

# GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th APRIL 2016

**Venue** The Rhodes Building, Gotherington

**Present** Councillors David Hearn, Les Howard, Bev Osborne, Sylvia Stokes, Caroline Ryman, Howard Samuels, David Ward and Allen Keyte.

Borough Councillor M Gore

**In attendance** Adrian and Ellen Cooke (temporary Clerks) and 6 members of the public.

The Chairman requested that Agenda item 9 be considered at the end of the meeting. The public would be excluded because of the confidential nature of the discussion.

### 16.04.1 APOLOGIES

16.04.1.1 Councillor R Churchill, County Councillor R Bird

### 16.04.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

16.04.2.1 None received.

### 16.04.03 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8th MARCH 2016

16.04.03.1 The minutes of the meetings were approved as a true record. Proposed Councillor Stokes, Seconded Councillor Osborne. They were then signed by the Chairman

### 16.04.04 CLERK'S REPORT

16.04.04.1 The clerk reported on actions from previous meetings as follows

Minute Item No	Description	Responsibility	Action Taken
15.12.10	Proposal for a weight restriction on Gotherington Lane/Cleeve Road and possibility of a 20 mph speed limit in Shutter Lane.	Clerk	Response received from Michael Glaze – costly and lengthy process for 20 mph speed restriction probably not justified. Clerk has written to Richard Walters, Highways about weight restriction. No reply.
15.12.12	Chicanes on Gotherington Lane.	Clerk	Bishops Cleeve Parish Council will take to Highways Liaison meeting in March. Clerk to investigate.
16.01.17	Facebook page management	Clerk	New Facebook page added to website. New content needs to be posted.
16.03.04.1	Disposal of grass cuttings etc. from playing field	Clerk	Brown bin now received. Completed.
16.03.04.1	Annual Temporary Event Licence	Clerk	Agenda item 17
15.8.20	Play Equipment - broken spring	Council	Decision required on repair. Agenda item 7c

	Village Bus Services	Clerk	<p>The Clerk briefed the Council on the latest news from Stagecoach and Gloucestershire County Council on bus services. Gotherington would have a much poorer service. The Pulhams 527 service would end sometime in June 2016. The Stagecoach D and a new E service would run quarter-hourly providing buses to the centre of Cleeve every 7 or 8 minutes at prime time. These services would provide improvements for Cleeve and Woodmancote. However, Gotherington's Sunday service and weekday evening service would cease on 1<sup>st</sup> May. Only the Marchant W services would be available and these do not run after 7 pm in the week and not at all on Sunday. The service for schoolchildren is not as good as the one provided by Pulhams and is much more expensive. The Clerk was to write to Gloucestershire County Council and Tewkesbury Planning to complain about the poor service. It is understood that the 43 Tewkesbury bus service will continue for the present.</p>
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#### 16.04.05 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

**16.04.05.1** Planning. Plans for 72 houses on the land south of The Old Farmers had been approved. Despite the poor access onto the A435 Highways had made no objection and flooding assessment had suggested no significant risk. The application for 265 houses off Stoke Road had been refused – TBC would prefer that any development here should be commercial/industrial. The major retail development planned off the M5 at Ashchurch will go ahead. The Joint Core Strategy had still not been agreed and it was unlikely that it would be until 2017. This made it very difficult for the Planning Department

#### 16.04.06 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

**16.04.06.1** No report

#### **The meeting was adjourned so that members of the public could make comments under Public Question Time**

Residents from Manor Lane voiced concerns about the Lioncourt development application and flooding issues on the Lane which might well be exacerbated if the development went ahead. The Clerk was to write to Highways regarding the flooding and the problems with a drain cover which lifted during heavy rain.

#### 16.04.07 FINANCE

**16.04.07.1** Receipts & payments information was circulated and these were accepted. It was proposed that charges for hiring the Rex Rhodes Building and the Tennis courts should be reviewed.

**16.04.07.2** Accounts for payment. **It was resolved that** the following payments be accepted. Unanimous Gotherington Parish Council: Payments to be made for expenses 8 March 2016 up to and including 31 March 2016

Date Paid	To Whom and Purpose	Cheque	Amount £
08/03/2016	B Osborne:Sundry Flowers Bldg View	1941	7.50
30/03/2016	TB Council: Brown Bin for Freeman Field	1942	39.50
31/03/2016	Pettitt: Refurb RRB Window Grills	1943	265.00
31/03/2016	Badges Plus: Village Fete (advance costs)	1944	204.00
31/03/2016	C Godsell: Village Fete (advance costs)	1945	29.04
31/03/2016	Greenfields: RRB Triangle Renovate	1946	6808.80
31/03/2016	SHL: Drainage Replace RRB	1947	600.00
31/03/2016	D Ward: Ink GNDP	1948	7.30

31/03/2016	B Osborne:Sundry - RRB Renovations	1949	10.00
31/03/2016	RFO: Postages and Ink	1950	22.28
31/03/2016	Clerks expenses	1951	<u>31.00</u>
			<u>8024.42</u>

**16.04.07.3** To authorise expenditure on playground repairs and village maintenance

**16.04.07.3.1.1** Gazebo – It was agreed that the cost of £442 should be accepted. Proposed Councillor Ryman, Seconded Councillor Howard

**16.04.07.3.1.2** It was agreed that the replacement spring for the seesaw should be purchased, and fitted by Greenfields at a total cost of £259. Proposed Councillor Hearn, Seconded Councillor Stokes. Agreed.

#### **16.04.08 PLANNING MATTERS**

**16.04.08.1** Update on outstanding Planning Matters

Appl Number	Application	Update
16/00243/FUL	7 Pullen Court, Gotherington	No objections.
16/00227/APP	Cleevelands Evesham Road, Bishops Cleeve	
16/00336/OUT	27 houses 59 Gretton Road	To be discussed at next meeting. Development of 24 houses on this site in the GNDP.
	Uptake of affordable homes in Shutter Lane	Clerk to ask Fortis for information

#### **16.04.09 Recruitment of new Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer**

**16.04.09.1** Interviews had taken place. Councillors would discuss at the close of business when the public had left.

#### **16.04.10 Date and Venue of Annual Parish Meeting**

**16.04.10.1** The Annual Parish Meeting will be in the Rex Rhodes Building on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm. The GNDP, Sports Pavilion and other projects would be the main focus. The Annual General Meeting would precede the next Council meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May starting at 7.00 pm.

#### **16.04.11 Review of Standing Orders**

**16.04.11.1** The Clerk had compared the existing Standing Orders with those provided by GAPTC.

#### **16.04.12 Village Spring Clean**

**16.04.12.1** Councillor Samuels proposed that there should be an annual spring clean in the village during the first two weeks in June. More weed killer had been obtained and he would put up posters asking residents to clean up frontages.

#### **16.04.13 Rex Rhodes Building**

**16.04.13.1** It was proposed by Councillor Osborne, seconded by Councillor Ward that cupboards be bought for £1,773 plus VAT instead of shelving which had proved too expensive. One radiator would have to be moved and another removed. Agreed.

#### **16.04.14 Freemans Field**

**16.04.14.1** New Pavilion. The total costings for the pavilion including groundworks was £36,809 plus VAT. The Tennis Club had increased their offer towards the cost to £5,000; Petanque had pledged £50 and the Parish Council planned to provide £10,000. Grants would be needed to meet the rest of the costs. Tewkesbury Borough would be asked for £15,000, and other grant making bodies such as the Environmental Trust and Active Gloucestershire would be approached.

**16.04.14.2** Re-location of Table Tennis Table. It was proposed by Councillor Stokes and Seconded by Councillor Osborne that the Table Tennis Table should be turned round and the plinth bisected. This was agreed,

**16.04.14.3** Rain Hut for Petanque. A donation had been offered to help with the cost of erecting a shelter near the playing area/petanque piste. More information was required in order for a decision to be made.

**16.04.14.4** Purchase of 2 Portable Football Nets. More information was to be provided. Councillor Ryman to action.

**16.04.15 Neighbourhood Development Plan**

**16.04.15.1** The grant of £2,827.50 from Locality has now been received.

**16.04.15.2** Residents concern about the Truman's Farm development at Gretton Road were noted. This site is not in the GNDP.

**16.04.15.3** The GNDP SG had had a number of meetings dealing with comments including meeting with the GRCC and a planned meeting with the TBC Planning Solicitor. The SG had produced a report on the responses and this was available on the website.

**16.04.15.4** The Parish Council will need to officially approve the revised GNDP before passing it to TBC for a consultation before a referendum possibly in June or July.

**16.04.16 Location and Display of Dog Fouling Signs**

**16.04.16.1** The next meeting to decide where these should be displayed.

**16.04.17 Village Fete 2016 update**

**16.04.17.1** A village resident holds the event licence for the Annual Firework display. He was willing for an annual licence for events on the playing field, RR Building and Village Hall to be in his name. This was on the understanding that a responsible event organiser with delegated responsibility fulfilled all the security and procedural requirements satisfactorily. Plans for the stalls were being prepared.

**16.04.18 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

**16.04.18.1** Dog Fouling Notices need to be displayed. Councillor Ryman to action.

**16.04.18.2**

**16.04.19 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**16.04.19.1** The Annual General Meeting will precede the next Council meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May starting at 7.00 pm The venue will be the Rex Rhodes Building.

The meeting closed to the public at 21.45 so that staff recruitment could be discussed in confidence. Councillor Keyte resigned from the Council. He had agreed to act as the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) for 6 months and had in fact served longer so wished to relinquish this post. The Chairman thanked Councillor Keyte for his services to the Council. In the short term the temporary clerks would also act as RFO but they asked that the Council appoint an RFO as a matter of urgency. Making the necessary changes twice, notable the bank services, would not be sensible in a comparatively short period. It was proposed that the Council attempt to fill the RFO vacancy delaying a decision on the Clerk's job.