

GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

12th August 2025 at 7:00pm.

Venue:	Rex Rhodes Building, Gotherington. GL52 9EX.
Present:	Cllr Osborne, Cllr Neighbour, Cllr Fawke, Cllr Liddington Cllr Rees and Cllr Daniel.
Attendees:	5 Members of the public.
Public Session:	Resident 1 – comment on the damage to the village marquee after the GFest event. Howard confirmed the marquee was left up by the GET team so it could be used by Wine Club for their 50th anniversary celebrations. Despite it being secured by land stakes and guys, the wind overturned the marquee causing catastrophic damage. Howard confirmed that the final funds raised by the event could possibly be channelled into a replacement or repair. Council agreed to investigate. Cllr Liddington agreed to investigate the cost of hiring a ready erected marquee for specific events, Cllr Fawke agreed to investigate suitable replacement and Cllr Osborne will investigate repair also recirculate the quote provided for repair of the damaged poles. This will be added to agenda for September for discussion. Howard Samuels confirmed he had sent a letter to the clerk asking to be co-opted at this meeting and had received some paperwork but was unsure if it was correct so had not completed and returned it. Clerk had not made council aware. Council agree to co- opt Cllr Samuels and he was welcomed to the council.

2025.08.01.1	To receive apologies from absent Councillors. Cllr Fry. Clerk is not present as on annual holiday.
2025.08.02.1	To receive declarations of interest for items on the agenda below. Cllr Osborne declared an interest on item 8
2025.08.03.1	To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 20th May 2025. Minutes were not approved as amendments are necessary.
2025.08.04.1	Reports from Borough Councillors and County Councillor. Cllr Adcock supplied a report as he is on annual holiday. Cllr Stanley supplied a report that was read by Cllr Neighbour. Grass cutting was the main focus. Chair confirmed GPC have responded to Cllr Adcocks request to highlight areas of concern, namely Lawrences Meadow, the visibility splays at Gotherington Cross and the traffic calming on Gotherington Lane.
2025.08.05.1	To receive reports from parish councillors on external meetings attended Cllr Daniel confirmed he has met with the resident and the memorial bench has now been refitted to Shutter Island. He reports resident is happy with the outcome. See invoice in payment schedule for the works.

Minute reference	Description	Latest update
2025.08.01	Storage space for clubs	Storage is an issue for all and a new large bar has been made for GET team which is currently being stored in the PC shed causing issues with MyFit30 weight trolley. In the short term GPC agreed to allow Liz to store her trolley in the changing room shower area until a more suitable solution can be found.

2025.08.02	20s Plenty request for PC action by 19 th September	Council agreed they cannot commit to this without canvassing the opinions of the residents. Cllr Daniel to set up a WhatsApp poll to ask for opinions and Cllrs Samuels and Liddington agreed to make up paper fliers to circulate to all residences. This should be done asap to achieve an answer before the deadline.
2025.08.03	FOGs request for support	Chair confirmed she had spoken to Chair of Governors today and he had planned to send through the three quotes they have received but by the meeting start these had not arrived. Chair to circulate to members asap.
2025.08.04	New noticeboard to be installed.	Notice board now installed. GPC minute thanks to Cllr Neighbour and Gordon Thompson. CLOSED
2025.08.05	Adopt memorial bench policy.	Good discussion about the merit of changing the policy to say GPC will accept ongoing responsibility and liability for all memorial benches. The cost implication versus the needs of the residents were debated. No clear decision was reached. Cllr Liddington to send through to Chair suggested wording change by email asap so this can be incorporated for members to consider next month.
2025.08.06	Menshed	Cllr Liddington confirmed that charity status is imminent. Working party needs to be established – Chair to confirm members of this group asap.
2025.08.07	Table and chairs	Resident Simon Lloyd has provided a mock-up of the decals that can be fitted to the edges of the tables to make them as GPC property. Council agreed with the suggested font but requested it be in Blue. Quote was circulated of £55.00 to supply and fit. All unanimously agreed. Chair to confirm with Simon in Clerk absence.
2025.08.08	Freeman field access	Cllr Osborne declared an interest and moved to the public gallery. Discussion took place on the merit of 2 properties having continued informal access into FF and whether this should be allowed. Cllr Neighbour chaired this item. Cllr Neighbour confirmed an offer had been made to the residents of 40 Malleson Road but not 38 or 36, to legally change their deeds to allow access into and out of FF for the general public via formal gated arrangement and the resident had refused. Cllr Liddington referred to the byelaws in place from 1960's. Cllr Liddington proposed that on the basis that the fence is GPC property and our deed states we must provide a stock proof fence that GPC refuse the request to continue the informal access arrangement with the residents of 38 and 40 Malleson Road and instead replace the length of fence on the south border of FF. Cllr Neighbour 2 nd . Vote 5 agreed/1 against Cllr Liddington to get three quotes for the works. ONGOING
2025.08.09	War Memorial – CCTV to be installed at the Old Chapel.	Andy Burlow confirms the first camera has been installed and is working very well. The new light has been installed and is working. Further works to be completed asap then once the system is tested it will be handed to GPC. ONGOING
2025.08.10	Bus Shelter	No further action this month Chair will try again to contact Max Kelly and Jacob Cotteril – ONGOING
2025.08.11	The play area and fitness equipment - H&S checks	Cllr Daniel confirmed he has downloaded the app and started uploading images of GPC assets to Civic.ly for a 3-month free trial. He will report back on how effective he is finding it at the end of the trial period. CLOSED
2025.08.12	New gate at The Grange	Cllr Neighbour has not made contact with Hillary Grace as he reports she is on holiday. He will report back to September meeting.
2025.08.13	Meadow Footpaths: Alongside The Holt. AGO20 Opposite the Village Hall. AGO18 Behind Lawrance's Meadow. AGO44	Chair has agreed to meet Hilary Grace in August to discuss. Deferred to September

2025.08.14	VAT	On hold.
2025.08.15	The cycle path lights have been turned on. Any reports received.	No reports received – defer to September for updates. ONGOING
2025.08.16	RRB Refurb	Cllr Daniel has not been able to make the survey to go to the key users of the RRB so Chair has agreed to pick up this action and circulate to members for their comments before distribution and discussion with key stakeholders
2025.08.17	Replacement Gazebo in FF	The concrete pad has been installed along with a sloped ramp for access. The grass matting has been installed under all the play equipment. The balance beam has not been removed as yet and Chair confirmed she has emailed Greenfields to understand why, and to for timescales on the installation of the rower. Greenfields asked for confirmation of the roof material and Clerk has confirmed shingle was agreed at original meeting. We are awaiting an available slot in their schedule to complete the installation.
2025.08.18	The Community asset register renewal for The Shutters Inn	Cllr Fry absent. Deferred to September
2025.08.19	Speed watch project	Chair apologised that she has not concluded this but will by next meeting.
2025.08.20	Street sign cleaning project	Cllr Rees confirmed this will be completed as a Menshed project so can be removed from the agenda and the works will be undertaken as resources become available. CLOSED
2025.08.21	Vistry Planning Application	Due to the sensitive nature of the information given at the previous meeting with Vistry, this discussion was held at the end of the meeting after the public had left. Council agreed that in principle, they are minded to agree to this initial request but only because it allows us to move forward toward a full public consultation with all village residents. ONGOING
2025.08.22	Tennis Court project	Discussion with Andy Burlow on whether he could undertake this project. He will look again at the specifications. Answer by September meeting.
2025.08.26	Village hall carpark – Final invoice	No response from Neil Bermingham. Chair to chase. ONGOING

Finance

Internal Audit

A. To note the Internal Auditors report for the financial year ending 31st March 2025.

Due to the internal audit not back the council were unable to approve, the council will hold an extraordinary meeting once the report is received. Clerk is on holiday and no financial report has been received by members.

B. To adopt the accounts for the Financial Year ending 31st March 2025.

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C. To approve the Annual Governance Statement for the Financial Year ending 31st March 2025.

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Payment Schedule for July 2025 – All payments approved 12th August 2025

A. Clerk £300.07

B. GAPTC – Internal Audit £320

C. HMRC – 49.20

D. Cleeve Fire Protection - £160.80
E. Scribe - £37.20
F. Cllr Neighbour – Screwfix postcrete - £20.97

G. Chris Arnold - £360
H. Cleaner - £180
I. Strimming - £120
J. Expenses for cleaner - £56.58

- - Floor Polish £25.96
- - Floor Stripper £14.23
- - Tap Connector £8.36
- - Petrol £8.03
- Payments made since last meeting.

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CB garden services – Reinstall bench at Shutter Island - £150

Bank Reconciliation report

No report circulated to council

Planning

Planning applications received –

25/00522/FUL - Longfurlong Cottage Longfurlong Lane Gotherington 25/00425/FUL – No objection from GPC

1 Brunel Drive Gotherington 25/00528/FUL – No objection from GPC

Land to the Rear Of 22 To 30 Cleeve Road Gotherington - council remain unhappy with this development and members again wish to object to the addition to the built landscape and additional pressure on the village plus other points made.

Objection to be submitted to TBC

25/00540/ADV - 7 Cleeve Road Gotherington – resident commented on the lighting, its brightness and the length of time it is left on. GPC to speak to business owner to see if we can resolve without need for objection.

25/00585/FUL - Willowbank Cottage Granna Lane Gotherington - No objection from GPC

Planning Decision Received –

24/01035/FUL - Land At Trumans Farm Manor Lane: PERMIT

Planning Appeals Received -

None received

Date of next meeting 9th September 2025
Meeting closed 9:45pm