllr Stokes proposed support in this way. Cllr Ryman seconded. Vote unanimous. Cllr Ryman to draft a letter and clerk to send.

15.12.12 The proposed removal of the chicanes on Gotherington Lane. Both the parish councils of Gotherington and Bishops Cleeve have received complaints about the chicanes. Proposed by Cllr Stokes that we write in support of Bishops Cleeve's proposal to remove them to Bishop Cleeve Parish Council with a copy to Gloucestershire County Councillor Rob Bird in the following terms – "Following numerous complaints from parishioners, Gotherington Parish Council are of the opinion that the number of chicanes on Gotherington Lane are unnecessary and the most northerly one is becoming increasingly dangerous as more houses are occupied in Homelands to the east of the traffic island as approaching traffic is hidden by shrubs and trees. Gotherington Parish Council offer their support to Bishop Cleeve Parish Council in any endeavor to have one or all of the chicanes removed". Cllr Ryman seconded. Vote unanimous. Clerk to action.

15.12.13 Tree clearance and Gym equipment – The equipment has been installed but there are some issues in respect of the reinstatement of the ground around the installation area. Cllr Churchill to investigate.

15.12.14 Rex Rhodes Building.

- a) Update – there have been 2 weekend bookings netting £165. The cleaner's hours may have to be increased due to the mess being made by mud being trampled in from the boggy area resulting from the drainage issues.
- b) Nursery playground. This cannot be progressed until the boundary/fence issues with the neighbour has been resolved. Clerk to send a letter asking for a plan which indicates the line of boundary.
- c) Lights – will be installed next week.

15.12.15 Tennis Pavilion

a) Quotations -Quotes range from £24,498 to £73,600 plus VAT from the following:

Challenge Fencing Ltd

The Stable Co

Wyre Forest

Cabin Co

b) Funding – Cllr Churchill continues to research potential funding sources although it may be possible to use some s106 monies for this purpose. Deferred as an agenda item to next meeting

15.12.18 Changes to Footpath 22 - The clerk reported confirmed that the fencing and re-routing of the footpath had been reported to the Gloucestershire County Council who were investigating. It did appear though that the course of the path had changed over time and that the route had probably only been returned to its original course.

Public Concerns

- Changes to Footpath 22
- Phil Aplin asked whether the Council was aware of the new Local Council Award scheme. Cllr Hearn confirmed that it was.
- Ellen Cooke informed the Council of a planning application by Redrow in the Bishop Cleeve area but bordering Gotherington (see 15.12.8c above).

Meeting closed at 9.50

Items for Next Agenda

1. Tennis Pavilion

APPENDIX 1

Précis of the session with Centaur Homes

- Centaur Homes were represented by Mark Snape, Mark Harrison, David Poole and Neil Bingham
- The work which involves reinstating to a good standard drainage and widening the road will be undertaken in 3 stages and will take a maximum of 4 weeks.
- Phase 1 the land in front of the Shutters pub. Access to Shutter Lane will still be available during this phase which will take 3 days
- Centaur Homes have taken into consideration representations made by the Council and residents and have put back the work mid/late February to limit the likelihood of disruption through bad weather. They will also provide a golf buggy for the use of residents during periods of closure.
- Periods of closure will be between the hours of 8.30am and 4.30pm. Access will be available every evening.
- 2nd phase will take a week and a half and will be working up Shutter Lane towards the development. Centaur homes will provide a plan showing the phases which will be displayed on village notice boards and online when received.
- Phase 3 connecting into the development will take approximately 2 weeks.
- The road will then be finished with tarmac with raised side stones.
- Progress will be communicated by Centaur Homes to residents by means of letter drops.
- One issue which might delay works is that Gotherington has a high water table but Centaur are aware of this and trust that disruption to the schedule will be minimal.
- Discussions were had about keeping Shutter Lane as a “country lane”. Centaur are in favour of this and would support the parish council in seeking an onsite meeting with Gloucestershire County Item (see minute item 15.12.8b above)
- Discussions re the private road were deferred to a separate meeting with residents of that road.
- Concerns raised about pedestrian safety – to be added to discussions with Gloucestershire County Council above
- The traffic priority will change which is a GCC requirement. Centaur will support the parish council in requesting it stay the same.
- 20 mph speed limit should be requested.
- Discussions held about diverting access through the site and Long Furlong but this unlikely to be permitted due to health and safety issues. Centaur will seek an opinion though from the health and safety executive.
- Postal services may be inconvenienced as delivery men will have to access the Shutter Lane houses on foot.
- Emergency services will always have priority and work will cease and plates be laid or work infilled to allow access if needed.
- There will be no compensation paid for disruption.
- Centaur will have discussion with refuse collectors to try to accommodate collections.
- Up to 42 cars will need to have parking facilities during closures. Centaur to negotiate with the Shutter pub.
- Closures will only be Monday-Friday

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