

GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT MINUTES of an Extraordinary Meeting of Gotherington Parish Council to be held on **Tuesday 27 January 2026** in The Rex Rhodes Building commencing at **7pm**

Members Present: B. Osborne (Chair), T. Fawke, A. Lidington, J. Nicolson, D. Rees, H. Samuels and C. Webber

In attendance: Officer: R Waller (via Zoom video)

- 26.01.27.01 To receive and approve apologies for absence and confirm the meeting is quorate**
Apologies received and accepted from Cllr. Neighbour. Chair confirmed the meeting was quorate
- 26.01.27.02 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85)**
Agenda error – dealt with n above item: 26.01.27.01
- 26.01.27.03 Public Session: To provide members of the public/press with the opportunity to comment on items on the agenda. In accordance with Standing Orders, this will not exceed 15 minutes in total and three minutes per person. No decision can be taken during this session¹, but the Chairman may decide to refer any matters raised for further consideration**
None – no public present
- 26.01.27.04 Declarations of interests - Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct**
None declared
- 26.01.27.05 To approve 2026-27 Budget**
It was acknowledged input to scribe may be incorrect and this made budget setting more difficult.
COUNCIL APPROVED the budget as circulated prior to the meeting. The following details were noted:
- Salaries/PAYE/Pension £13,000 but to be reviewed in 6ths
 - Query regarding Insurance payments made May 25 and November 25 of £1684
 - Training budget £500; Clerk training £400
 - Utilities £4000; note Cricket Club to pay £750 for water
 - RRB maintenance £1500
 - JWP (Pavilion) maintenance £750
 - Subscriptions (GAPTC & Scribe) £1200
 - Grants & donations £500
 - Field maintenance (includes circular path clearance) £4500
 - Grass cutting £3000
 - Children's play area, flooring area to be repaired via warranty.

Income from Rex Rhodes Building originates from Children's Nursery: £13,000 approx.

COUNCIL AGREED that the JWP income hourly rate currently £8 to be increased to £10. Cricket club & Football club both pay £250 - note this is currently not invoiced.

Discussion then took place regarding adding a contingency of 0%; 5% or 10% to the proposed figures.

The vote for adding % contingency recorded as follows:

Nil for 0%, 2 for 5%, 5 for 10%. **COUNCIL AGREED** to add 5% to the calculated figures.

26.01.27.06 To resolve to approve the precept requirement for 2026-27 and agree actions COUNCIL RESOLVED the precept requirement for 2026-27 as £23,760
Action: Clerk to submit Precept request to Tewkesbury Borough Council before 31 January 2026.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Gotherington Parish Council - Budget 2026-2027

Budget required - net of VAT	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27	Notes
Salaries/PAYE/Pension	£489.6	£5,500	£7,500	£13,000	Based on 8 hours per week for experienced Clerk (eg Band 40)
Admin costs & IT charges	PY £593	£600	£650	£2,000	Initial investigations show that a new web site design would be approx. 1,500 and new emails £500
Audit & Legal Fees	PY 1,500	£1,600	£2,000	£500	
Website security	0	£0	£0	£0	Security included in IT Charges
Bank fee	0	£0	£0	£51	Currently 4.25 per month
Insurance	PY cost £1,600	£1,600	£1,800	£1,800	Check alternative insurance providers
Training	Councillor	£100	£500	£500	Training for new councillors
Training	CILCA + £100 (PY £100)	£450	£550	£400	New clerk will potentially need additional training
Cleaning	PY £2600	£2,600	£3,000	£3,000	Renamed as this is cleaning budget for RRB and Pavilion
Utilities (RRB Gas/Elec+ Water)	PY £6000	£6,000	£4,000	£4,000	Need to change water supplier and then this might reduced costs further
RRB Maintenance	PY 1,200	£1,500	£2,000	£1,500	While we are looking to redevelop RRB in the short term the main room could do with painting as it is looking a bit shabby
JWP Maintenance	PY 750	£750	£1,500	£750	Number of known maintenance items heater, alarm for cesspit, lights etc
Subscriptions	GAPTC c. £500 Scribe	£650	£1,200	£1,200	GAPTC and Scribe
Grants & Donations	PY £425	£500	£600	£500	Small reduction
Field Maint (incl grass cutting)	PY £3,000	£3,000	£3,500	£3,500	Kept the same as previous year
Fire checks	0	£0	£250	£250	Investigate new Fire Prevention Company, current supplier not satisfactory -
Play Area	PY £593	£500	£2,000	£500	Wider replacement of flooring will be paid by CIL, need occasional repairs
Grass cutting (Village amenity)	PY 1,400	£1,400	£3,000	£0	See Field Maintenance
Street Furniture/Village maint	PY 1,200	£1,200	£1,500	£2,000	We are expecting to replace a number of benches and potential for bins plus some street signs could do with work. So increased budget to allow for this
Christmas tree		£126	£150	£200	Cost of 2 trees for Village Hall and Old Chapel
Tree work	0	£0	??	£500	There seems to be an increase in costs for tree work so budget has been increased
Other / Contingency	PY 50	£50	£100	£2,109	10% contingency agreed for coming year
TOTAL		£29,126	£35,800	£38,260	7

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7% increase in Costs

Receipts	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27	
RRB income		£8,500	£12,000	£13,000	Income from Nursery £10,550 proposing 4.8% increase (sept RPI) £11,056. Increase hourly rate from £8 to £10
JWP income		£180	£400	£400	Change moved from £8 to £10
Cricket		£250	£250	£500	Need discussion with clubs as these fees need to be increased and in terms of cricket club collect. Propose they are invoice Agri for these amount.
Football		£250	£250		
Tennis				£600	It was mentioned that the tennis club had paid £600 for the use of the pavilion and access to the courts for the club evenings. This seems to have stopped
Woolstone & Oxenton donation				£80	
Total income		£9,180	£12,900	£14,580	

Precept	£19,362	£19,943	£23,680	19
Total Income			£38,260	An increase in the precept of 19% on 2025/2026 Band D £37.00 based on 642.39 band D equivalent properties
Surplus/ deficit			£0	