

MINUTES OF GOTHERINGTON PARISH MEETING HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 2018

Venue:	Village Hall, Gotherington.
Present:	Chairman: Howard Samuels Meeting was called by David Douglas, Caroline Mellor, Brian Wright, Don Newman, Edmund Barfield, Edward Catchpole
Attendees:	Clerk/RFO, Jules Owen, and 108 members of the public
Minute Ref.	Details
PM7.2.18.1	<p>Chairman welcomed everyone and clerk confirmed no apologies received. He made it clear it was not a parish council meeting but as Chairman of Gotherington Parish Council (GPC) he was chairing the meeting. Other members of GPC were attending as residents. He introduced the clerk taking minutes.</p> <p>Chairmen referred to the '7 clear days notice' and confirmed Notice of Meeting was displayed on 30 January 2018 which electorate convening parish meeting understood to be 7 days but maybe Sunday was not a clear day. However the clerk had consulted with the Returning Officer at Tewkesbury Borough Council, GAPTC and NALC who had clarified the meeting could go ahead but the legislation was unclear and therefore was not sure where we would stand if challenged.</p> <p>Chairman gave brief details of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 22 January 2018 and the fact the members had voted in favour to proceed with the purchase and development of the building presently known as the Church Centre.</p> <p>Chairman returned to housekeeping – with so many people attending he mentioned fire exits, that there were 2 parish council vacancies and asked if anyone planned to record the meeting.</p> <p>He stated that he was looking forward to getting back to a united village. Chairman had one slide which showed the expenses to date, at total of £13,600 which would need to be repaid by GPC if the project did not go ahead together with the £21,666.00 grant to be repaid to the PCC.</p> <p>The Chairman handed-over to David Douglas who introduced himself, he had lived in the village for over 12 years and had attend the Extraordinary Meeting on 22 January 2018</p> <p>He confirmed the six electors above had called the meeting, they distributed leaflets on Sunday 28 January 2018 and displayed signed copies on 30 January 2018 but the dictionary definition of 7 days was different to legislation.</p> <p>David Douglas confirmed the reason for the meeting was that he left the Extraordinary Meeting feeling the vote was too close and the parish council needed the full support of the village behind the project before it went ahead. He was trying to get a poll to find out the answer, whichever way it went.</p> <p>David Douglas said the original Survey Question stated between £150K and £170K but it did not state it would be over 30 years.</p> <p>He said the cost was now £219,907 – £49,907 higher</p> <p>He felt GPC should have gone through another level of approval and that was what this vote was about. In a business environment further approval would be required - why would it be different for a parish council?</p> <p>There was a long public participation session in which people both for and against the proposed project asked questions and made comments.</p>

PM7.2.18.2	<p>Chairman asked for those in favour of a poll to raise their hands: The majority of people present raised their hands to demand a poll.</p> <p>Chairman asked for those in favour of the question to raise their hands: Most people in the room raised their hands to accept the question</p> <p>Question proposed by: David Douglas of 2 Lawrence's Meadow, Gotherington, Glos. GL52 9UH</p> <p>Question: Should Gotherington Parish Council proceed with the purchase and renovation of the Church Centre?</p> <p>Chairman confirmed he would advise the Returning Officer at Tewkesbury Borough Council of the demand for a Parish Poll the next morning.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 20.22</p>	

Signed

Chairman

Date

