

GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Council meeting) of a meeting of Gotherington Parish Council held at 7.30pm, on **Wednesday 9th December 2020.**
Venue Zoom

Present: Howard Samuels (Chairman), Mavis Rear (Vice Chairman), Beverley Osborne, Simon Tarling. Clerk/RFO

2020.11/154 Welcome

There was a two minute silence in prayer for the late Borough Councillor Anna Hollaway and condolences expressed to her family. Councillors expressed their sadness.

2020.11/155 Apologies for Absence

None declared (Cllr Samuels joined the meeting at 158)

2020.11/156 To receive declarations of interest for items on the agenda below.

None declared

2020.11/157 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2020

The Minutes were approved as a true record.

2020.11/158 To receive and request Borough Councillor & County Councillor Reports

There were no reports available

2020.11/159 To receive reports from Parish Councillors on any external meetings attended

- Receive notes of a Meeting with Lioncourt re: development proposal Trumans Farm and discuss method of public consultation (Chair) – They have made leaflet drop to neighbouring properties. **Councillors expressed a preference for a socially distanced exhibition in the village hall or a marquee. Clerk to write.**
- White Paper Planning Seminar (Cllr Osborne) – report circulated. A great deal of uncertainty about the practicality of the legislation.

2020.11/160 To receive reports from Working Groups:

- **Finance & Policy**
 - AGAR part 1 for approval – all outstanding documents sent
 - Web domain – **Cllr Tarling proposed, seconded Cllr Rear, Councillors agreed to change to gov.uk at a cost of £109 plus VAT in the first 2 years.**
- **Environment:**
 - VAS progress report (Cllr. Rear) - to receive quotations for solar powered signs and discuss, and discuss whether to conduct a speed watch survey for £380 or obtain assistance from Community Speedwatch following the other 44 surveys they are conducting**Following lengthy discussion proposed by Cllr Tarling, seconded Cllr Rear that a speed survey watch be undertaken at 3 sites. All in favour. Clerk to arrange Swarco and Coeval to make presentations to the Council so**

that they may obtain further details about the quotations and Cllr Samuels to circulate the previous quote obtained for adaptation of the existing signs.

- Regular tree cutting schedule (Cllr Osborne) - ongoing
 - Play Area Sanitising – ongoing
 - Yew Tree Drive – Ivy problems – Problem now resolved on public side. Cllr Osborne suggested that GOWNS might be able to assist homeowner further.
 - Pullen Court/Ashmead Drive Progress report – Cllr Rear/Cllr Samuels met with Craig Freeman (GCC) who will try to find funding for repairs to the footpath surface
 - Reinstatement of AGO 6 – in the hands of the developer Charles Church
- **Highway Issues:**
 - Update on A435/Malleson Road Junction (Cllr. Tarling) Cllr Tarling reported that he had been successful in convincing GCC to retain the pavement but the splay radius will still be reduced, with bollards to North and South and no central reservation
 - Gotherington Lane – the uneven surface reported to GCC who state they are aware and awaiting action by the developer
 - **Freeman Field:**
 - Eastern boundary inspection – Cllr Samuels has carried out an inspection and found that two rusted fences are entwined with tree stumps – **he will liaise with the adjoining landowner regarding replacement**
 - Receive quotes for treatment of potholes in the carpark – Cllr Osborne had circulated quotations. **Cllr Tarling reminded the Council of impending work on the village hall and suggested that a quotation for a temporary repair be obtained. Cllr Samuels to action.**
 - **Sport facilities within Freeman Field:**
 - Village Sports Sub Committee report – solar panels on RRB and tennis court refurbishment - ongoing
 - Tennis Court cleaning – **a quotation of £816 had been obtained by the tennis club and was accepted by unanimous vote – work to be put in hand this week (Cllr Tarling)**
 - **JWP:** Quotes to be sourced for wood treatment 2020 (Cllr Osborne) - ongoing
 - **Broadband:** Update – Cllr Tarling reported there was a slight problem with Openreach not being able to identify the address for cable installation – escalated through a complaint

2020.11/161 Public Session (15 minutes) Public speakers will be offered the opportunity for an officer to read out their questions or statement at the meeting, or to attend the meeting over Zoom to read out their questions or statement themselves. All questions to be sent into the clerk prior to the meeting.

No public in attendance

2020.11/162 Finance

- To approve payments to date :
- Payments were approved as follows:**
- Payments Made Since Last Meeting 11th November 2020

• Clerk's Salary	£679.13
• Clerk's Expenses	£26.76
• Xero	£21.60
• Simon Tarling (Microsoft)	£202.20
• Howard Samuels (Sanitiser)	£28.58
• Vince Larcombe	£160.00
• Smart Property	£90.00
• Smart Property	£870.00
• Dawn Gibbons (RRB Cleaning)	£195.50
• Emily Hurcombe (Play Area Oct)	£300.00
• Simon Tobias RRB Servicing	£405.00
• Elliotts Skip Hire	£240.00
• Hallmaster Subscription	£248.40
• Poppy Appeal Wreath	£100.00

• **Waiting to be authorised**

• Dawn Gibbons (Nov. Cleaning)	246.29
• Clerk's Salary (Gill Jennings)	549.32
• Clerk's Expenses	£26.76

• **Payments to be agreed**

• Christmas Tree (Outside VH)	£100.00
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• **Payments Received Since Last Meeting 14th October 2020**

• Gotherington Cricket Club	£100.00
• Gotherington Football Club	£100.00
• GVH Hallmaster	£103.50
• GHN (October)	£928.50
• Tennis Payments (Stripe)	£31.00

- To agree the bank reconciliation to 30th November (circulated)

The balance was agreed at **£52802.94**

- To consider a draft budget

Further to lengthy discussion an expenditure requirement for £26200 was agreed by unanimously, with a resulting precept requirement of £14700. (Cllr Osborne against)

- To consider a lasting memorial for the late Ian Wilson – **Cllr Samuels will engage with the community for contributions to a tree and plaque.**

2020.11/163 Planning Matters

- Consultations:

20/01032/FUL Change of use of land from the storage of caravans to the siting of one residential caravan Longfurlong Park, Longfurlong Lane, Gotherington

No Objection

20/01155/FUL: Erection of a first floor side extension 46 The Lawns, Gotherington, Cheltenham

No Objection

20/00866/FUL - Parcel 7561 Malleson Road Gotherington Cheltenham Variation:

Objection had been raised but TBC officer had responded with:

GCC state " In effect, now that the legal agreement and bond has been completed between the developer and GCC in respect of the improvement works, the temporary traffic control measures that will be put in place for the duration of the works will secure the safety of the junction and, from GCCs standpoint, remove any safety concerns prior to the completion of the improvement works. If the developer were to default at any point before the works are completed GCC would use the bond to finish the improvement works. This process therefore ensures that the public interest and safety is safeguarded throughout. Given the above, from GCCs perspective the number of occupations are now effectively immaterial because they are completely satisfied that the public interest/safety can be safeguarded from the point that the works commence. The developer has however chosen to apply to amend the condition to not allow more than 40 occupations prior to the commencement of the approved improvement scheme."

20/01138/FUL Demolition of existing conservatory & erection of single storey, side pitched roof extension. 15 Cleeve Road, Gotherington, Cheltenham

No Objection

- Public Consultation - Claydon Solar Farm update – awaiting outcome

2020.11/164 Current Development Issues

- Malleson Road resurfacing works – partial works have taken place
- Woolstone View – to agree repositioning of village signs – **Council agreed that signs should be repositioned with the agreement of GCC Highways. A preference was expressed for new gateways with a flatter surface. Clerk to write.**
- The Grange development Noticeboard (Cllr.Rear) – to be progressed with management group
- The Meadow Appeal Inquiry (Cllr Tarling) – Cllr Tarling circulated a copy of his presentation. He had been able to counter some of the points about highways and school places. The main thrust of argument from the other side was about the lack of housing provision under TBC Local Plan. Councillors expressed their thanks to Cllr Tarling for his hard work.

2020.11/165 Play Area Update (Cllr Osborne) – awaiting advice from Chris Snell

2020.11/166 Tree Cutting – Update on Ashmead Drive trees (Cllr. Tarling) B/F

2020.11/167 War Memorial – Update (Cllr Tarling) B/F

2020.11/168 Village Hall Lease

- a. to agree the terms of any lease agreement to be offered to the village hall committee
It was agreed that initially Clerk to write to the VH committee to offer terms based around a 25 year lease at £100 per annum with a 5 year review.
- b. to agree solicitors proposed fee of £600

The fees of £600 for drawing up the lease were agreed by unanimous vote.

2020/11/169 Staffing Committee – To note minutes of the meeting held on the 24th November

Noted

2020.11/170 Date of Next Meeting

13th January 2021 7.00pm

The Council agreed an earlier start time at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9.38pm

Chairman Date