

## **GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Council Meeting)** of a meeting of Gotherington Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 Venue Zoom

Councillors: Howard Samuels (Chairman), Mavis Rear (Vice Chairman), Beverley Osborne,  
Also Present: Clerk/RFO, 2 members of the public

### **2021.01/171 Welcome**

The Chairman will ask if anyone wishes to record or film the meeting

**There were no requests**

### **2021.01/172 Apologies for Absence**

To receive the resignation of Cllr Simon Tarling – Simon’s input would be missed. A Notice of the Vacancy posted.

### **2021.01/173 To receive declarations of interest for items on the agenda below.**

Cllr Samuels and Cllr Osborne declared an interest in item 185

### **2021.01/174 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr Osborne, seconded by Cllr Rear, all in favour

### **2021.01/175 To receive and request Borough Councillor & County Councillor Reports**

No reports available

### **2021.01/176 To receive reports from Parish Councillors on any external meetings attended**

No meetings attended

### **2021.01/177 To receive reports from Working Groups:**

- **Finance & Policy**
  - a. To consider the adoption of updated Standing Orders – standing orders were reviewed with an amendment to contracts limits Proposed for adoption Cllr Samuels, seconded Cllr Osborne, all in favour
  - b. To consider the adoption of a Grants Policy – Proposed for adoption Cllr Rear, seconded Cllr Samuels, all in favour
- **Environment:**
  - VAS progress report, receive old data, and discuss best locations for monitoring equipment – data from the current signs had been circulated and it was noted that speeds were largely around the 30mph mark with occasional speeding problems. This data to be updated with traffic data monitoring via Glos County Council and the Council will in the meantime have meetings with VAS providers to discuss solar powered products.
  - Regular tree cutting schedule – postponed due to the wet ground
  - Play Area Sanitising – Cllr Samuels proposed that this continued over the next

couple of months, seconded Cllr Rear, Cllr Osborne against

- Reinstatement AGO6 – Cllr Rear reported that the footpath was open at Shutter Lane entrance, although only a sandy surface, she would check this was going to be topped. The path may be used as a cycle path where it links with Gotherington Grange and enquiries ongoing with GCC as to whether there will be barriers of any kind.

- Ash Dieback Project – discuss how to take forward with community – **Cllr Samuels to contact interested parties and complete list for GCC to plant**

- **Highway Issues:**

Ongoing roadworks – A435 works still in progress, Malleson Road closure imminent and works in Gotherington Lane will all cause some disruption. Cllr Rear believed there was an opportunity to get utility connections established for Woolstone View before resurfacing.

- **Freeman Field:**

- Eastern boundary replacement (Cllr Samuels) – in progress
- Receive quote for temporary treatment of potholes in the carpark (Cllr Samuels) – in progress
- Post Box at RRB – **It was agreed by unanimous vote that Cllr Samuels is to arrange for letterbox to be fitted and numbering of buildings, also repair to light over garage**
- Discuss artificial play surfaces and decide whether to obtain quotations - deferred

- **Sport facilities within Freeman Field:**

- Village Sports Sub Committee report – solar panels on RRB and tennis court refurbishment - deferred

- **JWP:** Quotes to be sourced for wood treatment 2020 (Cllr Osborne) - deferred

- **Broadband:** Update – **Cllr Samuels will progress**

**2021.01/178 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.

A resident who had seen the councillor vacancy posted on the village noticeboard commented that a link to the council facebook page should be mentioned on the noticeboard to draw in the younger generation and schools should be invited to participate in projects

**2021.01/179 Finance**

- To approve payments/receipts to date :

**Payments since last meeting:**

Water Plus	water rates	180.72
BG Business	utility	83.33
I&I	email	4.2
Xero	accounts software	21.6
Stripe	accounts software	5.86

BG Business	utility	126.73
BG Business	utility	46.63
BG Business	utility	0.27
PATA		
(December)	payroll services	18
Enhanced	playground	
Cleaning	cleansing	310

**Payments to Authorise:**

SC Sports		
Surfaces	jet washing courts	960
GRCC	subscription	25
PATA	payroll services	15
British Gas	utility	89.41
D Gibbons		
Cleaning	RRB cleaning	184
H Samuels	Santizer	21.88
HMRC	PAYE	137.2
Clerk	salary	549.72
Clerk	office expenses	26
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**Receipts:**

Cricket Club	100
VAT Refund	777.61
Tennis	9.21
Tennis	3.63
GHN	1191

- To agree the bank reconciliation to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 - £52773.76 agreed
- To receive the quarterly budget report - noted
- To agree by resolution the precept request of £14700 **Proposed by Cllr Samuels, seconded by Cllr Rear, all in favour of requesting a precept in the sum of £14700**
- To agree to renew the subscription to GRCC at £25 – Agreed within item 179
- To review the bank mandate – **Proposed Cllr Samuels, seconded Cllr Osborne that Cllr Rear be added to the bank mandate, Cllr Samuels to arrange**

**2021.01/180 Planning Matters**

- Consultations:

20/01123/FUL Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling. Gotherington Farm, Gotherington Fields, Gotherington

**Objection – the land holding is small scale and devoted to cattle with adequate facilities for them on site. Situated in AONB with an historic landmark in the vicinity the livestock appear to be an excuse for a grand designs dwelling which is**

**not in keeping with its surroundings or alleged usage as a farm workers dwelling.**

20/01177/FUL Erection of 2 no. infill dwellings and provision of associated vehicular driveway, parking and turning areas and landscaping - Land At The Butts, Shutter Lane, Gotherington

**Objection – to the removal of a footpath which should be retained with a 3m width and concerns about the very narrow access road and sharp corner for the manoeuvre of construction traffic**

- Decisions
- Public Consultation - Claydon Solar Farm update – awaiting outcome

**2021.01/181 Current Development Issues**

- The Grange development Noticeboard (Cllr.Rear) – in progress
- The outcome of the Meadow Appeal Inquiry - Councillors expressed their disappointment that this very unsuitable development was allowed.
- Consultation by Lioncourt – The developer has suggested a consultation with 6 representatives from the village. **Cllr Samuels to put forward names and contact details.**

**2021.01/182 Play Area Update (Cllr Osborne) deferred**

**2021.01/183 Tree Cutting – Update on Ashmead Drive trees -deferred**

**2021.01/184 War Memorial – deferred**

**2021.01/185 Village Hall Lease**

**Discuss any response received from the Village Hall Management Committee – deferred due to interests declared**

**2021.01/186 Date of Next Meeting**

10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Chairman.....

Date .....

