**GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting of Gotherington Parish Council
held at 7pm on Tuesday 11th July 2023
in the Rex Rhodes Building**.

**Present Councillors:** Beverly Osborne (Chair), Cllr Caroline Meller, Cllr Eddie Mclarnon, Cllr Matt Dean

**Also Present:**

Clerk/RFO
1 member of the public
Borough Councillors: Cllr Nigel Adcock, Cllr Cheryl Agg

**Welcome**

1. **Apologies of Absence**:
Apologies were accepted from Cllr Neighbour (Vice Chair).
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.

1. **To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 13-June-2023:**The Minutes were approved and duly signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
2. **Co-option of new Councillor**

No new candidates were received for co-option.

1. **To receive reports from Borough Councillor and County Councillors:**Borough Councillors Nigel Adcock and Cheryl Agg attended in person and gave updates on:
- Discussions with Andy Sanders re the Meadow Development and opposition to/alternative suggestions to the MUGA area.
- New posts on the Cotswold National Landscape Board, position papers and sustainable energy in the Cotswolds
- Work is progressing towards Borough Council meetings being broadcast live, this will be coming soon
-TBC 5-6yr housing land supply is under urgent review, more information will be given as it is known
- Southam, Kayte Lane travellers site. TBC are progressing this with One Legal. Updates will be given as they develop.
- Gotherington Walk-about was very informative. Issues raised included Gretton/Malleson Road surfaces, pavements, footpaths and this will be fed back to TBC County Councillor. Another Walk-about will be scheduled for Autumn.

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

The following reports were received:

* Report from Chair on Meadow Development meetings held with TBC Planning
* Report from Cllr Meller on Green Acres School consultation attended
* Report from Cllr Meller on meeting with Village Footpath maintenance officer.

**Project updates**

1. **Defibrillator in telephone box.**
Community Heartbeat Trust have been approached again to ascertain when the project will be underway. Await update. **DEFER until August meeting.**
2. **Blue Plaque for Elizabeth Malleson.**The plaque will be ordered in July (approved the April Minutes, Project Updates point a).
The unveiling ceremony is suggested as the 29th October 2023 ( Elizabeth Malleson’s birthday; 195 years)
**ONGOING**
3. **‘Pentanque’ Club Benches.**The bench is in place and 50% of the net cost has been invoiced to the Petanque club.
**ON-GOING**
4. **RRB hot water and heating system**

No progress since March meeting.
**ON-GOING**

1. **RRB Carpark pot holes.**A third quote for the carpark resurfacing work is still being sort. Quotes have so far been received from Cheltenham Surfacing Ltd and South West Works.
**ON-GOING**
2. **War Memorial – Funds earmarked at Year End 31-March-22 was £8,500.00**

TBC Conservation Officer visited and advised that the project will need input from National Trust Conservation. Several pledges for donations have been received. The target completion date for the project is 10-November-2024.

**ONGOING**

1. **Cleeve Road – Hedge cutting**

Cllr Osborne has visited the property in person twice. A third attempt will be made before a letter is written. Confirmation of ownership and therefore responsibility for the hedge is sort at this stage.

**ONGOING**

1. **GPC and Village Website update**

The contact details for Gotheringtons Borough Councillors will be added. Other improvements are ongoing.

**ONGOING**

1. **VH Carparking**No update since May meeting. **ONGOING**
2. **Manhole cover in the cricket pitch**The location of the manhole cover is still unknown. It was raised that even if the manhole cover is found, the exit vent has been blocked so to what end. It was proposed to ask NGB Groundworks if they can suggest a drainage solution to alleviate the areas of the field that get water logged. **ONGOING**
3. **Footpath access: AGO6 & AGO12**TBC Public Rights of Way officer will take advice and update GPC in due course.

**ONGOING**

1. **Community Consultation**No decisions have yet been made **ONGOING**
2. **Water Butt**
It was agreed to purchase gravel from Travis Perkins at a cost of £200.00.
It was agreed that up to £35.00 can be spent on at 100 litre water butt.
It will be sited behind the Petanque shelter.
3. **Cleaner for RRB/JWP**A new cleaner has been appointed, contract signed and has started.
**CLOSED**
4. **Purchase strimmer**It was voted against GPC purchasing their own strimmer for footpath maintenance. The situation will be re-assessed in March-2024.

**CLOSED**

1. **Edmund Barfield**It was voted and agreed that £50.00 can be spent on a formal thank you gift to Edmund Barfield for his services to Gotheringtons Topics Magazine. Mr. Barfield will be formally invited to the September meeting for this to be presented. **CLOSED**

1. **Shutter Island**

Cllr Osborne agreed to weed, tidy and clean the bench on the island. The proposal to purchase planters will be re-discussed in January-2024 **CLOSED**

1. **Grass around the tennis courts.**The area in question will be mown to prevent further damage.
**CLOSED**
2. **Tree Inspection Course/Tree inspection policy**

It was agreed that £200 + vat can be spent for Cllr Meller to attend the Lantra Basic Tree Survey & Inspection course on the 26-July-2023 at the RAU Cirencester.
The Tree Policy will be reviewed subsequent to the learnings made on that course.
**ONGOING**

1. **Removal of Cleeve Road Bus Timetable/Notice Board**It was agreed that this notice board can be removed. Cllr Mclarnon will undertake the work. **CLOSED**
2. **Proposal for a new GBP Noticeboard on Gretton Road**The proposal was agreed in principle. Cllr Meller will liaise with the local residents to agree a suitable and satisfactory site.

**ONGOING**

**Accounts.**

1. Supplier Payments to be made in July-2023 were approved.
2. Receipts and Payments in the month of June were reviewed. One query was raised and a full and satisfactory explanation given.
3. The bank reconciliation as at 30-June-2023 was approved.
4. The income and expenditure against budget report YTD at the 30-June-2023 was reviewed and approved.
5. Note: The internal audit paperwork for Quarter 1 finances was signed.
6. Review of the Standing Orders was deferred until August.
7. Review of the Gotherington NDP was deferred until August.

**Planning-**

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

1. 23/00509/FUL - Land Between Longfurlong Cottage and Gothic House Longfurlong Lane Gotherington
Erection of 2No. dwellings (in accordance with permission in principle ref. 21/01391/PIP for between 1No. and 2No. dwellings).
**Comment to written and submitted by 17-July-23**

**Items to Note for the next Agenda**

1. Strategic Planning – JCS has now ended. Review of the 5 year land supply is underway. Any update.

**Date/time of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will beTuesday the 8th August 2023 at 7pm in the Rex Rhodes Building.