

GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

14th October 2025 at 7:00pm.

Venue:	Rex Rhodes Building, Gotherington. GL52 9EX.
Present:	Cllr Osborne, Cllr Fawke, Cllr Lidington Cllr Rees and Cllr Nicolson, Cllr Samuels
Attendees:	18 Members of the public.
Public Session:	Point 1. The main discussion was around the proposed provision of a facility for the new Menshed charity. Representatives from the tennis club attended to discuss the open letter they had previously sent to GPC detailing their concerns about the impact of the project. They also distributed paper copies of the new sign they would like installed on the fence. Council agreed to add the expenditure to the next agenda for discussion but offered the use of PC notice boards for the paper copies immediately. Cllr Lidington and Cllr Neighbour have resigned as officers of the GMS charity so the two residents now holding the roles came along to introduce themselves to all and were open to the discussion. Resident 2 had previously contacted the council to complain that the 20s Plenty village consultation slips had not been distributed at the end of the village past Manor Lane. She questioned the validity of the result if not all residents had had the chance to vote. This was confirmed by another resident who claimed the timescale, from receiving the flier to the closing date was too short as it was over a weekend. Resident 3 Noted ongoing issues with the traffic management plan for Hayfields development. He informed council that a tracked email to the Highways enforcement manager had been deleted without being opened. Chair agreed to contact the officer as a matter of urgency.

	AGENDA
2025.09.09.1	To receive apologies from absent Councillors. Apologies received from Cllr Neighbour and Cllr Fry.
2025.09.09.2	Co-option of vacancy. Ollie Paton was unable to attend this meeting due to personal reasons but sent apologise to council. He confirmed it is still his intention to stand for co-option at the earliest opportunity Resident, Clive Warren has completed the required application documents for the vacant co-option seat. Clive was invited to stand and introduce himself. As both residents had submitted applications to join the council, the Chair confirmed the belief that both would make excellent councillors so was not keen to force a vote. She proposed that council accept Mr Warren at this time and Mr Paton will be considered when the next space becomes available. Chair proposed, Cllr Lidington 2nd. Cllr Warren was invited to join the council.
2025.09.09.3	To receive declarations of interest for items on the agenda below. None received.
2025.09.09.4	To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 9th September 2025. Minutes were approved.
2025.09.09.5	Reports from Borough Councillors and County Councillor. Borough Councillors Report Report from Cllr Adcock confirming meetings attended. No report from County Councillor
2025.09.09.6	To receive reports from parish councillors on external meetings attended. Cllr Nicolson – none Cllr Lidington – none Cllr Rees – report on meeting with GHVMC.

	He was invited to attend a meeting with VH trustees to view the response they had received from the Charity Commission in relation to the paperwork they hold including the vesting order for the village hall. The response failed to address the question asked so trustees have reworded and expanded their enquiry to hopefully receive a more comprehensive reply. Cllr Rees is expecting another invite and will report back to council. Cllr Samuels – meeting of 4 councillors held to discuss staff sickness policy. Outcome from meeting was - All emails to the clerk should be distributed to all councillors - Staffing committee of Cllr Samuels and Cllr Osborne to be established, to re-evaluate our clerks' contract of employment. Staffing policy to be revisited. - Confirm timings for annual appraisal. - Cllr Lidington proposed that GPC pay the clerk in full for her current sickness period. All agreed. Cllr Osborne to investigate this with PATA and instruct if possible. Council agreed to accept all these recommendations. Cllr Fawke – none. Cllr Osborne as Chair - - Resident contact form received with reference to the housing strategy for social housing within the parish. Report read for information. Chair will respond. - Damage to bridge over Tirlle Brook. Now repaired but Cotswold Wardens plan to install a new wider bridge. - Issues with a residential boundary wall. Solution confirmed 1st contractor visit for replacement of circular path. Quote verbally presented as more required before formal presentation - Meeting at TBC ref. devolution attended
2025.09.09.07	Gotherington Parish Council Action List. All items read and discussed. See attached. Actions arising - - Tables and chairs – Simon Lloyd has now completed the decals on all the tables. Cost is £55. Council agreed. Council sends thanks to Simon for all his help on this project. CLOSED - Gazebo project now complete. Invoices can be paid. The council minute thanks to Cllr Rees and Cllr Lidington for their work on this project. - Cllr Lidington proposed painting the floor of the gazebo with external floor paint. Vote held. 4 in favour – 2 against. CARRIED. Council agreed a limit of £100 for the purchase of the paint

Minute reference	Description	Projects
2025.09.09.01/P	Lioncourt	Report received from resident. Chair has been approached by developer to ask for assistance in communication with residents. Cllr Warren agreed to hold meeting with resident to discuss boundary concerns. ONGOING
2025.09.09.02/P	Marquee	Council discussed actions to repair or replace the broken marquee. Council discounted option 3 – to hire in a ready erected version for every event as too expensive. More information required on option 2, replacement. Cllr Nicolson and Cllr Fawke action. ONGOING
2025.09.09.03P	Fields in Trust	Council discussed merits but as GPC own Freeman Field, felt there is no need for this registration at this time. CLOSED
2025.09.09.04/P	Dog waste bins at The Grange	Council are aware residents of the Grange have voted to not allow a general waste bin to be sited on the public open space and as it is not public land, accept we have no way to impose this. Council are ready to discuss this again in the future but will currently remove this item. CLOSED
2025.09.09.05/P	General bin Replacements within the village	More information required from ex-councillor ref. Civily. ONGOING
2025.09.09.06/P	FOGS play equipment request	3 Representatives from FOGS attended to give report and answer questions from councillors. School has previously indicated their wish to accept the quote from Sovereign at

		£27,611.98. Council has questions about VAT reclaim which will be clarified but have agreed to support the request. UNANIMOUSLY AGREED. 2. During discussion it was noted that GPC does not have a terms of reference policy when dealing with requests for funding. Cllr Fry to be asked to investigate and report back. 3. A question was raised on how GPS =, FOGS or the school will deal with the VAT paid on this project. Chair agreed to speak to all concerned and report to council with clarification.
2025.09.09.07/P	RRB refurbishment	1st phase - Council agreed the consultation document can be sent to the user groups to invite their views and meetings will be held with them to discuss. Cllr Samuels will distribute and feedback on progress. 2nd phase will be to evaluate the information and council decide if we need a professional architect to help us progress the plans.
2025.09.09.10/P	External Audit	Clerk confirms all outstanding matters have been completed. CLOSED

Finance

Payment Schedule for July 2025 – All payments approved 14th October 2025

All payment approved

- A. Clerk £300.07 Clerk notes that payrol was run before sickness – PATA to amend in Nov if necessary
- B. HMRC – 49.20
- C. PATA - £37.35
- D. Scribe - £37.20
- E. Village upkeep – £202.50
- F. Cleaner - £172.50
- G. Cheltenham surfacing final invoice - £1525.45
- H. Community Heartbeat – 2 electrodes - £18.99
- I. PFK Littlejohn – additional audit - £504.00
- J. Simon Lloyd – tables - £55.00

Payments made since last meeting –

None

Bank reconciliation report –

not available due to clerk sickness

Planning

Planning applications received –

None

Planning Decision Received –

None Received

Planning Appeals Received -

None received

Items for inclusions on next agenda

None suggested

**Date of next meeting 11th November 2025
Meeting closed 9.50pm**

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