**GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE Parish Council Meeting HELD ON 9th JUNE 2105**

**Venue :** Rex Rhodes Building

**Present :** Councillors David Hearn, Sylvia Stokes, Les Howard, Caroline Ryman, Rod Churchill, Howards Samuels, Bev Osborne, Allen Keyte and David Ward, Gill Cannon (clerk), 9 members of the public

**Apologies : R**obert Bird

1. **Declarations of Interest** - None

2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2015** – Approved subject to the alteration in15/15a from Neighbourhood Development Plan group to Rex Rhodes Group

3. The chair welcomed Cllrs Allen Keyte and David Ward to the Council. Cllr Stokes formally elected as Vice Chair and the acceptance of office signed.

4. It was decided that the numbering of future minutes would be date related i.e. year, month and agenda item. Eg. 15.6.01

5. **Clerks report** : -

* 15.6.3a (formerly1551) Painting and repairing of village benches – completed– 10 painted – other 5 metal or plastic. Not uniform. Agreed to pay the bill
* 15.6.3b Capital Grants Scheme. Clerk reported money could be available for the refurbishment/rebuild of the tennis hut. Discussion around whether the tennis club and other users such as the Scouts should contribute/fundraise – Freeman’s Field and Rex Rhodes groups to talk to the tennis club about contribution. Cllr Stokes proposes Cllr Hearn seconded
* 15.6.3c – The verges at the bottom of Malleson were missed during the recent cutting and are now presenting a danger to traffic. Clerk to contact Highways

6 15.6.4 Borough Councillors report. Cllr Mel Gore confirmed she had become a member of the planning committee. Mentioned the new planning system. Expressed that the section relating to the public speaking is working well. Cllr Keyte wished her good luck in her new position and the whole council concurred.

7 No County Council Report

8. Financial statements were approved. Cllr Ryman requested that the reconciliation appear at the bottom of the statement in future – Clerk to action.

15.6.7b Clerk confirmed successful internal audit. The paperwork will now go to external audit.

15.6.8a Moat Farm development. The Council can be represented at the appeal hearing (18th August) . Moat Farmis not a qualyfting site on the Neighbourhood Development Plan or in the Borough Plan. After discussion Cllr Hearn has agreed to prepare and read a statement on behalf of the Council

15.6.8b Shutter Lane. The work has commenced although this may be simply site clearance and site strip. Cllr Stokes to establish whether conditions have been met and if the landscaping plans have been submitted. . Waiting for clarification on the traffic calming in Malleson Road

15.6.9 Cllrs Osborne, Samuels and Howard expressed a wish to go on training. Clerk to confirm course bookings. Cllr Hern expressed a wish to go on the Chairmanship course. Clerk to action

15.6.10 Gym equipment . The siting of theequipment still remains an issue. The Council adjourned to perform a site visit around Freeman’s Field. To be an agenda item for the next meeting.

11. 15.6.11 Annual Parish Meeting Clerk advised that she had taken advice and the meeting should have been held. GAPTC advise to hold it late but bear in ind the deadlines in future years. Agreed to hold Annual Parish meeting in August instead of scheduled Parish Council meeting . Cllr Keyte proposed and Cllr Stokes seconded,

12. 15.6.12 Dog fouling update. Clerk to order signs.

13. 15.6.13 Rex Rhodes Building Maintenance. Cllr Hearn thanked Cllrs. Osborne and Samuels for taking this task on. The Building is in a terrible mess. The toilets and showers are not working. There is is no clear indication of when the building is cleaned. Clerk to look at invoices and supply Cllr Osborne with details of the cleaners and she will pursue. .Suggestion that push taps which turn themselves off be installed. Cllrs Osborne and Samuels to obtain 3 quotes for the remedial works

14. Footpath Maintenance

15.6.14a Footpath by school, Elders by Ashmead, Long Furlong to Shutter Lane and at the back of Laurence’s Meadow. Clerk to write letters to the school, farmer and resideents to remind them of their responsibilities to maintain .

15.6.14b Clerk to establish the scope of maintenance undertaken by Vince Larkham.

15.6.14c Clerk to ask Vince Larkham to quote for regular maintenance ,

15.6.14d Coffin path closed –ongoing

15. 15.6.15 There is currently no written contract with the nursery. Cllr Osborne to share the hire agreement and Terms and Conditions used by the village hall. Clerk to draw up contract. There is a need to commence a dialogue about a potential rent increase.

16. 15.6.16 NDP. Cllr Ward confirm progress. The group has doe well and by the end of July will be in a position to present the approved revised plan. Starting in August there will be a 6 week consultation period for people to assess and respond. This then passes to Tewkesbury Borough Council for their period of consultation. A referendum will be held April/May 2016 with the joint core strategy adopted in the summer of 2016. Cllr Ward to circulate the criteria for the next meeting for sign off

17. 15.6.17 Ownership of the village hall. Cllr Samuels confirmed that the deeds have been copied electronically. Cllr Osborne confirmed that these copies have been sent to a friendly solicitor who will give advice pro bono

18. 15.6.18 Insurance. Insurance was renewed but there is concern over the extent of the cover. Clerk to establish

19. 15.6.21 Discussion re the ultimate responsibility for maintenance. Borough Council has a schedule of maintenance . Clerk to attempt to obtain a copy of schedule.. Clerk to chase the provision of a brown bin for grass cuttings.

13. **Risk Register** – GC to update by next meeting

*Public Concerns*

*Road sweeping – frequency of sweeps Council to obtain schedule*

*4 way traffic lights on A435 has created chaos*

*Issues around amount of rubbish some households are creating. Cllr Osborne applauded Tewkesbury Borough Council for removing all rubbish put out for collection*

*Dog bin emptying – has now been done.*

Meeting closed at 9.30

Items for Next Agenda

1. Gym equipment
2. NDP site criteria
3. Owenership of Village Hall
4. Rex Rhodes Building
5. Moat Farm Development
6. Training
7. Insurance
8. Venue of Council meetings