

GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

9th September 2025 at 7:00pm.

Venue:	Rex Rhodes Building, Gotherington. GL52 9EX.
Present:	Cllr Osborne, Cllr Neighbour, Cllr Fawke, Cllr Lidington Cllr Rees and Cllr Fry.
Attendees:	9 Members of the public.
Public Session:	Resident 1 Wanted to raise a concern with the bus stop road markings that had recently been redon on Malleson Road. He did not believe that the marking was in the correct place. Chair and Vice Chair advised that resident do use the stop, and it is in the correct location. He also voiced concerns about the new cycleway on Gotherington Lane. He was advised that the council and Vistry are aware of the issues and that Vistry are in the process of repairing them. Resident 2 Spoke to the council about the bin on Cheltenham Road by the shop – noting that it was not big enough for purpose and would the council consider a replacement. Resident 3 noted that Hayfeild had be issued with a formal warning due to the traffic incident that have occurred. He also noted that the advertising sign for the new builds outside of the Village Hall had not been installed at the correct hight and that Hayfeild had been asked to rectify them.

2025.08.01.1	To receive apologies from absent Councillors. Cllr Osborne noted that Cllr Daniel as resigned from the council and had asked that the following statement was read out. I'm writing to let you know that I will be standing down with immediate effect as a Parish Councillor for Gotherington. Below is a statement that can be read out at the Parish Meeting on Tuesday 9th September, for the record. I joined the Parish Council in July 2024, at a time when councillors were desperately needed, I held the desire to serve the residents and to have a positive impact on the village and its community. What has transpired over the past 9 months is a targeting of the Chair by an individual, with the aim to criticise, obstruct and undermine the Chair's input to the Council, at whatever opportunity is presented to them. This is eroding any good modern working practices that should exist in the Council such as positive communication, collaboration, tolerance of weaknesses and appreciation of strengths. It takes the focus of our Councillors away from the work that needs doing, instead having to digest torrents of personal point scoring and attacks, which is tiresome. On presentation of these observations to the individual concerned, their behaviour continues unapologetically and dismissively. The environment in which we are trying to work in continues to be toxic, and I no longer wish to be part of that. With the applications currently being received for additional councillors, I feel now would be a suitable time for me to stand down from the role knowing a replacement will be forthcoming. Though, now with my "resident's hat" on, the increasing number of Village Hall Trustees who are wanting to also sit as Parish Councillors is a concern given that there is currently disagreement over ownership of the hall between the 2 parties. The same individuals making decisions on behalf of both parties is not in the best interests of the village, or the future of the Village Hall. I think this should be taken into account whilst the council considers those applications. I wish you well in future endeavours, and I will be happy to attend future meetings sat on the other side of the table. Kindest regards Andrew
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2025.09.09.2	Co-option of vacancy. Jane Nicolson and Olly Paton had both submitted application to join the council, both had hoped that they would be coopted, but the clerk explained that Cllr Daniels vacancy needed to be advertised first. Cllr Nicolson was co-opted, and Olly would wait for the vacancy notice to be issued.
2025.09.09.3	To receive declarations of interest for items on the agenda below. Cllr Osborne declared an interest on item 8
2025.09.09.4	To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 20th May 2025. Minutes for July were approved with the requested amendments. The August minutes were not approved, as a request for a footnote to be added at the bottom to explain one of the agenda items.
2025.09.09.5	Reports from Borough Councillors and County Councillor. Borough Councillors Report Summer is normally a quiet time. Fewer meetings take place as people, both officers and Councillors are away. The early part of the summer saw the subject of grass cutting take prominence. Comms from TBC asking Parishes what they wanted for the end of 2025 and to provide ideas for 2026. Views and opinions were polarised on this issue, one side being longer grass and biodiversity increase. The other being grass cut fairly often. Local Government Reorganisation has also been in the forefront of people's minds. September has begun with members seminars on various aspects of it. One last night on the vision and another on Wednesday. Our usual run of committees and working groups has started. I have Oversight and scrutiny this afternoon, 9th September and a Cotswolds National Landscape working group tomorrow morning.
2025.09.09.6	To receive reports from parish councillors on external meetings attended None received

Minute reference	Description	Latest update
2025.09.09.01	Gotherington Parish Council action list	Cllr neighbour proposed that the council start to use an action list as a way to keep track of all open projects. The list would have who is dealing with the project and the due by date – it would be circulated each month for member to keep updated. Cllr Neighbour and clerk to work together to have it set up for October.
2025.09.09.02	Dog waste bins at The Grange	Deferred to October
2025.09.09.03	General bin Replacements within the village	Deferred to October
2025.09.09.04	Dog waste bin replacement on Freeman field, by the gazebo	Deferred to October
2025.09.09.05	To review quotations for tree works on Freemans Field (west side boundary and the Pavilion)	All 3 quotations were reviewed by the council; they approved the quote by Chris Arnold a local tree surgeon. Clerk to contact Chris Arnold and advise him to proceed with the work.
2025.09.09.06	Council to approve and adopt Council Procurement and T's & Cs.	Approved and adopted by the council, Clerk to add to all PO going forward.
2025.09.09.07	20s Plenty request for PC action by 19 th September	Council are still waiting for the survey to be completed. All polling card due in at the by 15th Sept. Responses due to GCC by the 19th September.
2025.09.09.08	FOGs request for support	Deferred to October.
2025.09.09.09	Adopt memorial bench policy.	Council decided some word amendments are still needed – Cllr Lidington do the amendments and bring back to council in October. Cllr Osbourne proposed that 3 new benches be purchased to replace the current broken benches at The Lawn, next to the school and the village shop. Andy Barlow to look at prices for the benches the cast iron sides and wooden slats – The council agree that the ongoing upkeep for these could be more efficient.

2025.09.09.10	Menshed	A working party was set up equal members from the Men's shed and the council on. The working party members are Cllr Osbourne, Cllr Nicolson, Cllr Neighbour and Cllr Lidington.
2025.09.09.11	Table and chairs	Deferred to October
2025.09.09.12	Freeman field access	Deferred to October
2025.09.09.13	War Memorial – CCTV to be installed at the Old Chapel.	Andy Burlow confirmed that the CCTV work has now been completed. Clerk noted that the council would need to adopt a CCTV policy, clerk to look at having one ready for the October meeting.
2025.09.09.14	Bus Shelter	Deferred to October – Cllr Howard and Cllr Nicolson to contact Max Kelly.
2025.09.09.15	The play area and fitness equipment - H&S checks	Cllr. Daniel has resigned from the council, Clerk to contact him and take over the H&S reports.
2025.09.09.16	New gate at The Grange	Cllr Osbourne has a meeting with Hilliary Grace on the 23rd of September to discuss. ONGOING
2025.09.09.17	Meadow Footpaths: Alongside The Holt. AGO20 Opposite the Village Hall. AGO18 Behind Lawrance's Meadow. AGO44	Cllr Osbourne has a meeting with Hilliary Grace on the 23rd of September to discuss. ONGOING
2025.09.09.18	VAT	Clerk to run report and bring to the October meeting for approval.
2025.09.09.19	The cycle path lights have been turned on. Any reports received.	No reports received – defer to October for updates. ONGOING
2025.09.09.20	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
2025.09.09.21	Replacement Gazebo in FF	The new base was installed incorrectly, following a site visit from Greenfield they have accepted liability and have agreed to remove the existing base and install a new one at the correct size and location to per the original specification.
2025.09.09.22	The Community asset register renewal for The Shutters Inn	Cllr Fry confirms that The shutter Inn has now been added to the register - CLOSED
2025.09.09.23	Speed watch project	Chair apologised that she has not concluded this but will by next meeting.
2025.09.09.24	Vistry Planning Application	ONGOING
2025.09.09.25	Tennis Court project	Deferred to October
2025.09.09.26	Village hall carpark – Final invoice	Chair to chase. ONGOING

Finance

Payment Schedule for July 2025 – All payments approved 9TH September 2025

- A. Clerk £300.07
- B. The Community Heartbeat Trust – Total to approve £825 (Total outstanding £3020. GET team donated £2195)
- C. HMRC – 49.20
- D. Fire and security - £741.60
- E. Scribe - £37.20
- F. Website security - £225 (\$149) Clerk noted that the \$149 was x 2 for both domains
- G. Seb CCTV install at the old chapel £1209.26
- H. Strimming - £120
- I. cleaner - £79.99

All payment approved

Planning

Planning applications received –

24/00604/FUL - Hales Farm Malleson Road Gotherington Cheltenham. **RECORDING STOPPED** ask Bev and Steve??

Planning Decision Received –

None Received

Planning Appeals Received -

None received

Items for inclusions on next agenda

Marquee – Is broken council to discuss repair.

FOGS – Charity website update.

Fields in trust – to discuss if the council would like to take part

Lionsgate to start work – To receive any reports.

Shutter lane covert investigation

Heage cutting at Gloucestershire County council

Date of next meeting 14th October 2025
Meeting closed 10pm