

GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting of 18th October 2018 at the Rex Rhodes Building

Present: Cllr Samuels (Chairman), and Cllrs Ward, Harmer, Ryman, Osborne, Churchill and 6 members of the public. In attendance: Robert Stone (Item 2 refers).

Items

1. Welcome, and initial business – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.1 To confirm meeting quorate. – Confirmed.

1.2 Was anyone intending to record or film the meeting? – No.

1.3 Apologies for absence – Received from Cllr Keyte.

1.4 Minutes of meeting of 9th September 2018 – Approved and signed by the Chairman.

2. To receive the recommendation of the Staffing Committee, and appoint a new Clerk/RFO.

- Resolved to approve Robert Stone as the new Clerk/RFO.

3 To receive declarations of interest for items on the agenda below (Localism Act 2011)

– Cllr Harmer declared a pecuniary interest in Item 8, and subsequently left the room during the discussion on the quotations.

4. Public Session

4.1 To receive comments from residents. – Several issues were raised.

- Concerns about the village bus services and whether they would be cut next April. Services had deteriorated over the last few years. The aim should be to return to the evening and Sunday services that were available in 2011.
- The Gazebo needed major works and was not fit for purpose. Exposed nail heads were an H&S issue.
- A query should be raised about the ‘lake’ on The Grange (Malleston Road) development as this did not feature in the plans.

4.2 To receive Borough Councillor’s Report – Not received, did send apologies

4.3 To receive County Councillor’s Report – Not received

5 To receive the Chairman’s report – Cllr Samuels said he was in the process of trying to arrange meetings with Persimmon about the lake, and the removal of bushes and trees. He had also attended an informal meeting with Tewkesbury BC officers with Cllr Keyte to discuss S106 payments.

6 Finance & Parish Council Procedures

6.1 To agree, and resolve to adopt, accounts for payment.

(a) The Chairman initially reported on payments since the last meeting in July 2018:
M D Gibbons Cleaning - JWP & RRB (July) Bank Transfer £189.75 22Aug18

PATA Jules Owen Bank Transfer £20.00 22Aug18
KBW Property Ltd Church Centre Bank Transfer £2436.00 13Aug18
P&H Services Defibrillator Bank Transfer £64.80 8Aug18
Ellie Arnett RRB Materials Bank Transfer £320.83 3Sep18
V Larcombe Mowing Etc. Chq 002171 £165.00 31Jul18
H Samuels RRB Materials Bank Transfer £144.39 12Sep18
TBC Grass Cutting Bank Transfer £494.15 12Sep18
MD Gibbons Cleaning (August) Bank Transfer £166.75 12Sep18
Richard Pasco JWP Cleaning Bank Transfer £49.50 12Sep18
GreenFields Play area post caps Bank Transfer £204.00 12Sep18
Jules Owen Final Salary Bank Transfer £1123.24 12Sep18

(b) Resolved to pay the following payments in October 2018:

MD Gibbons Cleaning Bank Transfer £224.25
Ellie Arnett RRB Materials Bank Transfer £75.69

The Chairman also noted that the solicitor's bill of £751.80 for the church centre was still outstanding and received approval to pay this. Finance reports would be made available at the next meeting.

6.2 To discuss and approve the trialled automated booking system, including online banking.
– The Chairman said that the village hall committee had agreed to go ahead with the automated system for one year. It was previously agreed that GPC would pay the first years payment of £200.00 pending the result of the Village Hall Committee.

The next stage was to transfer the old system to the new system, and review its operation after 12 months.

- Cllr Osborne noted that this represented a material change in so far as £50 deposits were required under the old system, and that key codes would be required.

7 Planning Matters – None received.

8 Freeman Field, Rex Rhodes Building & John Woolley Pavilion

It was noted that it was hoped that these works would be funded from the Shutter Lane S106 agreement but that money was available within the budget for new gutters and downpipes.

8.1 To receive the quote received to erect the perimeter fence to Freeman Field.

– Resolved to approve the quote of £2000 from Wayne Gore. **Action:** Clerk/RFO

8.2 To consider the quotes for the removal of the kick wall, and window railings.

- Resolved to approve the quote of £225 from James Andrew. **Action:** Clerk/RFO

(Clerk – Following the meeting it became clear that the quote was £335 which included £110 for the tarmac to fill the holes to make good the surface to align it with the car park. This figure remains the cheapest quote.)

8.3 To consider the quotations for the general maintenance of the Rex Rhodes Building; and approve works on the sensor lights subject to a maximum budget of £150.

– Resolved to approve the quote of £2558.01 by LH Property for the guttering, downpipes, soffits and fascia replacement works on the RRB.

Action on the sensor lights was deferred.

Resolved to approve the quote of £2334.42 + Vat by Williams Windows to supply and fit the front and rear emergency doors & windows re-alignment on the Rex Rhodes Building.

8.4 To consider the quotations for remedial work to the children's playground. – Greenfields have supplied quote for EPDM wet pour rubber to replace 42 linear meters of edge rubber. Additional quotes required.

9 Other Matters

9.1 To receive an update on the British Red Cross First Aid Course. – Deferred.

9.2 To receive an update on the Village Event in 2019, this event was included in the next edition of Topics. Ongoing

9.3 To approve the purchase of two sets of defibrillator gel pads at £70 + vat plus p&p. – Resolved to approve. **Action:** Clerk/RFO

9.4 To consider producing an emergency action plan, and review action on the grab bags. – Full discussion about updating the plan deferred but it was agreed that this issue might be usefully publicised by a call to the village via a flyer in "Topics", and using the website, and noticeboards.

10. To confirm the date of the next Council Meeting as 13th November 2018, and to request items for the agenda.

- The next meeting was confirmed on 13th November at the Rex Rhodes Building, and the Clerk advised that the draft budget for 2019/20 would be one of the agenda items. Additional items included the Gazebo, and the tendering system.

The meeting closed at 8.56pm.