

GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT Minutes of a meeting of Gotherington Parish Council held on Tuesday 10 February, commencing at 7pm

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

In attendance: R. Waller (Proper Officer), 8 members of the Public

26.02.10.01 To receive and approve apologies for absence and confirm the meeting is quorate

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr. T Fawke. Clerk confirmed the meeting was quorate.

26.02.10.02 To receive the County Councillor's Report

Not present and no report received

26.02.10.03 To receive the Borough Councillor's Report

Borough Councillor presented a brief report which had also been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

Cycle path update: Tree required removal to alleviate ongoing flooding issues prior to the work on the cycle path commencing.

26.02.10.04 Public Session: *To provide members of the public/press with the opportunity to comment on items on the Agenda or raise items for future consideration. In accordance with Standing Orders, this will not exceed 15 minutes in total and three minutes per person.*

- Interest from a resident in respect of becoming Flood Warden for Gotherington Parish
- Residents requested an update on FOGS funding
- Request for update on Planning application for 'Land of Cleve Road'
Chair advised that there was no update currently available.

26.02.10.05 To receive declarations of interest for items on the agenda below, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests that members may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with the Localism Act 2011 Section 33(b-e)

None declared

26.02.10.05 To confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13 January 2026

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13 January 2026 which had previously been circulated to all Members were **AGREED BY COUNCIL** and signed by the Chair.

26.02.10.07 To receive update in relation to maintenance of village assets and approve costings of maintenance to circular path

The following items were in relation to the Rex Rhodes building:

- Wall heater: Requires replacing Supply and fit £400
- Electricity box consumer unit for the electrical supplies in the Rex Rhodes building has not been tested since 2016. And full electrical testing to be completed

Action: Cllr Samuel to obtain quotes for the above, prior to approval.

- Carbon Monoxide alarm required:

Action: Cllr Samuel to investigate options

- Fire alarm and Fire extinguishers: require testing
- Water Heaters fitted and lead piping to removed: One quote received.
- Cesspit alarm requires replacing

All quotes to be considered at next Council meeting

- Maintenance of Freeman Field Circular path: Two quotes had been received for this work.
COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED a monthly contract with GroundUp. To be reviewed in six months (August 2026).

26.02.10.08 To approve increase of hire charges for use of Council facilities from 1 April 2026

Current hire £8 p/hr .

COUNCIL APPROVED an increase of £10p/h for residents and £15 p/hr for non-residents

Increase to Garden Nursery Hire: Current charge £6.50 p/hr. Suggested increase to £7 p/hr

Action: Cllrs Samuels and Neighbour to meet with Garden House Nursery to suggest monthly fee

Clubs: No update available in relation to proposed increase on hire fees.

The benefits of an integrated booking system to assist with hire of all Council facilities, such as that offered by Scribe software were discussed.

Action: Cllr. Samuels to investigate costings and administration of the Scribe booking system.

26.02.10.09 To receive update in relation to funding for play equipment to Gotherington Primary School and agree next actions (supporting document available)

The Clerk's report into this funding issue was read out, including the factual findings following a telephone conversation with the School Headteacher.

It was also noted that there had been no public consultation.

An explanation into Cil and S106 funds was provided.

Standing Orders suspended to allow members of public to speak.

The Chairman of Friends of Gotherington School (FOGS) provided background information relating to the donation for the play equipment within the school grounds.

A resident stated that it was disappointing that over 6 months had passed since the original Council decision, which now may be rescinded. During this time, alternative funding could have been investigated by the School/Friends of Gotherington School (FOGS) rather than relying on the donation previously offered by the Parish Council.

Standing Orders reinstated

Following lengthy discussion, the Chair stated that, despite advice from the Clerk, Anj Patel and verbally from the CIL officer of Tewkesbury Borough Council, further clarification was still required in relation to providing a donation to the FOGs Charity using CIL funds.

No vote was taken on this motion.

Action: Clerk to write to GAPTC and NALC to request clarification if a Charitable Body (i.e. FOGS is eligible to receive CIL funds?)

26.02.10.10 Community Orchard: To confirm details and agree grant proposal in respect of a Community Orchard

The applicant reported that both grants had been successful,

Request from the applicant for confirmation of the proposed location.

COUNCIL APPROVED the location of the tree at the south east corner of Freeman Field.

What3Words to be provided.

COUNCIL AGREED that the equipment to be stored in Parish Council garage.

Clerk reminded Council that these items will need to be added to the Council's assets register.

Thanks was given to resident for her work on this Project

26.02.10.11 To receive update on village projects and agree actions

Cllrs had attended various meetings with external bodies, including the following:

- Meeting with Anj Patel to discuss potential Public consultation: What do you want in respect of a Public Building
- Police event attended. Speeding in particular was discussed.
- No update from the Lion Court development
- Village Gate: no one taking responsibility for the removal of the northern post and rails.
- Stone House Mews: problem with parking has been addressed.

9.10pm: COUNCIL RESOLVED to continue with matters on the agenda for a further thirty minutes.

- 26.02.10.12 To receive update on new building for Local Group**
Three quotes have been received for the proposed new building.
- 26.02.10.13 To agree actions from report received from Tewkesbury Borough Council on play equipment**
Item deferred. It was noted that a warranty claim should be submitted for replacement of Flooring/matting of the play area.
- 26.02.10.14 To approve Terms of Reference for the Finance Working Group**
Item deferred
- 26.02.10.15 To receive report from the Finance Working Group and agree action**
Item deferred
- 26.02.10.16 To consider moving to Unity Trust bank and agree actions**
COUNCIL AGREED to open an account with Unity Trust Bank and transfer all funds from current Lloyds account
- 26.02.10.17 To receive Clerk's Report**
Clerks report received and items noted.
- 26.02.10.18 Finance – documents circulated prior to meeting:**
- 18.1 COUNCIL APPROVED** the February payment list, noting those paid between meetings under delegated authority and noting receipts (Appendix A)
- 18.2 COUNCIL APPROVED** the bank reconciliation to 31.01.2026
- 18.3 COUNCIL RECEIVED** the financial update (budget vs expenditure) up to 31 January 2026. It was noted that some recent payments had been cost coded incorrectly.
- 26.02.10.19 Planning:**
- 19.1 To note new planning decisions issued by Tewkesbury Borough Council:**
None received
- 19.2 To consider the following planning applications and agree response:**
None received
- 19.3 To discuss any urgent planning applications received since publication of the agenda**
None received
- 26.02.10.20 To consider matters for the agenda of the next Parish Council meeting**
The following items to be included on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting:
- To review current website and links
 - Update on gov.uk Email address
 - Community Survey
 - To consider draft letter to Village Hall Committee
 - To consider purchase of Land at Manor Lane
- 26.02.10.21 The Date of Next Council Meeting** was confirmed as **Tuesday 10 March 2026**, commencing at **7pm**

Meeting closed at 9.45pm