

GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

8th July 2025 at 7:05pm.

Venue:	Rex Rhodes Building, Gotherington. GL52 9EX.
Present:	Cllr Osborne, Cllr Neighbour, Cllr Fawke, Cllr Lidington Cllr Ress, Cllr Fry and Cllr Daniel.
Attendees:	Selina Holder – Clerk and RFO, County Councillor Richards Stanley, Borough Councillor Nigel Adcock and 13 Members of the public.
Public Session:	Resident 1 – Wanted to advise the council of the broken bench by the local shop. The Bench is a memorial bench, but no local residents are currently within the village, Chair to contact Woolstone Parish to see if they are aware of any relations within the area. Chair noted that maybe the Menshed could look after the benches. Resident 2 – Presentation from a Men’s Shed member. Gotherington Men's Shed Proposal overview July 2025 Chair noted that the council are in full support of the proposal. Resident 3- Wanted to update the council following on from his comments at the last meeting. He noted that after a number of emails he found out that Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC) are responsible for sweeping the streets, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) are responsible for removal of weeds – He noted that he was told it cannot be done by weed killer because of the harmful effects. Due to The Grange not being on either councils schedule so the weeds had not been dealt with. He confirmed that The Grange is now on the schedule. Chair noted that the parish use salt, soap and vinegar as a harmless weed killer and that the resident is welcome to use it should he wish to.

2025.06.01	To receive apologies from absent Councillors. None received.
2025.06.02	To receive declarations of interest for items on the agenda below. None received.
2025.05.03	To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 20th May 2025. Minutes were approved and signed.
2025.06.04	Reports from Borough Councillors and County Councillor. Cllr Adcock reported It had been a bit of a quieter month; he had attended fully council as well at the climate change meeting. They had discussed the new charging points being install at TBC and officers have been encouraged to use electric cars and bike where possible. He also noted that the TBC meetings are now available to view on webcast. Cllr Stanley Reported That in the last meeting the chair had mentioned about using some of the available CIL fund to pay toward the footpaths being resurfaced, Cllr Stanley has been in contact with Max Kelly. Max Kelly will be in contact with the Parish to discuss possible plans to move forward. He also noted that he has been contact by a number of residents regarding school placements and residents from Tredington and Stoke Orchard had not been given a place at Bishops Cleeve Comprehensive School. Which he is going to a meeting with the school to discuss possible option open to them.
2025.06.05	To receive reports from parish councillors on external meetings attended Cllr Osborne noted that the Trek 2025 was very successful this year.

	Cllr Osborne also noted that as previously agreed the Cheltenham Silver Band could use the marquee free of charge as they are a charity – she mentioned that this was agreed in 2023. She had been contacted by the tennis club and they have requested a sign be put up that states not other ball games in the courts allowed.
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Minute reference	Description	Latest update
2025.07.01	The fence between the VH & the RRB - Broken fence.	Resident is going to speak to local contactor to see if they are able to fix the fence, parish upkeep officer will clear the gravel and debris away from the fence. The upkeep officer has recently been taking on more tasks within the village and Cllr Lidington proposed that he should be paid for his time as it has increased. He proposed that the upkeep officer was to be paid £15 per hour. Cllr Neighbour 2nd the proposal and the council unanimously agreed. Upkeep officer to send an invoice to the clerk at the start of each month itemising the work carried out.
2025.07.02	FOGS – play equipment grant	Deferred till August.
2025.07.03	Clerk Training.	Clerk noted that the other parish she worked for have offered to pay half towards CiLCA training. The cost of the training would be between £500-£600. She also advised the council that due to changes within the program the last intake was going to be the 1st of August 2025. Then the training was going to be changed and would not start till 2026. Council agreed that they were happy to pay half towards the training and that they would like the training to commence on the August in take.
2025.07.04	New noticeboard to be installed.	Clerk to deliver the noticeboard to Cllr Neighbour. Cllr Neighbour to work with the Menshed to have the board installed by the August meeting.
2025.07.05	Adopt memorial bench policy.	Council to review and make any amendments ready for August's meeting.
2025.07.06	Update on the works on Gretton Road.	Closed – At present the work carried out seems to of fixed the issue, Council noted that the winter season will be able to confirm if the fix is fully completed.
2025.07.06	Menshed	Presentation given during the public session.
2025.07.07	Table and chairs	Chair confirmed that 10 new tables have arrived. A resident has offered to pt a design on the tabletops, so they are marks showing ownership to the parish council.
2025.07.08	Freeman field access	Deferred to August
2025.07.09	War Memorial – CCTV to be installed at the Old Chapel.	The council unanimously agreed to the proposal circulated to them before the meeting. Clerk Notes that Cllr Lidington left the meeting.
2025.07.09	Bus Shelter	Cllr Andrew to Chase Jacob Cotterill to arrange a meeting. Council agrees that the bench that was removed due to damage can now be reinstated, Clerk to contact the resident.
2025.07.10	The play area and fitness equipment - H&S checks	Council unanimously agreed to test the software Civic.ly for a 3-month free trial as per the proposal circulated to the council by Cllr Andrew.
2025.07.11	New gate at The Grange	Cllr Neighbour to follow up with Hillary Grace and report back in August.
2025.07.13	Meadow Footpaths: Alongside The Holt. AGO20	Deferred to August.

	Opposite the Village Hall. AGO18 Behind Lawrance's Meadow. AGO44	
2025.07.14	Clearance of saplings and ivy on Ashmead Drive	Clerk to send resident at 11 B a letter to thank them for clearing the sapling and ivy back to the boundary.
2025.07.15	VAT	On hold.
2025.07.16	The cycle path lights have been turned on. Any reports received.	Deferred to August.
2025.07.17	RRB Refurb	ClIr Daniel to make a survey to go to the key users of the RRB and bring to the council for approval in the August meeting.
2025.07.18	Replacement Gazebo	Chair circulated the cost for the flooring to be installed by the exercise equipment next to the gazebo, ClIr Ress raised concerns about whether it was the correct sizing for H&S. Cahir advised that she went back to Greenfields and asked them to check the requirements and that the quote circulated was what they had advised. Council decided to have the black matting installed around the equipment and asked to clerk to speak to Green Fields. Council agreed a cost of up to £27,000 for the Gazebo, flooring and the rowing machine. Chair also proposed the quote received by Chris Arnold - quote was to: Crown lift to clear gazebo. All waste removed from site. Additional on the day - Hazel - cut back and remove 1 other small tree. Council unanimously agreed.
2025.07.19	The Community asset register renewal for The Shutters Inn	Deferred to August
2025.07.20	Speed watch project	The Group now has 6 volunteers, chair to report in August on the next steps.
2025.07.21	Finance working group: ClIr. Fawke to report. •New savings account •New bank account	ClIr Fawke reported that the final account to be opened was called Hinckley and Rugby. He proposed that a 90-day notice account was to be opened with the amount of £100,000 to be transferred. The Following names are to be added as signatories. Selina Holder – Clerk and RFO Tim Fawke – Councilor Stephen Neighbour– Councilor Beverly Osborne – Councilor (Chair)
2025.07.22	Street sign cleaning project	A few signs need touching up as they are the original metal signs. ClIr Ress is going to see if anyone from Menshed would like to take on the project.
2025.07.23	Vistry Planning Application	Meeting arranged for council and Vistry during July – Chair to report in August.
2025.07.24	Tennis Court project	Deferred to August.
2025.07.25	Mobile network within the village	Closed, ClIr Daniel has not had a response from the network providers at present.
2025.07.26	Village hall carpark – Final invoice	Deferred to August

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.

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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D. To note the announcement of period of Exercise of Public Rights.

Noted by the council.

Payment Schedule for July 2025 – All payments approved 8th July 2025

A. PATA Payroll £37.35

B. Clerk - £300.07

C. HMRC – 49.20

D. Power Precision and Fabrication £372.66

E. Scribe - £37.20

F. Cleaner –£405.76

G. Cleaner expenses - £23.00 (Toilet Rolls)

H. Bev - £357.54 (Tables)

I. Bev – £50 Flowers for RRB

J. Euro link £228

Chair also advised that she had been contacted by Caroe regarding two outstanding invoices - H2677 / 241321 £960 & H2677 / 25024 £960 – Council agree to make the outstanding payment with the other payments listed.

Bank Reconciliation report

Report circulated to council

CIL Report

Clerk notes that the CIL report has been sent to TBC.

Planning

Planning received

25/00490/OUT - Land North of Ashchurch Tewkesbury

Planning Decision Received –

None Received

Clerk notes - Cllr Rees expressed concern for the verbal assault/abuse suffered by the Vice Chair by an ex councillor on council property, after the voting at the last Council AGM. He suggested a cautionary letter should be sent to the individual, advising such behaviour, in this circumstance, to be unwarranted and contrary to the Freeman field by-laws.

Chair expressed no commitment to the suggested letter.

Vice Chair then voiced the opinion, after such a time lapse, that an apology would suffice, should a genuine one be forthcoming.

Date of next meeting 12th August 2025
Meeting closed 9:45pm