

## GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> February 2015

Venue: The Church Centre, Gotherington

Present: Councillors: David Hearn, Phil Aplin, John Stroud, Jacquie Waine, Ellen Cooke, Caroline Ryman, Sylvia Stokes and David Ward. Clerk: Christine Benfield

In Attendance: Five residents.

#### 1521. APOLOGIES

- Cllr Angus and Borough Cllr Keyte

#### 1522. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- Cllr Waine declared interest in Planning Application: 14/01272/FUL.

#### 1523. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014

- The minutes of the meeting were approved as a true record. Proposed. S.S, Seconded. P.A. Agreed.
- They were not signed by the Chairman, but have been the following day with the Clerk as paper copy not available.
- Council agreed that 'CLEAR 'Draft' Minutes would be posted online and the notice boards; once agreed at the next meeting they would be posted again as 'Minutes'.

#### 1524. CLERK'S REPORT

The chair reported on actions from the last meeting as follows:

- 1046.1 Cllr Stokes has spoken to County Cllr Bird.
- 1515. Ongoing

#### 1525. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- No report

#### 1526. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- No report

*The meeting was adjourned whilst members of the public could make comments under Public Question Time. (See below)*

#### 1526. FINANCE

- The financial statement was accepted (with some small alterations to be added) and signed by the Chairman. Proposed. P.A. Seconded. C.R. Agreed.
- The accounts were distributed.
- Online banking was to be transferred to manual banking until such time as the Clerk is more experienced and updated regulations are in place; by the new Council after the elections in May. Proposed. DH. Seconded. JS. Agreed.
- Training course agreed for Clerk. Proposed. D.H. Seconded. C.R. Agreed.
- Auditor agreed Iain Selkirk. Proposed. P.A. Seconded. C.R. Agreed.

#### 1527. PLANNING MATTERS

- **14/01272/FUL** 3Bed bungalow at rear of 1 Cleeve Rd. The Parish Council objected to this application with reference to the Joint Core Strategy Policy SD5-design requirement. The building is considered to be too large for the site resulting in inadequate garden amenity space. The render finish and cedar cladding is considered to be out of keeping with the surrounding dwellings. The design is contrary to the Village Design Statements DP11 and DP12 within the Parish Plan. There were also concerns regarding the car parking provision and vehicle turning space on a shared access road.

**This is a DRAFT COPY and SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

- **14/00694/APP** 22 Dwellings at Homelands Farm. Although not in the Parish of Gotherington concerns raised over design layout and traffic implications to the village.
  - **Site opposite The Farmers Arms** Cllr Aplin has requested clarification from Tewkesbury Borough Council.
  - **Mobile Phone Mast in Church Tower.** Cllr Aplin stated that we need more reception. He has sourced “The Phone Mast Co” who for £25 a year will explore practicalities and investigate. Proposed PA. Seconded JW. Agreed.
- 1528. Recruitment of Parish Councillors.** (Agenda item 9)
- Clerk to explore and send out procedures for the application for Parish Councillor.
- 1529. Addition of Bodytwister to Outside Gym Equipment Order.** (Agenda item 10)
- Council agreed to place an order for a Body Twister to be installed the same time as the Skier and agree location opposite Moat Farm. Proposed. P.A. Seconded. DH. Agreed.
- 1530. Repairing and Painting of Village Benches** (Agenda item 10a) Deferred to next meeting.
- 1531. Potential Capital Grant Projects.** (Agenda item 11)
- Alternative idea to a new construction of stone building for tennis/petangue including a toilet with a cost of £45,000. PA to explore with Anj Patel.
  - Anj Patel request to visit the village and explore possibilities to be arranged. Delegation to PA.
  - Add to Clerks Report to start a wish list for future funding opportunities.
  - Agreed to organise visit from Anj Patel re: grants. Delegation Cllr Aplin. (Agenda item 16)
- 1532. Neighbourhood Development Plan Meeting 13/14/15 February 2015** (Agenda item 12)
- Councillor Ward to organise A1 display boards and sheets for residents to complete and a box at the door. He has contacted Ellen Tattershill.
  - Flyers to go around the village but request for Councillors to let Residents know when/if they can.
  - 17/20 helpers required. Organise Steering Group and Councillors to cover the 3 days.
  - Councillor Aplin has organised labels and started on database for future analysing and also to speak to Michael Yong at the Echo newspaper to place an article and it's also in the parish magazine.
  - Response letter requested by council for clerk to write to residents at Moat Farm re: correspondence received. (Agenda item 18). Chairman, Cllr Hearn to deliver letter by hand as NDP meeting imminent. DH declared Interest.
- 1533. Allocation of Responsibilities for Retiring Councillors** (Agenda item 13)
- Chairman to give list to Clerk of responsibilities needing covering.
- 1534. Action Required for Road Improvements at the Junction of A435 and Malleson Rd.** (Agenda item 14)
- Cllr Stokes has spoken to County Cllr Bird who thinks that proposals presently are two small islands. Clerk to write to Richard Waters at Highways to find out planned junction improvements. There is concern over road marking and signage at the junction. The Give Way sign on the West has been bent around. Clerk to write to Lianne Butler at Amey.
- 1535. Installation of CCTV in Rex Rhodes Building.** (Agenda item 15)
- Agreed with a costing of £1,445. Proposed PA. Seconded CR. Agreed.
- 1536. Painting of Rex Rhodes Building.** (Agenda item 17)
- Agreed with a costing of £675. Proposed. PA Seconded JW. Agreed.
- 1537. Donation to Roses Theatre.** (Agenda item 17a)
- Have requested a donation and have visited village twice in last year .Suggestion made to give all our donation budget of £500. Some councillors saw this as excessive and proposal of £250 by CR was seconded DH. Agreed.

**1538. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

- Bench Refurbishments.
- Update on Councillor Recruitment.
- Risk Register review.
- Section 106 in Shutter lane
- Moat Farm Appeal.
- PCSOs visits to Village.
- Ideas for wish list for Capital Grants.
- Consider actions resulting from public NDP meetings and develop vision statement.

**1539. *At this meeting village residents brought up the following issues.***

- A resident asked if dog fouling on footpath and around the village could be dealt with. Cllrs Stroud, Ryman and Aplin stated that they had met with the Environment officer and the advice given was to contact Tewkesbury Borough Council Environmental Department to report the problem and photographic evidence would be useful. Cllrs explained evidence needed. Cllr Stokes said the Parish Council has done a lot to tackle this including posters and free bags in the shops.
- A resident asked if we could send out Agendas with Minutes. It was explained that this is not practical due to timings.

**1540. *DATE, TIME and VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING***

**7:30 pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at the Church Centre**

**There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9:25 pm.**