**GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting of Gotherington Parish Council
held at 7pm on Tuesday 14th March 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
4 member of the public attended the public question session to advise the council of the current actions/discussions being held between Gotherington Residents Groups on the Meadow Development which is due to commence in June/July 2023, and the Trumans Farm Planning Appeal which is in process (Planning Reference 22/00650/FUL)

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

No declarations of interest were declared.

1. **To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 13-February-2023:**The Minutes were approved and duly signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
2. **To receive reports from Borough Councillor and County Councillors:**No reports were received from Borough or County Councillors.

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

The following reports were received:

* Report from the Chair on communication with the Football club re mud on paved surfaces around the football ground. The Club have been asked to consider purchasing boot scrapers for installation in suitable place on exiting the grassed area.
* Report from the Chair on the remedial work still ongoing by Kompan Ltd on the childrens play park. Site visits have been attended by both parties and the remedial work is underway and will be finished in the near future weather dependent
* Report from Cllr Meller regarding a Zoom training session attended on the Election requirements mandatory for Elections on 04th May 2023
* Report from Cllr Meller that attendance at the Village Coffee morning was made.
* Report from Cllr Meller and Cllr Neighbour that they have personally trimmed/tidied the hedges/other vegetation growing on footpath AGO22 (south side of the school)
* Report from Cllr Meller and Cllr Neighbour following attendance of the TBC meeting to discuss the planned cycle path from Bishops Cleeve to Cheltenham. TBC confirmed that there is no intention to link the cycle path to Gotherington at the current time.

**Project updates**

1. **Defibrillator in telephone box.**
Confirmation that permission has been received from BT ((rod.goodwin@bt.com) to instal a defibrillator as long as the following conditions are met:
5.5(iii)    If written permission is given by the Seller to the Buyer, in accordance with paragraph 5.5(ii) to connect defibrillator equipment to the electricity supply, the equipment must meet all appropriate safety standards as amended from time to time including, but not limited to, the requirements as set out at paragraph (a)-(d) below.
The Defibrillator Cabinet must be:
(a)          Class 2 IP rating 54;
(b)          Compliant to BS7671-416/417 in its construction;
(c)          Manufactured by a ISO 9001/2 certified manufacturer;
(d)          Protected by an RCD
5.5(iv)   The Seller does not actively monitor the electricity supply to the Goods.  Responsibility for ensuring a continuous electricity supply required to power any equipment installed within the Goods remains with the Buyer at all times.

Electricians have been contacted for quotes on the work required to instal the defibrillator and progress will be reported on the April meeting agenda.
**ONGOING PROJECT**

1. **Blue Plaque for Elizabeth Malleson.**GPC proposal to site a plaque in memory of Elizabeth Malleson was put to the Village Hall Trustees at their meeting on the 01st March 2023, to which they agreed.
VHT’s request that GPC suggest the size and wording for the plaque in advance of their next meeting on 01-June-2023. **ACTION: Cllr Osborne & Cllr Meller**
**CARRY FORWARD**
2. **‘Pentanque’ Club Benches.**Following confirmation from the petanque club that they are happy to accept whichever backless bench GPC prefer, the councillors unanimously voted on Option 3.
Confirmation that the council will contribute up to 50% of the final cost, maximum budget to be voted in the April Meeting.
**ON-GOING**
3. **RRB hot water and heating system**A local expert on Heat Source Air Pumps has been found and a meeting is being arranged for him to visit the site with Councillors to discuss renewal technology options.
**ON-GOING**

1. **RRB Carpark pot holes.**GPC Councillors discussed the issue and determined that the £500 emergency spending power expenditure is insufficient given the extent of work required.
The councillors voted and unanimously approved to ringfence funds of £5,000.00 for investigation works and towards subsequent corrective works to stop the pot holes from re-occurring in the future. Note: the full extent of works and cost will not be known until the investigation work is completed.
A professional contractor to undertake the work is being sort.
**ON-GOING**
2. **Footpath - Lammas Ground to Cleeve Road footpath – AGO20.**Dates for a meeting between Councillors and Hilary Grace have been proposed, a suitable date for all parties is still be agreed due to annual leave and prior engagements.

**e2. Footpath – The Croft, Shutter Lane – AGO17 – resurface.**This project is on hold as it has subsuquently been agreed that approval is required from Hilary Grace prior to GPC instructing that the work may be carried out (see point e. above.

*At the February meeting 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.*

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

GPC still seeking Volunteers from the village to help with the Scope of Work and decide the best way forward for the project.

It was agreed to post an acticle stating that volunteers are wanted on the GPC/Village websites.

**ONGOING**

1. **GPC Website Protection & Security**Report received from Simon Tarling stating that the Councils IT is now in a stable position and no further immediate action is needed. IT security will be monitored on an ongoing basis. Many thanks to Simon for his expert contribution to IT Security and systems.
**ONGOING**
2. **Storage space shortage for Parish Groups**Gotherington Nursery have been approached to ask them to clear the area behind RRB in readiness for any inspection work which may advance the plan to improve the efficiency and usage of space inside and outside RRB.

It was unanimously agreed that the wooden shed could be cleared of all GPC items in order that the GET team could have sole storage/access to the shed.
**ONGOING**

1. **Cleeve Road – Hedge cutting**

GPC to investigate the area to determine if there are any kerb stones present and to report back at the April meeting.

**ONGOING**

1. **Tree Inspections and Maintenance**

It was agreed to adopt the Guidance on Council owned trees provided by another Parish Council. This will be published on the GPC website in due course for transparency.

**CLOSED**

1. **Play area – ROSPA inspection to be undertaken in April - £75.00 + vat**Inspection and associated cost are mandatory and are therefore unanaminously agreed.
It was determined that the annual ROSPA inspection should be sufficient given that the play area has only recently been upgraded by Kompan Ltd. **CLOSED**
2. **Grass cutting costs and sharing the burden**The TBC invoiced cost for 2022-23 grass cutting services at Freemans Field and perimeter is unanimously agreed - £1798.35 + vat

**A meeting is to arranged by the Clerk with the Football and Cricket Clubs to discuss ongoing grass cutting costs.**

**Accounts.**

1. **Supplier Payments.**

Note: Payment to Chris Smith (204.47) as listed in the February minutes was released during March-23 following the receipt of a more detailed breakdown of work completed.

The below listed supplier payments were approved and subsequently paid during the month of March-2023.



1. **Year-to-Date Results.**The year-to-date results up to 28-February-2023 prepared by the Clerk were reviewed, no queries were raised.

**Tennis club**

1. **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:

**22/00922/FUL -** Woodlands Shutter Lane Gotherington Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL52 9EZ
Erection of new dwelling house.
**Comment: GPC uphold the views of TBC Conservation Officer**

**23/00086/APP** - Land Off , Aggs Lane, Gotherington
Reserved matters application pursuant application ref: 19/01071/OUT (The development proposed is an outline planning application with means of access from Ashmead Drive (all other matters reserved for subsequent approval), for the erection of up to 50 dwellings (Class C3); earthworks; drainage works; structural landscaping; formal and informal open space; car parking; site remediation; and all other ancillary and enabling works), for 50 dwellings including appearance, landscape, scale and layout.
**Meetings are being held between Village Residents Group, TBC Planning officer and Hayfield Developers.**

**22/00650/FUL – Appeal:** 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.
**Minuted: Eddie McLarnon will speak at the Appeal hearing on behalf of GPC.
The Village Residents Group will make other representation.**

**Date/time of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will beTuesday the 11th April 2023 at 7pm in the Rex Rhodes Building.