

GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT Minutes of a meeting of Gotherington Parish Council held on Tuesday 24 March, 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), 13 members of the Public

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

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs. Samuels. Clerk confirmed the meeting was quorate.

26.03.24.02 To receive the County Councillor's Report

Not present and no report received

26.03.24.03 To receive the Borough Councillor's Report

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

26.04.24.05 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.*

- Play equipment items:
Public Consultation and legal advice
- Menshed: Concern over Safeguarding
- Concern raised: Location of Menshed
- Concern over Developer meetings
- Budget on website: Confirmed
- Footpath behind Lawns
Chair
- Clarification on Council tax increase
- Concern regarding use of two Council buildings
- Increase of housing resulting in increase

26.03.24.05 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)

Cllrs. Lidington and David and Clive

26.03.24.06 To confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 27 January and 10 February 2026

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 27 January, and 16 February 2026 which had previously been circulated to all Members were **AGREED BY COUNCIL** and signed by the Chair.

26.03.24.07 To receive clarification of Precept charges for 2026/27

Precept original increase agreed as 8.4%. This was based on inaccurate information resulting in an Extraordinary Council meeting.

Increase of £4.95 over 5 years, which £35 - £55 increase for Band D property

26.03.24.08 To consider quotes for the following items and agree actions:

- i) **a Water Heater for the Council building**
Two quotes available but not information, item deferred
- ii) **The installation of Wi-Fi in the Pavilion**

Thanks to the residents to that project.

iii) Garden Waste Bins

Confirmed Two brown bin 2 x £60

iv) CCTV Monitor update

Thanks to resident who installed it

26.03.24.09 To receive update on Civily App for routine maintenance schedule and agree actions

Training required for Cllr Members – David, Olly and

26.03.24.10 To consider option of adding Booking System to the existing Scribe software

COUNCIL APPROVED the Scribe

26.03.24.11 To consider quotes for a gov.uk website and email addresses and agree actions

COUNCIL APPROVED option two

26.03.24.12 To receive update on the Public Consultation and agree actions

Gotherington Parish Survey 2026. This will include assets and provision for all within the Parish.

Report will be provided at the end. This will commence on 3 April run for one month. Open days to be held on 18 and 19 April. Consultation agreed to go school

26.03.24.13 To approve Safeguarding Policy

Item Deferred

Cllr. Lidington left meeting at 20.22 returning 20.24. No decisions made during this time

26.03.24.14 To receive update on Menshed Project and to agree location of shed

Invite to next coffee morning 4 April . Now being called Community Project.

Three quotes received. Recommended a local supplier. Land for the building is independent from any financial input. Proposal that the shed to be next to the pavilion.

Clerk advised that Planning permission may be required.

Possible use of garage space. Container

Impact Statemet to include response to Equalities Act 2010

26.03.24.15 To receive update on Community Orchard

Thanks to resident for. Notice Board to be cited within orchard area

26.03.24.16 To agree letter to Village hall Committee and agree actions

Cllrs Lidington and Nicolson declared an interest

To accept findings of Land Registry

26.03.24.17 To review and approve Protocol for meetings with Developers

No one Cllr to meet on their own. **COUNCIL APPROVED**

26.03.24.18 To receive update following online meeting with Atlas - Mobile phone signal improvement

Online presentation to Council Monday 30 March

26.03.24.19 To discuss Valuation letter and agree actions

COUNCIL RESOLVED to continue with items on the agenda for a further thirty minutes.

26.03.24.20 To review the charges and invoicing arrangements for Clubs

Item deferred

26.03.24.21 To approve Contract for Tennis court secure entry system and agree charges

Rolling contract for security lock. Can this be covered by receipts.

26.03.24.22 To receive update on play area surface - warranty claim (NB: next inspection is booked for April)

No update. Item deferred.

26.03.24.23 To approve Terms of Reference for the Finance Working Group

Item deferred as information not available prior to the meeting.

26.03.24.24 To receive report from the Finance Working Group and agree actions

Actions from the minutes were

26.03.24.25 To receive Clerk's Report including current Parsh Council website

26.03.24.26 Finances – documents circulated prior to meeting:

26.1 **COUNCIL APPROVED** the March payment list, noted those paid between meetings under delegated authority and noted receipts (Appendix A)

- 26.2 **COUNCIL APPROVED** the February bank reconciliation
 26.3 To receive financial update (budget vs expenditure) to 28 February 2026

26.03.24.27 Planning:

- 27.1 To note new planning decisions issued by Tewkesbury Borough Council
 27.2 To consider the following planning applications and agree response:
 i) [26/00187/FUL|Proposed single storey rear extension|16 Cleeve Road Gotherington](#)
 Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL52 9EW

NO OBJECTIONS

- 27.3 To discuss any urgent planning applications received since publication of the agenda
 None received

26.03.24.28 To consider matters for the agenda of the next Parish Council meeting (no decisions may take place at this item).

- IT Policy
- Conduct of members of Public
- Maintenance/compliance on Council Buildings
- Annual Parish Meeting

26.03.24.29 The Date of Next Council Meeting confirmed as Tuesday 14 April 2026

26.03.24.30 Confidential session:

Council are excluding members of the public and the press to progress matters of a confidential nature. Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960. Local Government Act 1972, ss 100 and 102

- 30.1** Clerk provided a brief update on the Recruitment process
30.2 To receive update on Vistry / Bishop Cleeve meetings & Land Covenant documents and agree actions
 Proportionate costs were to be shared between Bishop Cleeve Parish Council.
 Cost of legal advice required confirmation prior to approval.
Action: Clerk to contact Solicitors to request a signed copy of the Covenant

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Appendix A

PAYMENT LIST - March 2026									
Payee	Invoice	Date of Invoice	Details	Total	Minute Ref	Authority Budget Code	Direct Debit / FPO	Date Paid	Receipts:
Cleeve Fire Protection	563331	17/02/2026	Servicing of fire equipment	£201.58		LGA 1973, s.133	FPO		
Gotherington Nurseries	987	03/03/2026	Bark	£100.00			FPO		TBC - Community Orch £735.75
Andrew Berlow	113	20/03/2026	leaning - Rex Rhodes Buildr	£205.49		LGA 1972 s.133	FPO		Hall hire £128.00
Starboard Systems Ltd	14783	15/03/2026	Scribe Accounting Software	£37.20		LGA 1972, s.111	DD		
Everflow	53311641	17/03/2026	Water Charges - FRB	£33.00		LGA 1972, s.133			
Mr SJ Belcher	-	20/03/2026	Wi-fi Installation	£641.41		LGA 1972, s.133	FPO		
GAPTC	1399	20/03/2026	Cltr. Training	£30.00		LGA 1972, s.111			
Simon Iloyds Signs	BB049	20/03/2026	Village Sign	£290.00					
Mrs R Waller - Staff			Salary payment - March 20th	DP		LGA 1972 s.112(2)	FPO		
HMPC			Employers Tax			LGA 1972 s.112(2)	FPO		
				£1,337.10					