

GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th JANUARY 2016

Venue The Rhodes Building, Gotherington

Present Councillors David Hearn, Rod Churchill, Les Howard, Bev Osborne, Sylvia Stokes, Caroline Ryman, Howard Samuels and David Ward.

Borough Council M Gore

County Councillor R Bird

In attendance Adrian and Ellen Cooke (temporary Clerks) and 3 members of the public.

16.01.1 APOLOGIES

16.01.1.1 Councillor Keyte

16.01.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

16.01.2.1 None received.

16.01.03 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8th December 2015

16.01.03.1 The minutes of the meeting were approved as a true record subject to an amendment that the venue for the meeting be changed to the Rex Rhodes Building and not Gotherington Village Hall. They were then signed by the Chairman

16.01.04 CLERK'S REPORT

16.01.04.1 The clerk reported on actions from the last meeting as follows

Minute Item No	Description	Responsibility	Action Taken
15.10.11	Contact resident who arranged for trees to be planted to reassure that the trees will not be removed	Cllrs Osborne/Churchill	Trees at the end of the playing field trimmed back. Item completed.
15.10.15	Rex Rhodes Building – establish cost implication of all work to RRB and obtain quotes to enable permission to be granted by TBC for expenditure from s106 monies	Cllrs Osborne, Samuels and Keyte	Obtained and passed to TBC – approval gained from TBC by Cllr Keyte
15.11.10.c	Shutter Lane Closures – meeting with contractor to be arranged	Clerk	Meeting held before December Council meeting. Completed.
15.11.11	Obtain information for snow warden	Clerk	Information obtained and passed to Cllr Osborne. Complete
15.11.14	Re-siting of gymnastic beam and attendant works to be sourced in the most cost effective way	Cllrs Osborne and Churchill	Completed
15.12.7	Budget agreed at the last meeting. Tewkesbury Borough Council to be notified of Precept of £8,000 for 2016/2017	Clerk	Complete

15.12.8.b.i & iii	Proposed meeting to reverse the decision to widen Shutter Lane.	Cllr Keyte	Ongoing. Developer has confirmed date in February to start the work.
15.12.8.b.ii	Survey of residents of Shutter Lane to seek views on widening of the Lane or maintaining its country lane aspect.	Cllr Samuels	Ongoing.
15.12.8.c	Investigate planning application for new development in Bishops Cleeve bordering on Gotherington.	Cllr Stokes	Complete
15.12.9	Notice that Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required. This to be publicized and sent to Agencies and other bodies	Clerk	See Agenda item
15.12.10	Proposal for a weight restriction on Gotherington Lane/Cleeve Road and possibility of a 20 mph speed limit in Shutter Lane.	Clerk	Michael Glaze (Gloucestershire County Council) responded but Richard Walters still to respond.
15.12.11	School admission criteria supported by Parish Council. Letter of support to be drafted by Cllr Ryman for the Clerk to send.	Cllr Ryman	Completed
15.12.12	Chicanes on Gotherington Lane.	Clerk	Support initiatives by Bishops Cleeve Council for removal
15.12.13	Tree Clearance and Gym. Equipment	Cllr Churchill	Agenda item 11

16.01.05 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

16.01.05.1 Councillor Gore reported that Tewkesbury Borough Council, Cheltenham Town Council and Gloucestershire County Council were progressing the Joint Core Strategy but there were no timescales yet.

16.01.06 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

16.01.06.1 Removal of the chicanes on Gotherington Lane – the survey two years ago had concluded there were no safety issues. If there now were safety issues possibly another survey should be requested. The Parish Council were concerned about the increased level of traffic now that more houses were occupied on the Homelands development. Support should be given to Bishops Cleeve Council who it was believed were also seeking removal of the chicanes. The junction of Malleson Road with the A435 was also mentioned as the Feasibility Study had suggested that there should be splitter islands on the main road but this was only likely on the southern end as there were no footpaths on the northern one. Cllr Hearn enquired whether the footpath on Malleson Road could be extended to the A435 with possible financial assistance from the Parish Council. Cllr Hearn asked the County Councillor for a response on the plans for the A435.

16.01.06.2 . Cllr Churchill also asked whether there might be grants available towards the replacement of the Tennis Club building on the Playing Field. He was asked what the likely costs would be and said approximately £40,000.

The meeting was adjourned so that members of the public could make comments under Public Question Time

Concerns about the poor state of footpaths around the village

There continued to be activity on Manor Lane with surveyors and developers very active opposite Trueman's Farm. Nothing was known about this at the present time

16.01.07 FINANCE

16.01.07.1 Receipts & payments information was circulated and these were accepted. Proposed Councillor Hearn, seconded Councillor Stokes. Unanimous. Cllr Ryman asked for a payment and expenditure statement

16.01.07.2 Accounts for payment

It was resolved that the following payments be approved. Proposed Councillor Hearn, seconded Councillor Ryman. Unanimous

Date	Payee – Description		Subtotal £	Amount £
12/01/2016	1790 Phil Aplin	Survey Money (GNDP) 17/2/16 Web Hosting GNDP 3 months to 19/1/16 Land Registry Search 56 Malleson Road	78.00 3.56 3.00	84.56
12/01/2016	1791 Allan Kendrick	September 2015		120.00
12/01/2016	1792 Washington Printing Ltd	Goth. NDP: Plans, Questionnaires etc.		617.00
12/01/2016	1793 Gill Cannon	Salary		144.46
12/01/2016	1794 Allen Keyte	Postages		14.04
				980.06
	Bank Balance at 31/12/2015			34997.91
	Less Cheques Drawn above			-980.06
				34017.85
	Plus: Outstanding Items	VAT Refund	3329.72	
		Business Rates Refund	2258.62	
		Tennis Club April-Sept 15	400.00	5988.34
				40006.19
	Cheques to be approved for payment			
	Gotherington Village Hall	Rent		16.00
	All Sorts Electric	RRB Electrics		430.00

16.01.07.3 Repayment of unspent Community Rights Grant and application for a new grant. It was agreed that this should be actioned quickly. P Aplin would be asked to confirm if additional expenses could be offset. Proposed Councillor Hearn, Seconded Cllr Ryman..

16.01.07.4 The Precept of £8,000 for 2016/17 had been agreed at the previous meeting. The Clerk agreed to inform Tewkesbury Borough Council.

16.01.08 PLANNING MATTERS

16.01.08.1 Moat Farm – this item was not relevant.

16.01.08.2 Shutter Lane. Details of the temporary closure of Shutter Lane had been received. This will run from 22nd February until 30th March, with the latter part of the period involving only partial closure for tidying up and finishing operations. The stretch affected runs from The Shutter to Shady Nook and it is hoped that pedestrian access can be maintained throughout. Councillors agreed that a

letter should be sent to Tewkesbury Borough Planning Department, Gloucestershire County Council and the developers to ask for details of how this will be managed in respect of bus and refuse collection access, and welcomed the offer made by the developers to help residents with reduced mobility. Once the work is completed, the access to the new development will have road priority at the junction with the original Shutter Lane. The County Council have confirmed that the road must be widened but there should be minimum disruption. Proposed Cllr Stokes, Seconded Cllr Hearn

Update on outstanding Planning Matters

Appl Number	Application	Update
15/01344/FUL	1 Gretton Road New chalet style two bedroom bungalow in rear garden of 1 Cleeve Road. Deadline 12 January	Planning Committee met to consider and raised no objection. TBC Planning informed. Complete.
15/01177/FUL	Erection of 71 dwellings (access from Bishops Cleeve), with public open space and other associated infrastructure. Adjacent 74 Evesham Road Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.	We understand that TBC Planning Committee will not consider this at their next meeting on 19/1 so it was proposed that there should be a joint meeting with Bishops Cleeve Parish Council who we understand are objecting because of the pressure on local utilities, transport and flooding issues. Councillors objected on the same grounds. Proposed: Cllr Ryman Seconded Cllr Hearn. Agreed.
15/01220/FUL.	Revised Proposed re-plan of plots 233-237 & 249-253 to accommodate the definitive route of public right of way. Homelands 2.	To be considered at next meeting.

16.01.09 Recruitment of new Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

16.01.09.1 Adrian and Ellen Cooke would work together as Parish Clerk until a new Clerk was appointed. Cllr Keyte would continue as temporary Responsible Finance Officer. The Chairman said that he believed the two roles should be kept separate. Cllrs Hearn and Stokes were to write job descriptions for insertion through GAPTC and in Topics and other media.

16.01.10 Neighbourhood Development Plan update

16.01.10.1 Because of problems notifying the Environment Agency, which meant that the 28 days required for the notification of interested parties had been exceeded, the Parish Council needed to extend the consultation period. The consultation period for the Neighbourhood Development Plan has been extended to comply with all the legal requirements involved. Cllr Ward said that there was still time to return any response forms to the shop or complete the questionnaire online.

16.01.10.2 A determination that an SEA (Strategic Environment Assessment) is not required was agreed and relevant organisations including potential developers would be informed. Proposed Cllr Hearn, Seconded Cllr Ryman. Unanimous. Action: Clerk

16.01.11 Gym Equipment update

16.01.11.1 There were concerns about the quality of the installation of the equipment. Cllr Churchill is pursuing this. Wicksted were asking for feedback so to be notified of concerns.

16.01.12 Rex Rhodes Building

16.01.12.1 The water problems had been resolved.

16.01.12.2 Cllr Keyte had agreed further meeting with Mr & Mrs Nisbet and this was agreed although other councillors should be involved as well.

16.01.12.3 New external lights had been installed and were working well.

16.01.12.4 The CCTV system was not working. Cllr Samuels agreed to speak to the installers. Action Cllr Samuels

16.01.13 Tennis Pavilion

16.01.13.1 Funding via S106 from present development was not an option as money would not be available until first houses completed. Reserves could be used but if this was the case it would not be possible to secure grants. Cllr Ryman expressed concern that the Parish Council would be responsible for yet another building.

16.01.13.2 There was discussion about a MUGA at Gotherington School. This would have been funded by S106 monies from future development. Cllr Hearn suggested that this topic and any other village projects funded through S106 agreements wasn't relevant under this item and should be dealt with at a special meeting. This was agreed and a discussion was scheduled for Tuesday 26 January at 8 pm

16.01.14 Street Cleaning and Dog Bin emptying

16.01.14.1 Cllr Keyte had provided correspondence relating to these services.

16.01.15 Village Fete 2016 update

16.01.15.1 The Recreational Club have agreed to help with funding. Cllr Osborne had approached Danter's who could provide fairground equipment. This equipment could either be hired or Danter's would charge for rides; in either case the rides would be run by qualified Danter's staff.

16.01.16 Footpaths

16.01.16.1 The public footpath is closed by legal order until 1st March 2016 and the developers have now asked to extend this by a further six months in the interest of public safety in connection with the ongoing construction works. However, the County Council have spoken to the developers with regards to supplying a temporary permissive route around the site and they are hoping to confirm an alternative route on site around the time the new temporary closure commences. They have promised to forward a plan imminently, outlining this alternative route. Some minor changes to the path within the Homelands developments will become permanent as a result of the positioning of new houses.

16.01.17 Parish Website Management

16.01.17.1 The Clerk should maintain the Website. Cllr Samuels had asked about management of the Facebook page on the Gotherington website. A Parish Councillor had posted on Facebook but his comment was shown as a 'Visitor' comment – the comment needed to be shown as a Parish Council comment. The Clerk agreed to investigate how the village Facebook page was maintained.

16.01.18 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

16.01.19 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

16.01.19.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be February 9th 2016 at 7.30 pm. The venue will be the Rex Rhodes Building.