

## GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2014

Venue: The Church Centre, Gotherington

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

In Attendance: 8 members of the public

#### 1301.APOLOGIES

- 1301.1 None

#### 1302.DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- 1302.1 Cllr Cooke declared an interest in item 1318 and took no part in the discussion or the vote

#### 1303.WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

- 1303.1 None received

#### 1304.MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9th September 2014

- 1304.1 The minutes of the meeting were approved as a true record and they were signed by the Chairman

#### 1305.CLERK'S REPORT

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

| Minute Item No | Description  | Responsibility | Action Taken  |
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| 838.1          | RTC incident at Gotherington Cross: this incident was still under police investigation and therefore could not be fully discussed. Action: The clerk will write to Highways to inform them that, once the investigation has been completed, the Parish Council will be looking to Highways to undertake a speed survey at their own cost. Action: The clerk will write to the Police to request that the Parish Council be informed when the investigation has been completed and to let us know what the conclusions are. | Clerk          | On going  |
| 1046.1         | The Clerk will write to the Integrated Transport Unit at GCC asking if there are any plans to re-route the bus service and to possibly extend the 527 service into the early evening.  | Clerk          | To be followed up with TBC                                    |
| 1069.1         | . It was resolved that renovation of the courts would be the best course of action and agreed cost of up to £5000  | Completed      |   |
| 1071.1         | CCTV Replacement: Councillor Aplin to obtain costings for next year's budget and to liaise with the Village Hall   | Cllr Aplin     | There will be a meeting in V Hall on 29 <sup>th</sup> October |
| 1099.1         | Telephone mast in Woolstone church. Council agreed this was worth exploring as part of the Parish Plan. Action: Councillors Aplin to investigate all options.  | Cllr Aplin     | On going  |
| 1099.2         | The Clerk will seek information from the major mobile phone operators  | Clerk          | Awaiting responses  |
| 1141.4         | The clerk would inform all future bookings at the RR Building that they have to also inform the nursery.   | Clerk          | On going  |
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| 1143.1         | It was agreed that the first step was to undertake a Housing Needs Survey and then to talk to GRCC (Elin Tattersall) once the results were known. | Council        | Completed  |
| 1145.2         | The clerk will ask Highways if they could recommend any contractors to undertake pothole work.  | Cllr Angus     | The potholes in Gotherington Fields are completed. The potholes near RRB to be filled later. |
| 1216.1         | Clr Hearn to Move Documentation   | Cllr Hearn     | Completed  |
| 1218.1         | Parish Council to be on Facebook  | Cllr Aplin     | Completed  |
| 1220.1         | Convenient location for CeliaBlacklock Memorial Bench   | Cllr Hearn     | Site near Norman Blundell's seat is suggested – to be recommended to the Blacklocks          |

### 1306. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- 1306.1 No report

### 1307. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- 1307.1 No report

The meeting was adjourned whilst members of the public could make comments under Public Question Time

- Malcolm mentioned the grit spreader, and asked if it had been repaired. Phil said that it had.
- Malcolm also asked if the roadway at entrance to LongFurlong could be repaired, as it represented a safety problem. Apparently the damaged roadway extends some 3m onto LongFurlong Road.
- Finally, Malcolm asked for the verges along the boundary of Gotherington could be trimmed.  
**Cllr Hearn** agreed to contact Bishop's Cleeve to check where how they financed their verge trimming.

### 1308. FINANCE

- 1308.1 The financial statement was accepted and signed by the Chairman.
- 1308.2 the accounts were distributed and agreed that reserves were healthy. The Neighbourhood Watch signs can now be fitted. **Howard Samuels** agreed to fit them if Phil Smith was unable to do so.
- 1308.3 It was agreed that Cllr Aplin and David Ward would attend the GAPTC Planning Conference on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at a total cost of £130.
- 1308.4 Phil Aplin reported that the Village Hall is owned by the charity and their does not need to be valued.:

### 1309. PLANNING MATTERS

- 1309.1 There were no more planning applications for Gotherington. The Showlands site or Woolstone Place has received planning permission and is therefore a permanent site with conditions.
- 1309.2 It was agreed that the SLA status of the Raspberry Field was no longer relevant as development had now been permitted. Cllr Stokes proposed that the Neighbourhood Plan committee should address the necessity for any pockets of land within the parish to be designated as SLAs.
- 1309.3 The S106 list of requirements has been sent to TBC and Anj Patel has sent a helpful reply, suggesting that she meets with councillors in the near future. Cllr Aplin reported that certain items, such as the renovation of the Shutter Island, traffic calming and the scout hut were not suitable items for the S106.
- 1309.4 It was agreed that a parking area on the Moat Farm land would be a great asset to the village and this should be pursued. **Cllrs Hearn and Aplin** to consider the best way forward
- 1309.5 A combined Tennis Hut / Scout Hut was considered to be worth pursuing. **Cllrs Hearn and Aplin** to action this.
- 1309.6 Councillors reviewed the idea of funding an independent consultant to advise on opposition to Moat Farm development. It was unanimously agreed that this would create precedence for all future development proposals in the village.

- **1310. Clerk / RFO Vacancy**
  - 1310.1 We now have one candidate for the position of clerk and RFO. However, it was agreed that the advertisement would remain in place for now.
- **1311 Active Together Grant.**
  - 1311.1 Cllr Aplin has pursued this with Cllr Bird but has received no response to his emails. **Cllr Hearn** has agreed to follow this up with Cllr Bird.
- **1312 Risk Register**
  - 1312.1 No action required except every three months
- **1313 Parish Plan update**
  - 1313.1 Cllr Angus reported that the cycle rack was installed and operational.
  - 1313.2 Cllr Stokes suggested that the Parish Plan actions be reviewed to take account of the S106 requirements. It was proposed that those villagers who were responsible for each section of the updated Parish Plan costed each of the actions, where appropriate. Prop: Cllr Stokes, Sec: Cllr Ward. **Cllr Ward** agreed to email all involved with the Parish Plan to action this.
- **1314 Autumn hedge and footpath maintenance**
  - 1314.1 It was agreed that **Cllr Angus** would write a letter to be sent to residents whose hedge needed trimming back.
- **1315 Neighbourhood Plan**
  - 1315.1 Cllr Ward reported on the encouraging progress which has taken place during the two weeks since this project was launched.
- **1316 Locks on Rex Rhodes building**
  - 1316.1 The need for a new set of locks was discussed because there had been illegal smoking in some rooms. It was agreed that **Cllr Aplin** would send a letter to the sports supervisors to remind them to ensure that the doors were locked after use.
- **1317 Parish Council Web Site**
  - 1317.1 It was agreed that our website could be improved and brought up to date.
  - 1317.2 All councillors have the right to request that data is added or removed from the website. And are encouraged to do so.
  - 1317.3 Cllrs Aplin and Ward are to arrange training in how to update the website.
- **1318 Future meetings of the parish council**
  - 1317.1 The two sites for future meetings was discussed including the pros and cons for each. It was then proposed that we move to the Village Hall for all pc future meetings unless experience shows it is unwise. Prop: Cllr Ryman,, Sec: Cllr Waine. Cllr Cooke took no part in this discussion or vote. The votes were split and the Chairman had the casting vote to remain in the Church Centre.
- **1319 Items for future agenda**
  - 1319.1 To discuss installing CCTV for the RR Building and Village Hall
- **1320 Date, Time & Venue for next meeting**
  - 1320.1 7:30 pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at the Church Centre

**There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30 pm**