

## GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting of Gotherington Parish Council held at 7pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 in the Rex Rhodes Building.

**Present Councillors:** Beverly Osborne (Chair), Cllr Stephen Neighbour (Vice Chair), Cllr Caroline Meller, Cllr Matt Dean

**Also Present:**

Clerk/RFO

Cllr Keja Berliner (Borough Council)

2 member of the public attended the public question session to advise the council of the plans for Gotherington Hill Farm development (22/01370/FUL) and to give background and reasons for the planning application to TBC.

**Welcome**

If anyone wishes to film or record the meeting they should make this known to the Chairman at this point

**1. Apologies of Absence:**

The council accepted apologies from Cllr Jess Beddows

**2. To receive declarations of interest/requests for dispensation for items on the agenda below:**

No declarations of interest were declared.

**3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 10-January-2023:**

The Minutes were approved and duly signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**4. To receive reports from Borough Councillor and County Councillors:**

Cllr Keja Berliner attended to update the councillors on current issues, mainly the outcome of the Appeal following the Judicial Review against Tewkesbury Borough Council and the 'Bridge to Nowhere', the planning application was quashed and will now have to go back to planning department.

Cllr Berliner advised that the planning team has been recruiting and reorganising and that backlogs of work should be cleared in the near future.

The poor state of Malleson Road surface was again raised by the councillors, and Cllr Berliner noted this and will raise it as appropriate.

**5. To receive reports from parish councillors on external meetings attended:**

The following reports were received:

- Report from the Chair on the appointment of a replacement cleaner for RRB following the resignation of the previous cleaner at the end of December-2022
- Report from Cllr Meller regarding Rights of Way and Footpath issues
- Report from Cllr Meller regarding Trees and Hedges in the parish

## Project updates

### aa. Rex Rhodes Building Replacement Oven.

Prestbury Domestic Appliances were called in to examine the oven and advise if repair to the damaged heating element or replacement of the entire oven unit was the best course of action. Their advice was repair. The work has been carried out.

The total cost to the council was £78.08 + VAT

**CLOSED**

### a. Defibrillator in telephone box.

1. The person at BT who can grant permission to instal a defibrillator has been identified as Rod Goodwin, an email has been sent to him requesting necessary permission. GPC are waiting for his response. **ACTION: Clerk to monitor and advise his response.**

**CARRY FORWARD**

### b. Blue Plaque for Elizabeth Malleson.

1. Tewkesbury Borough Council have advised that they do not offer funding for this type of expenditure. – **NO FURTHER ACTION**

2. The matter of liaising with the Village Hall Trustees to discuss and agree the wording, size and location of a plaque at the VH Management Committee remains scheduled for the meeting on the 01-March-2023: **ACTION: Cllr Osborne**

**CARRY FORWARD**

### c. 'Pentanque' Club Benches.

No progress has been made, proposed bench styles to be agreed upon.

**ON-GOING**

### d. RRB hot water and heating system effi

On going work to find an energy consultant to advise available options and cost/benefit analysis.

**ON-GOING**

### e. RRB Carpark pot holes.

No progress has been made, updated quotes still required.

**ON-GOING**

### f. Footpath - Lammas Ground to Cleeve Road footpath – AGO20.

It was determined that improved footpath route signage may be required. Initial contact has been made with Hilary Grace, Gloucestershire County Council.

### g. Footpath – The Croft, Shutter Lane – AGO17 – resurface.

It was unanimously agreed that the quote of £660.00 + vat to purchase Breedon self-binding gravel and other necessary materials is accepted, and that the resurfacing work proposed by carried out as soon as possible. Many thanks is offered to the volunteers providing the labour and machinery required.

Contact has now been made with Hilary Grace, Gloucestershire County Council, to seek prior authorization to action this work.

**h. War Memorial – Funds earmarked at Year End 31-March-22 was £8,500.00**

It was unanimously agreed that some restoration/cleaning of the memorial is needed. It was determined to ask for Volunteers from the village to help with the Scope of Work and decide the best way forward for the project.

**ONGOING**

**i. GPC Website Protection & Security**

It was determined that all non-cost options with regards to website security are actioned as soon as possible, and that the situation is then monitored before committing to additional cost attracting options.

It is here minuted that the most recent security issues should have been identified by IONOS. IONOS have now rectified the problem and as recompense given a 6 month 'free service' period to GPC in recognition of this.

**ONGOING**

**j. Storage space shortage for Parish Groups**

Storage space for all Parish Groups will be considered as part of the bigger project to look at the internal layout of RRB and surrounding area.

GPC have contacted the GET team to welcome them to continue using the existing storage spaces, and request patience while longer term plans for the whole area and all interested groups are considered.

**ONGOING**

**k. Dog Waste Bins – The Grange – First Port Management Company.**

First Port Management Company have contacted GPC to confirm that emptying of the Dog Bins is now scheduled to be done on a regular basis.

GPC unanimously agreed that the issues surrounding of dog waste bins (emptying and the number of them) is outside of their remit as it is The Management Company's responsibility. Residents are asked to contact The Management Company should they have any further issues on this subject.

**CLOSED**

**l. Cleeve Road – Hedge cutting**

Work is ongoing to detect the edge of the carriage way by exposure of the kerb stones, at which point the degree of over-growth on the hedge will be evident, and the next steps with regards to hedge cutting can be considered.

**ONGOING**

## Accounts.

### a. Supplier Payments.

The below listed supplier payments were approved and subsequently paid during the month of February-2023, with the exception of Chris Smith (£204.47) from whom a more detailed breakdown of costs has been requested.

Accounts for payment February 2023				
Payee	Inv Number	Due Date	Gross Amount	Description
K Steel & Son	03/01/23	13/01/2023	£100.00	Tennis court toilet - repair to cystem (retrospective approval)
M.Gibbons	78	13/01/2023	£225.00	Shower block & hall cleaning Nov-22 (retrospective approval)
M.Gibbons	79	13/01/2023	£112.50	Shower block & hall cleaning Dec-22 (retrospective approval)
Vince Larcombe	44	13/01/2023	£200.00	Mow footpaths & gate surrounds (inv dated 08/06/22) (retro approval)
Simon Tobias	3347	13/01/2023	£444.00	Boiler Service & replace Hortsman 3 Channel Programmer (retro)
M.Gibbons - balancing payment	72/74/75	14/01/2023	£156.25	Shortfall due to M.Gibbons - see reconciliation on tab M.Gibbons
GAPTC	7631	17/02/2023	£75.00	CM - Training - Being a Better Councillor
Cleeve Fire Protection	6804839	17/02/2023	£113.71	Service Fire Extinguishers RRB - repay to VH
Prestbury Domestic Appliances	4376	17/02/2023	£93.70	RRB Oven - top grill element replaced (retrospective)
PATA Payroll	22/0588/PPS	17/02/2023	£7.50	PATA Payroll Nil Submissions to HMRC Oct-22 to Dec-22
Clerk Payment	Oct-Jan	17/02/2023	£1,344.64	Clerk Salary - October-22 to January-23
HMRC Tax & NI	Oct-Jan	17/02/2023	£336.00	Clerk Salary - October-22 to January-23 Tax & NI
Emily Howe	28/02/28	17/02/2023	£40.00	Cleaning - January 2023
Gotherington Nurseries	INV-0640	02/03/2022	£120.00	Christmas Tree - December 2022
Chris Smith	19	17/02/2023	£204.47	Chris Smith 17 hours + parts
			<b>£3,572.77</b>	

### b. Year-to-Date Results.

The year-to-date results up to 31-January-2023 prepared by the Clerk were reviewed, no queries were raised.

## Tennis club

- a. Tennis Court Hire Fee. To consider and agree the Hire Charges for using the tennis courts.

**CARRY FORWARD**

## Planning-

To consider a response in regards to the following Planning Applications:

### **22/01370/FUL - Gotherington Hill Farm**

New farm manager's/owner's Agriculturally tied dwelling in association with existing agricultural business and farmstead

**NEUTRAL – A comment was submitted on the TB Planning portal on 17/02/2023 stating that GPC were pleased to note the reduced scale of the proposed development.**

**22/00650/FUL Amendment** - Trumans Farm Manor Lane Gotherington Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL52 9QX

Residential development comprising 45 dwellings, creation of new access, public open space and other associated ancillary works.

**OBJECT- Further comment with regards to the inclusion of the LEAP being unacceptable has been submitted on the TB Planning portal.**

**23/00032/FUL** - 108 Malleson Road, Gotherington, Cheltenham

Demolition of some outbuildings, replacement Ground Floor Rear Extension and Alterations

**NO OJECTION – submitted on TB Planning portal on the 18/02/2023**

**22/00851/FUL** - Jasmine Cottage Shutter Lane Gotherington Cheltenham

Gloucestershire GL52 9EZ

Demolition of existing front and rear outbuildings, erection of two new outbuildings and a side & rear pergola, increase the size of the driveway and render the rear and side of the dwelling.

Note: comments to be submitted on TBC Planning Portal on 01-March-2023

**Action: GPC councillors to give option by the 28<sup>th</sup> February-2023 after visiting the location to form opinions**

## **AOB**

### **Cleaning**

It is here minuted that the contractor Emily Howe has now been appointed to clean both the JWP and RRB Hall and Changing Room on a weekly basis.

### **Village Hall**

A closed meeting was held immediately after the Parish Meeting to discuss the issues surrounding the Village Hall. Action is being taken to provide more detail in due course.

### **Date/time of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7pm in the John Woolley Pavilion.