

## GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> March 2015

Venue: Rex Rhodes Building behind the Village Hall.

Present: Parish Councillors: Phil Aplin, John Stroud, Jacquie Waine, Ellen Cooke, Caroline Ryman, Sylvia Stokes and David Ward.

Borough Cllr Allen Keyte. Borough Cllr candidate Mel Gore.

Clerk: Christine Benfield

In Attendance: Ten residents.

**The meeting to be Chaired by Cllr Cooke in the absence of the Chair Cllr Hearn.**

#### 1541. APOLOGIES

- Chair of Parish Council, Cllr Hearne.

#### 1542. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

#### 1543. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014

- The minutes of the meeting were approved as a true record with addition - See 1558. Proposed PA. Seconded CR. Agreed.
- They were signed by the Chair of the meeting Cllr Cooke.

#### 1544. CLERK'S REPORT

The chair reported on actions from the last meeting as follows:

- 1099.1 Telephone mast -PCC meeting in May.
- 1515a.Potential Freemans field group meeting to be on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting on 13/5/2015.
- 1535 .CCTV in RR. New costing £3,225.
- 1536. Paint RR building in Easter holidays.

#### 1545. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Borough Cllr Keyte reported:

- **Land opposite The Farmers Arms:** The enquiry into how this got placed in the draft Borough local Plan for Consultation, revealed that it was a site that somebody had put forward as potential and the Forward Planning section believed that it would be about Cleevelands site and not have much impact. After I had this removed before the plan went out for consultation it became obvious that this land had not been mentioned in meetings with either Bishops Cleeve or Gotherington Parish Councils. The CEO Mike Dawson apologised for this and stated that it should not have happened and it would not happen again. The input of Parish Councils was highly valued and it was quite wrong to treat them, and Borough Cllrs, in this way. Mike Dawson could not apologise too much; his explanation, whilst not satisfactory was accepted, along with his apologies.
- **Moat Farm appeal**  
Cllr Keyte urges everyone to submit their own objections to the appeal in addition to a general Parish objection.
- Yesterday the turf cutting ceremony for the new leisure centre in Tewkesbury took place. Plans are for it to be opened next summer.

#### 1546. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- No report

*The meeting was adjourned whilst members of the public could make comments under Public Question Time. (See 1560).*

#### 1547. FINANCE

- The financial statement was accepted (with some alterations to be added re: late invoices that were necessary payments) to be signed by the Chairman. Proposed. P.A. Seconded. C.R. Agreed.
- The accounts had previously been distributed.
- Cllr Aplin stated that Grants cover much of the NDP. Timing can be a complication.
- Purchase of chairs for the village hall. Proposed. Cllr Angus. Seconded. Cllr Waine. Agreed.

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#### **1548. PLANNING MATTERS**

- Cllr Stokes circulated a draft objection to the Moat Farm Development appeal. It was decided that this should be considered by all Cllrs and any comments and alterations sent to Cllr Stokes before the end of March in order for the final letter to be sent to The Appeals Inspector by the Clerk before 3<sup>rd</sup> April.
- Photos of vista could be added. The headmaster could be encouraged to write to planning about his concerns over capacity at the primary school for any additional numbers of pupils. Woolstone residents have concerns over drainage as the field gets flooded and the chair of Oxenton Parish Meeting will be asked to write with the views of local residents.
- Cllr Aplin stated that planners are not happy with the proposed access to the site; so have asked Cllrs to add any comments by end of the month. Clerk then to send letter to inspector.

#### **1549. Recruitment of Parish Councillors.**

- Cllr Cooke distributed nomination forms.
- Council to decide on timings of allocation of responsibilities.

#### **1550. Repairing and Painting of Village Benches.**

- Council decided to weatherproof /repair all of village benches. A quotation from Chris Hollings was accepted. The order of repair should begin by treating the benches in most need and continue in order of urgency. Bills to be presented monthly as work is carried out. On completion, a schedule of future maintenance will be created. Proposed. IA. Seconded PA. Agreed.

#### **1551. Potential Capital Grant Projects.**

- Cllr Aplin reported that Anj Patel came yesterday and had a discussion with Cllr Aplin. The council agreed to explore the replacement of the Tennis Hut as a project, with an estimated cost of approx. £45,000. We wait to be informed of size so that we can go for Detailed Quotes and a Business Plan. Discussions with Tennis Club were that multi-use arrangement with Scouts or others could be explored. Such a project would be eligible for an application for Capital Grant funding. Proposed Cllr Angus. Seconded Cllr Ryman. Agreed.

#### **1552. How does Council go forward with Neighbourhood Development Plan?**

- Cllr Ward reported that many residents took interest at the meetings. There are now 134 completed forms. We now have analysed the results and have the percentage figures. Repeatedly the statistics are showing that residents want a 'Linear' village. Generally, residents have requested: 2/3bed bungalows and 3/4 bedroom houses all on small Developments; these to be built over the 16 years. The Steering group met today and will meet with Nick Croft on Friday; they will then meet Kirkwells on Tuesday to resolve some of the problems. The hope is to complete this in a reasonable time.
- Council decided on Vision Statement 1 from GRCC. **"We should preserve the village as a distinct community with all the advantages that brings, and at the same time provide for the needs of its residents of whatever age. We should allow for change while ensuring that it does not compromise the natural assets of the village in terms of landscape and history."**
- Council thanked Cllr Ward for all his hard work. Proposed Cllr Waine. Seconded Cllr Stokes. Agreed.

#### **1553. Council to Discuss and Define on Section 106 Re: Shutter Lane.**

- Council to follow up with the legal dept. in Tewkesbury and Anj Patel will chase.

#### **1554. Council to Explore Risk Register and Update**

- Cllr Cooke and Clerk to review and bring back at next meeting.

#### **1555. Council to Discuss Position of Lack of PCSO's in Village.**

- Cllr Waine has a list of visit times from the village shop. She is to reformat the time list to be more eye-catching and then to place in shop. A request for a copy for the Longfurlong noticeboard was agreed.

#### **1556. Council to Discuss the Problems with the Village Litter Bins.**

- Two bins on the playing-field fill with rainwater; Councillors agreed that they should have drainage holes drilled in the bases. Council decided not to place an extra bin in the car park as there are wheelie bins close by and the design shown resembled a dog bin. Prop Cllr Ward. Seconded Cllr Waine. Agreed.

#### **1557. Council need to decide the Implications of Ownership of the Village Hall.**

- Council noted that the village hall is currently owned by the council but managed by a registered charity, the Gotherington Village Hall Management Committee. The advantages of a lease, set at a peppercorn rent, were debated. Cllr Aplin agreed to draft a letter to GRCC seeking clarification, to be sent by the clerk.

**1558. Donation to Roses Theatre.**

- It was requested that it be noted that there was no direct request for funding from The Roses theatre .

**1559. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

- Update on Councillor Recruitment.
- Risk Register review.
- Clarify program for Annual Parish Meeting. 13<sup>th</sup> May.
- RR building timer switch for lights.
- AGM 12<sup>th</sup> May.
- Inappropriate scattering of ashes in Freemans Field.
- Centaur homes re: Shutter Lane and street lighting.
- Request for funding for residents group fighting Moat farm appeal.
- Decide on action for dog fouling on Freemans Field.

**1560. *At this meeting village residents brought up the following issues.***

- *Claire Douglas spoke to Council re: Community Website. 3 Administrators proposed - Claire Douglas, the Clerk and One Councillor. Then Authors to look after their individual pages, News as Posts. Old ones will drop off. Limit to 2 megabytes. PDFs limit to 2 megabytes.*
- *Malcolm Hudson said: "Thanks to the County Councillor for helping the residents get the highway repair of: the tarmac at entrance to Longfurlong Lane (repaired on 13 Feb)".*
- *Topic mentioned of litter at motorway junctions.*
- *Les Howard said that the residents action group was in progress for the Moat Farm Appeal hearing; planning consultant to assist at hearing. Case administrator advised that as yet no date had been fixed as going to public enquiry. He also stated Ben Jennison-Phillips would shortly be raising the subject in an arranged meeting with MP. He asked if Council would be able to help with consultancy fees, set at £300 per day and probably a cost of 4 days. Cllr Cooke advised that as it was more than six months since we received a similar request, this could be considered at the next meeting. Cllr Ward said NDP meeting on Friday would be sharing detail.*

**1561. DATE, TIME and VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

**7:30 pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at the Church Centre.**

**There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9:10 pm.**