

GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Gotherington Parish Council held at 7pm on Tuesday 12th September 2023 in the Rex Rhodes Building.

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

Also Present:

2 members of the public.

Welcome

- 1.** Vice Chair Cllr Neighbour was re-appointed, nominated by Cllr Meller and seconded by Cllr Mclarnon.
- 2. Apologies of Absence:**
Apologies of absence were received from the Clerk.
- 3. Filming of the meeting:**
It was confirmed that no-one wished to film the meeting.
- 4. To receive declarations of interest/requests for dispensation for items on the agenda below:**
No declarations of interest were declared.
- 5. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 15-August-2023:**
The Minutes were approved and duly signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- 6. Public Questions**
2 member of the public wished to speak about; -
Item 22: 'Accident on Gretton Road'
Item 25: 'Security lights which are excessively bright'
- 7. To receive reports from Borough Councillor and County Councillors:**
Borough Cllrs confirmed they had attended meetings at TBC.
Cllr Agg reported she would be attending a meeting about the 5 year land supply and would report to the next meeting.
Cllr Adcock reported that he is part of a project that has access to tree saplings and asked if we became aware of anywhere suitable for tree planting within the village could we inform him.
- 8. To receive reports from Parish Councillors on external meetings attended:**
Chair reported the flush on the LHS toilet in the ladies has failed. This required emergency works as the other toilet is also cracked and out of use. Emergency plumber attended and quoted £960 to supply and fit both the toilets. He suggested we keep the same style of toilet because some of the pipework was already fitted and also, this type is more robust and easier to maintain. All members consulted and the works were agreed under emergency rules. Work undertaken within 24 hours.

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He also removed the urinals in the gents. This was requested by GPC because they are very seldom used and the cost in water as they flush 24 hours a day, 365 days a year is considerable. Redecoration works to be undertaken so Chair to seek quotes.

Project updates

9. Defibrillator in telephone box.

Offer from GET to assist with this project. GPC have accepted their offer. Awaiting the name of the volunteer.

10. Blue Plaque for Elizabeth Malleson.

All members very happy with the plaque. It was agreed to serve tea and biscuits, as well as the celebration cake as previously agreed at the official event. Volunteers will be asked to help nearer the time. Clerk to send 50% invoice to GVHMC = £124.98.

ONGOING

11. 'Pentanque' Club Benches.

Cllr Neighbour to purchase suitable fixings and the petanque club will be consulted on the final position.

ON-GOING

12. RRB hot water and heating system + other RRB related subjects

This item is closed until the refurbishment of the building can commence.

CLOSED

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

Contributions pledged by resident. Clerk to monitor and report next month.

ONGOING

14. Cleeve Road – Hedge cutting

Cllr Dean to approach local landowners to ask for help with hedge cutting machinery

ONGOING

15. Manhole cover in the cricket pitch

Awaiting a visit from NGB groundworks to assist with planning the investigation project.

ONGOING

16. Community Consultation

Anj Patel (TBC) has been consulted as we have not received the follow-up information promised after the meeting to allow GPC to evaluate the cost v benefit.

ONGOING

17. Tennis Court Boundary

No response to-date from GTC on the scope of work for this project. Chair to send chasing email

18. Tree Inspection Course/Tree inspection policy

Cllr Meller still working on this policy. She will also speak to Cllr Adcock with reference to his recently completed tree policy. Will circulate when completed.

ONGOING

19. Ashmead Drive Ash Tree – branches near overhead wires

Cllr Meller to establish if the wires are power or comms. If power, she will contact the statutory undertaker and if comms we will contact Chris Arnold to attend

ONGOING

20. Proposal for a new GPC Noticeboard on Gretton Road

The area identified needs to be cleared. Cllr Meller to get some quotes for the clearance and removal of two dead trees. Cllr agreed a budget of £500 to do the clearance works.

ONGOING

21. Volunteer Recognition Reward

Agreed to support the volunteer reward as discussed. £30.00 voucher for the Shutters per person recognised. The recipients will be invited to attend the next meeting to receive.

22. Accident on Gretton Road

Rodney Churchill attended to comment on the accident on Gretton Road near the entrance to The Sabrina Way. Mrs Churchill was walking east just past the end of the new pavement installed as part of the Privet Court development when as a car approached, she stepped to the left onto the verge but there was no land there, she fell 7ft into the culvert and shattered her femur. 3 Fire engines and 1 ambulance attended. Chair was called to attend, to investigate. She has reported the incident to Glos County highways and received a response to say they are aware of the issues and will contact her when they have a way forward. In the meantime, some red barriers have been placed by GCC to stop any reoccurrence.

ONGOING

23. Damage to Roundabout in playpark

The foundations of the new roundabout in the park have failed. Kompan have been informed and Chair sent video to show the damage. They have agreed to attend to fix the issue. No date has been given yet. Chair to chase

ONGOING

24. Freemans Field Maintenance

Email for the cricket club was read out requesting contribution towards the cost of major repairs to the cricket square. Cllrs agreed there is no additional money in the budget to do the work to the cricket square at this time. However, GPC will support GCC if they wish to apply for S106 or CIL monies to undertake the repair.

25. Security Lights

GPC have received complaints about some of the security lights installed on homes in the village. It is felt that they are too bright, the sensitivity is too high and they

come on as people walk past on the pavement. These bright lights at night are causing disturbance to neighbours. It was agreed PC will construct a leaflet which can be sent to the homes with the lights causing issues, to remind residents we live in a low light zone and ask them to modify.

26. AGO1 – Bridleway

Cllr Meller is keen to reinstate the bridleway AGO1 but it requires a new bridge across Dean brook. She will speak to Bishops Cleeve PC and Stoke Orchard PC to investigate sharing the cost of this project.

27. Replacement Clerk

Current Clerk to be contacted to investigate if a sabbatical could help with the current issues. If not Chair to speak to GAPTC to add an advertisement.

Accounts.

28. Not supplied by the Clerk

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31. Gotherington NDP

This item will be postponed until we have support to undertake.

Planning-

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

32. 23/00698/LBC / 23/00697/FUL - Alterations and extensions to existing boundary wall to allow for a rear garden extension
GPC have not been contacted by residents on this matter, so GPC have no objection

33. 23/00086/APP - Land Off Aggs Lane Gotherington To discuss recent amendments (and further requests if necessary) to the application regarding inclusion of the requested footpath and the hard standing area (previously MUGA).

The adjustments included in the revision of the plans were cautiously welcomed. TBC had confirmed the MUGA was not able to be removed as it was a condition of the inspectors' report, but GPC welcome the removal of the boundary fencing as requested by residents. Also, the inclusion of the footpaths alongside Meadowside and also along the boundary of Cobblers Close as requested by residents was noted.

34. Strategic Planning

Borough Cllrs to attend a meeting at TBC in the coming days to discuss so will report back at the next meeting

Items to Note for the next Agenda

35. October Agenda:

- Review Quarter 2 Year-to-date Income and Expenses vs Budget and sign internal audit document.
- Cleaner has resigned. Advert to be placed
- Complaint about pavement on Gretton Road
- Complaint from resident about white bread put out in Gotherington Grange. Email needed to Firstport.

November Agenda:

Edmund Barfield (Topics Magazine) formal presentation of thanks.

Date/time of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday the 10th October 2023 at 7pm in the Rex Rhodes Building.