

GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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	<p style="text-align: center;">Gotherington Parish Council Minutes February 2024</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend the council meeting to be held at The Rex Rhodes Building on Tuesday 13th February 2024 at 7pm</p>
	<p>Councillors; Beverly Osborne (Chair), Steve Neighbour (Vice Chair), Matt Dean, Caroline Meller,</p>
1	Apologies from Cllr McLarnon.
2	No declarations of interest. No recording.
3	Minutes of last meeting held on 9 th January 2024 approved
4	Public questions – a. Resident of Gretton Road spoke about planning application number 24/00024/FUL. She sought to understand the PC position and if we would be objecting. Discussion of item 33 brought forward. Council resolved to object to this application. b. Members of the GET team, Howard Samuels, Ray Chase and Jane Nicolson attended. Points raised were an update on their contribution to the defibrillator project. Confirmed awaiting the CHT engineers. Also update on their contribution to the war memorial project. Cllr Meller able to give comprehensive update on progress. Ms Nicolson also asked about the tennis court project to install the French drain. In her opinion the courts are never used so this is unnecessary. - Jane was also concerned about the security system being used at the tennis courts i.e. was it necessary. She also felt that the website was in need of attention / updating Cllr Neighbour able to confirm the income last year. Also, Cllr Dean spoke about the ongoing efforts from the tennis club to grow their membership.
5	Reports from Borough Councillor read. Thanks to Nigel.
6	Reports from parish councillors on external meetings. Cllr Meller gave report on the latest war memorial working group meeting. Conservation architect engaged. Specialist stone mason engaged. Work to be completed by October 2024
	Projects
7	Trees in Ashmead Drive. Quote from tree surgeon for £170.00 for the work. Cllr Meller to instruct. Agreed.
8	NHS. Documents dating from 1998, detailing independent reviews attended by John Woolley, have now been shredded. Cllr. Meller informed the Council that permission had been granted by Wiltshire Health & Care, and by Avon Health Authority, to shred papers concerning independent reviews

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	which had been attended by Cllr. John Woolley in the late 1990s. The papers have now been confidentially destroyed. Closed
9	Strategic local plan. Inclusion of BIS16. Determine to meet with BCPC to discuss coalescence. Chair to contact BCPC and TBC to arrange meeting
10	Tennis Court boundary – SOW circulated. Given to NGB groundworks for comment.
11	Defibrillator in telephone box. No update from CHT. Chair to chase again.
12	Pétanque Club Bench – Cllr Neighbour will complete in the spring. He notes the bench is extremely heavy so no risk of theft.
13	War Memorial - Funds earmarked at Year End 31 March 23 was £8,500.00. New donations received from residents wedding celebration £467.00. Ringfenced total is £8967.00. Cllr Meller gave update under external reports.
14	Manhole cover in Freeman Field – No progress. In drier weather we will try again with a metal detector.
15	Road closures. It was agreed to allow all the village communication channels to update as and when information comes to light.
16	Pothole in car park. Completed
17	Accident on Gretton Road- Agreed to Email County councillor again to chase.
18	Security Lights – no improvement. Added to Topics again and will monitor next month.
19	Replacement Clerk – New clerk in place. Contract signed. 5 hours per week plus any additional hours to be agreed. Agreed budget for mentoring of 10 hours at £25.00 per hour for training with Ray Balgobin of Painswick PC.
20	Moat Farm ball netting - Update from CIL manager at TBC, confirm funding is available. Members agreed to investigate the specification by speaking to the potential contractors to evaluate solutions.
21	Meadow development issues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hayfields confirm the work underway is related to the archaeological works. • NGB Groundworks confirmed the tarmac surface is the best in this location due to the height of the water table causing mud, the potential for slippage on the corner and to reduce mud on the road. • Speeding issues. Discuss change of speed for Ashmead from 30 to 20. Agreed Chair would email Hayfields to add this to the transport discussion. • Chair confirmed email sent to Hayfields to confirm No street lighting on development.
22	Water standing on new cycleway/footpath – no update. Ongoing. Also concern around the addition of street lighting on that path. Chair to write to planning to confirm no streetlighting in our parish.
23	The Grange. Cllr Dean confirms some residents have asked about the PC taking over the public open space. All agreed that Cllr Dean will organise a meeting between GPC and the current management committee to discuss.
24	Replacement toddler swings – completed.
25	Potential damage to garage structure. Cllr Mclarnon not present but Chair confirm strip in place on rear of RRB. .
26	Planters for village gates. GET team asked if they wanted to partner with us to install these planters. They confirmed they are happy to take on this project.
27	Bank signatories. All members asked to download their own forms and submit. Chair will take care of the clerk's adoption,
28	WI-FI project. No update. Ongoing

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	Accounts and Governance
29	Budget for 24/25. All agree to adopt the budget circulated for 24/25 showing increase of 3%.
30	Review outstanding payments – circulated separately. All agreed.
31	Audit Agree to instruct GAPTC auditor. All agreed to instruct GAPTC.
	Planning
	24/00032/FUL The Grain Dryer Gotherington Fields Gotherington Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL52 9SB Cllr Mellor suggests this is outside of our parish. No objection. 24/00024/FUL A proposed new dwelling with associated landscaping and orchards comprising 5 bedrooms with an associated outbuilding submitted as part of the National Planning Policy Framework Paragraph 84. Land To the North of Gretton Road, Gotherington, All agreed to object to this application. Cllr Mclarnon to develop the submission.
	AOB
	Date of next meeting
	Tuesday 12 th March 2024