

Gotherington Parish Council Meeting Minutes
7pm, Tuesday 11th November 2025

Venue:	Rex Rhodes Building, Gotherington. GL52 9EX.
Present:	Cllr Osborne, Cllr Fawke, Cllr Lidington, Cllr Rees, Cllr Nicolson, Cllr Samuels. Cllr Webber, Cllr Neighbour
Attendees:	6 Members of the public.
	Chair asked for anyone recording the minutes to declare. Cllr Neighbour declared yes, for the benefit of the council. Chair declared yes for help with minute writing and also a possible project to utilise AI to help with minute taking.
Public Session:	<p>Point 1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Resident asked for an update on the response from the school on the question of additional parking for events or matches. Chair confirmed there is no caretaker and school were happy to look at requests on a case-by-case basis. B. He also asked for clarification on the question of VAT raised during the discussion last month about the CIL monies being paid to school for the new play equipment. Again, Chair confirmed Chair of Governors has confirmed that the school will be reclaiming the VAT but there is no mechanism for the reclaimed VAT to be channelled to FOGS, but they would discuss with FOGS how those funds could be used for the benefit of the pupils. <p>Resident 2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Resident requested further action clarification, on the resignation letter of ex Councillor Daniels. Vice Chair and other councillors gave response to the satisfaction of this resident. B. He also reported that the field surveys for ECB and The FA have been completed. He will provide the pin number to access them, and Chair will circulate to all members for information. <p>Resident 3.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Resident brought to the councils' attention a potential plot of land that might be available in Manor Lane as a community orchard. Councillors indicated they were very interested in the possibility but would need more information. She has passed on contact details for the Chair who confirmed she has reached out to the landowner and will report back after speaking to them. B. Resident also asked if GPC were aware of the Stewardship of Land provisions. Confirmed we were not aware but would investigate.

	AGENDA
2025.11.11.1	<p>To receive apologies from absent Councillors.</p> <p>Clerk is absent due to illness. Clerk has resigned due to family commitments. She will work her notice to the end of November. See item 2025.11.11/01P</p> <p>Council noted the resignation of Cllr Fry. Cllr Fry has indicated that the amount of time required was greater than expected and due to work commitments did not feel she was able to commit further to the role. Council would like to minute their thanks to her for all her past efforts.</p> <p>Chair confirmed the vacancy has been advertised and would be completed by 14th November. Olly Paton was in attendance and indicated he is still keen to be co-opted to council at the next meeting to represent The Grange development residents.</p>
2025.11.11.2	<p>To receive declarations of interest on the agenda.</p> <p>Item 3 on the agenda - Cllrs Samuels. Lidington and Nicolson declared Item 16 on the agenda – Cllrs Samuels, Lidington. Neighbour, Nicolson and Rees declared.</p>
2025.11.11.3	To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 14th October. 2025.

	Minutes were considered and RESOLVED.
2025.11.11.4	Reports from Borough Councillors and County Councillor. Cllr Adcock attended and gave borough Council Report. See attached Also sent apologies from County Councillor Stanley
2025.11.11.5	To receive reports from parish councillors on external meetings attended. Cllr Nicolson – reported on Menshed working group meeting attended with Chair. Also, village Hall ownership and community well being meeting Cllr Lidington – none Cllr Rees – None Cllr Samuels – meeting of with Max Kelly – is on agenda Cllr Fawke – none. Cllr Webber – meeting with resident to discuss the Lioncourt development – is on agenda Cllr Osborne as Chair - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting with Max Kelly ref flooding issues in Shutter Lane with Cllr Samuels. He has raised a ticket for a full CCTV survey of the drains in the area. Also discussed standing water at Shutter Island and Max will investigate solutions. Also, the condition of village pavements. Possible funding opportunities from the County Councillors funds. 2. A number of residents have raised concerns about speeding this month with one asking if speed tables were a possibility. Email sent to Highways to ask, plus to understand the possibility of speed tubes being installed to measure traffic flows and speed. Also possible additional VAS on Gretton Road after discussion at last months meeting. 3. Grass cutting. Have asked for confirmation of the current contract from UBIOCO and if Lawrences Meadow can be included. Will add to December agenda for discussion. 4. Resident concerned about the new lighting at Gotherington Stores. Owners confirmed lights are switched off when shop closes. Chair and resident agreed to monitor
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Minute reference	Description	Projects
2025.11.11.01/P	Replacement Clerk – council to agree on action to advertise for a replacement clerk and service of locum.	<p>Our current clerk Selina Holder has given notice to resign her role as clerk and RFO. She will work a notice period until the end of November. The Council minute their thanks to Selina for all her hard work and effort during her time with GPC</p> <p>Cllr Lidington reports that he has contacted all the locum clerks on the GAPTC list and 1 is willing to work for us on a temporary basis while we find a new clerk. Councillors felt we should invite her to a face-to-face meeting before engaging. Cllr. LIDINGTON TO ARRANGE</p> <p>Cllr Adcock as Chair of Woodmancote PC reports that as Selina was also their clerk and they have locum cover in place, they have written a job advert that he has agreed to share that with us so we can amend it to our needs. CHAIR TO POST WITH GAPTC ONCE AGREED BY ALL MEMBERS</p>
2025.11.11.02/P	Budget 25/26	<p>Clerk was absent so no report was presented.</p> <p>Cllr Samuels proposed that he join with Cllr Fawke to form a finance committee to work with the next clerk in advance of the 2026 audit and budget setting round. Cllr Neighbour and Cllr Rees also agree to join them. ALL AGREED</p>
2025.11.11.03P	Village Hall Ownership	<p>Cllrs. Samuels, Lidington and Nicolson declared an interest as trustees of GVHMC and were asked to remove themselves to the public gallery.</p> <p>Chair read a letter received from HM Land Registry which determined that the parish councils claim to the village hall was groundless and therefore they propose to remove the property from the register and vest it with the Official Custodian of Charities. They note that there is a right to appeal using Judicial Review. Council discussed this but it was felt that GPC had presented all the</p>

		evidence available in the matter so Council resolved that there would be no clear benefit to risking the costs, in pursuant of that review. Council to send letter to GVHMC wishing them success in their transfer to CIO. RESOLVED. CHAIR TO DRAFT LETTER TO GVHMC FOR AGREEMENT, WHICH IS TO BE SIGNED BY ALL NON GVHMC MEMBERS
2025.11.11.04/P	Footpath around Freeman Field	One quote has been received to relay the footpath and another two are needed. Cllr Webber reported he had met a contractor on-site, and they had discussed possibly filling the cracks rather than a full replacement. Council asked Cllr Webber to get a quote for the works. AGREED In the meantime, Cllr Liddington proposed that we ask Andy Burrow to do work to cut back the grass to the original path edge and make good. Andy to provide quotes for possible hire of machine to do this. RESOLVED
2025.11.11.05/P	Weeds in play area.	Cllr Liddington proposed that we ask a contractor to attend and spray the surface with chemical weedkiller. Council did not agree that we should use chemical weedkiller. REFUSED Cllr Nicolson to approach contractors to get a quote for a monthly weed spray / moss removal service using natural weedkiller. ALL AGREED.
2025.11.11.06/P	Five-year plan.	Cllr Samuels notes that with the current CIL funds available council should consider a five-year plan of projects we would like to achieve. He has agreed to work towards this so it can be consulted upon and added to the GPC website. ALL AGREED
2025.11.11.07/P	Lioncourt Development	Cllr Webber confirmed he has attended a meeting with a resident of Manor Lane to understand their concerns. He has been in contact with Lioncourt and has been invited to attend a meeting at their office to discuss. He will report to next meeting.
2025.11.11.08/P	Marquee	More information required – ONGOING TO DECEMBER
2025.11.11.09/P	Civilty	No update available from clerk. Andrew Daniel to be invited to next meeting to discuss. CHAIR TO INVITE HIM
2025.11.11.10/P	Response to tennis club letter.	Members agreed with the draft circulated, subject to the alterations discussed by email. CHAIR TO HAND DELIVER TO CHAIR OF GTC
2025.11.11/11P	Trek 26 - to agree usage of FF by charity	Chair confirmed a request from Alzheimer's Charity to use FF again next year for their Trek 26 event. Council resolved to allow this at no charge, as our contribution to the charity. ALL AGREED
2025.11.11./12P	Replacement bench at The Lawns.	Council agreed to a replacement using the cast iron sides and wooden slatted version. Council agreed a budget of up to £500. CHAIR TO CIRCULATE DETAILS AND SOURCE BENCH. ALL AGREED
2025.11.11/13P	FOGS pay equipment update.	As discussed in public session. Chair of Governors has been asked to send in details of their preferred contractor final quote along with bank details so we can make payment. ALL AGREED
2025.11.11/14P	CCTV in Old Chapel. Costs	Trustees of TOC have confirmed the cost to run the CCTV system to be £65 for this year - to be reviewed 01/10/26. Council RESOLVED to make the payment for 2025.
2025.11.11/15P	RRB refurbishment	Cllr Samuels confirmed all users had been invited to respond to the consultation document and a meeting was planned to discuss. ONGOING
2025.11.11/16P	Men Shed Project Update	Cllrs. Samuels, Liddington Rees and Nicolson declared an interest but were invited to take part in the discussion. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council RESOLVED to allow GMS to use the JWP for meetings for the next 6 months until a base can be found. 2. Cllr Nicolson confirm that GMS are to evaluate a possible change of use of the parish garage for their use. Council note a new facility would be needed to house the sports clubs and parish council equipment 3. Council DETERMINED to get the cess pit emptied and inspected. Cllr Samuels to arrange. ALL AGREED 4. Cllr Webber is still in discussion with contractors to determine the feasibility of building in that area. ONGOING
2025.11.11/17P	GPC policy review	Cllr Samuels is making good progress on reviewing the GPC policies and procedures. ONGOING

2025.11.11/18P	Freeman Field Access.	Cllr Liddington had been asked to arrange updated quotes as they were not on a like-for-like basis. These had been circulated. Cllr Liddington proposed Council accept the quote from FENCIT for £2150 Vote – 6 in favour / 1 abstain. CARRIED.
2025.11.11./19P	VAT report	Clerk absent so no report available. ONGOING
2025.11.11/20P	Replacement Gazebo final review.	Cllr Liddington and Rees were asked for a final review on the project. Cllr Rees agreed to contact Greenfields to clarify the final position for any outstanding payments. ALL AGREED Cllr Liddington and Cllr Rees suggest that painting the floor is to be revisited in the spring if necessary. ALL AGREED
2025.11.11/21P	Gate to The Grange and slope	Chair reports that Cotswold Wardens have attended and removed the catch plus added a leather cushion to reduce noise and if this solves the issue of the noisy gate then it will not be replaced by a wooden one. CHAIR TO CONTACT RESIDENTS TO CONFIRM. The safety of the slope is poor. This has been reported to the Public Rights of Way Officer for GCC. She will investigate solutions. ONGOING
2025.11.11/22P	Speed Watch Project	Due to resignations in WPC the offered assistance has not as yet been secured. Cllr Adcock to confirm if the former councillor is still able to help. ONGOING
2025.11.11/23P	Signage for Tennis Courts	GTC have provided draft text for the sign they requested for the courts. Council agreed the QR code should not be put onto the sign CHAIR TO FIND SUITABLE SIGN SERVICE AND CIRCULATE QUOTES
2025.11.11/24P	Tennis Court Project	No further action – ONGOING.

Finance

Payment Schedule for October 2025 – All payments approved 11th November 2025

All payment approved

- A. Clerk £300.07
- B. HMRC – 49.20
- C. PATA - £37.35
- D. Scribe - £37.20
- E. Strimming – £53.33
- F. Cleaner - £237.49
- G. Hiscox Insurance –
- H. Cllr Osborne – Sign for TOC - £20.45
- I. Cllr Samuels – for leaflets - £54.14

Payments made since last meeting –

Greenfields – work to gazebo area - £11,076.00

Bank reconciliation report –

not available due to clerk absence

Planning

Planning applications received –

Planning Application 25/00540/ADV – 7 Cleeve Road - NO comment

Planning Decision Received –

25/00434/CLE – 1 Manor Lane – Grant certificate – NO comment

Planning Appeals Received -

None received

Items for inclusions on next agenda

None suggested

Date of next meeting 9th December 2025
Meeting closed 9.50pm