

GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Gotherington Parish Council held at 7pm on Tuesday 13th June 2023 in the Rex Rhodes Building.

Present Councillors: Beverly Osborne (Chair), Cllr Stephen Neighbour (Vice Chair), Cllr Caroline Meller, Cllr Eddie Mclarnon

Also Present:

Clerk/RFO
14 members of the public

Welcome

1. Apologies of Absence:

There were no apologies of absence.

2. Filming of the meeting:

It was confirmed that no-one wished to film the meeting.

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

No declarations of interest were declared.

4. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 09-May-2023:

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

5. Co-option of new Councillor

No new candidates were received for co-option.

6. To receive reports from Borough Councillor and County Councillors:

Borough Councillors Nigel Adcock and Cheyrl Agg attended in person and gave an update on their new roles at Tewkesbury Borough Council.

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

The following reports were received:

- Report from Chair on situation with Totally Drainage Ltd, charges being reviewed externally before payment will be made.
- Report update from Cllr Meller on Footpaths
- Report update from Cllr Mclarnon on the Trumans Farm inquiry, decision expected before the 11-Sept-2023.
- Report from Cllr Neighbour on the possible ways to connect RRB to broadband (either via VH connection, or via mobile broadband Mi-Fi).

Project updates

9. Defibrillator in telephone box.

Waiting for an update from Community Heartbeat Trust regarding delivery and installation of the unit. **DEFER until July meeting.**

10. Blue Plaque for Elizabeth Malleson.

It was confirmed that the cost of the plaque will be split 50/50 with the VHMC. The wording for the plaque was also confirmed. Await delivery and installation.

ONGOING

11. 'Pentanque' Club Benches.

The Perth Deluxe Backless Bench has been received. Await final installation. The Petanque Club will be invoiced for 50% of the net cost.

ON-GOING

12. RRB hot water and heating system

No progress since March meeting.

ON-GOING

13. RRB Carpark pot holes.

a) Totally Drainage dispute has now been resolved, final settlement amount £1,331.80.

GPC would like to offer sincere thanks to Neil Birmingham of NGB Groundworks Ltd for all of his help and assistance with this matter.

b) A third quote for the carpark resurfacing work is still being sort.

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

A working party has been formed to progress this project and a meeting was held on the 07-June-2023. TBC Conservation Officer (Julian Bagg) will visit the site on the 21-June-2023. The target completion date for the project is 10-November-2024.

ONGOING

15. Storage space shortage for Parish Groups

Storage space for GET and GHN is now agreed as acceptable until such time that bigger improvements are made to RRB.

CLOSED

16. Cleeve Road – Hedge cutting

Owners of the property in question are to be asked if they own the hedge. If yes they will be advised to cut it back. If not GCC will be contacted via Cllr Adcock.

ONGOING

17. GPC and Village Website update

Clerk to seek training.

ONGOING

18. VH Carparking

No update since May meeting.

ONGOING

19. Manhole cover in the cricket pitch

Other previously interested parties will be asked if they can pinpoint the location

ONGOING

20. Ignore – Duplicate agenda item

21. Use of the playing field

The toy electric car has not been witnessed recently. It is assumed that recent conversations have resolved the issue.

CLOSED

22. Footpath access: AGO6 & AGO12

DEFER

23. Community Consultation

No decisions have yet been made

ONGOING

24. Water Butt

Agreed in principle to site a water butt behind the Rex Rhodes Building. Water butt prices to be investigated. It was suggested that Wingmoor Recycling Centre/Grundons is approach to ask about grants for the provision of gravel.

25. Cleaner for RRB/JWP

It was noted that the cleaner Liz Jones has resigned a new cleaner is now needed.

26. RRB/JWP Hire – electricity usage

Unanimously agreed that GPC will cover electricity charges when the building is hired for community events.

27. Water Supplier

Unaminously agreed to change water supplier from Waterplus to Everflow in light of the annual savings on fixed charges. The new contract with Everflow will be for a period of 3 years.

Accounts.

28. The accounts and year end balances were approved.

29. The Annual Governance Statement 2022-2023 was approved and signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

30. The Accounting Statements 2022-2023 was approved and signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

31. The variances statement 2022-23 was reviewed and approved.
32. The Internal Auditors report for the Financial Year ending 31st March 2023 was noted. The clerk to monitor hours of work going forward.
33. The dates for the exercise of Public Rights were noted.
34. Supplier Payments for June-2023 were agreed as per the list circulated separately. Invoices received since the agenda date include NGB Groundworks £300.00 and final payment to Liz Jones (Cleaner) £119.00
35. Receipts and Payments for May were reviewed and approved.
36. The bank reconciliation was reviewed and approved.
37. Income and expenditure against budget report year to date YTD as at 31-May-2023 was reviewed and approved
38. It was noted that the internal auditor recommended finances and internal controls be reviewed, approved and signed quarterly at the meetings in July, October, January and April.
39. It was noted that Gotherington PC no longer holds General Power of Competence as the Clerk is not CILCA qualified.
40. To review the Standing Orders – **DEFER to JULY-23**
41. To consider whether the NDP adopted by TBC in Sept-17 should now be reviewed: it was decided that the document will be examined to see what has changed since it was published.
42. Clerk training approved as per the agenda item.

Planning-

The following responses to Planning Applications have been submitted on TBC Planning portal:

43. 23/00284/LBC – 29 Gretton Road – windows/door
No Objection – comment submitted to TBC portal
44. 23/00476/PIP – Hales Farm, Malleson Road – 1 to 5 infill dwellings.
Discussion was held and points raised included:
- Confirm the area boundary is up to AGO9.

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- The NDP stated Gotherington would not build towards Woolstone
- The NDP stated Gotherington would not build to effect major views
- The site is a rural location so farm buildings in a maintained state are acceptable
- Access to the site is very narrow, this development could create a hazardous entrance.
- Gotherington has already had 208 new houses imposed on it.
- Objections should be made on social, ecological or environmental grounds
- The possible impact on the water table/flood risk was raised.

Objection Comment to be agreed and submitted to TBC Planning Portal by 30-Jun-23

45. Meadow Hayfield Development.

The Chair gave an update following the consultation held at TOC on the 23-May-2023. The Chair confirmed that GPC have strongly objected to the inclusion of a fenced/caged MUGA.

GPC have ongoing dialogue with the developers in pursuit of an 'acceptable to all' alternative to the MUGA.

46. Meadow Hayfield Development

See point 45.

Items to Note for the next Agenda

47. No items were raised for the next Agenda.

Confidential Items

48. This item is minuted in Part 2 of these minutes

Date/time of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday the 11th July 2023 at 7pm in the Rex Rhodes Building.