

GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE Parish Council Meeting HELD ON 13th October 2015

Venue : Rex Rhodes Building, Started at 7:30 pm

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

Apologies : Cllr Rod Churchill

15.102. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllrs Ryman, Keyte and Ward in respect of Cook's Field/the Meadow. – They all lived near the field which is being proposed as a designated green space. Cllr Keyte said that he would not take part in the discussions. Cllrs Ryman and Ward (members of the GNDP working group) said that they would explain the issue at the appropriate time but not vote.

15.10.3 **Minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2015** – Approved and signed

15.10.4. **Clerks report :** -

- a) A meeting was held with the clerk, Ian Soule from GCC (Amey) and Cllrs Osborne and Samuels. All the main footpaths were inspected and Ian confirmed the minimum standards acceptable. It was agreed that the barriers at the Long Furlong end preventing horse traffic would be removed. In addition 2 other smaller concrete posts would also be removed with the help of a volunteer group used by GCC. Cllr Samuels agreed to co-ordinate this. This was followed up by a meeting in Shire Hall where the clerk met John Laine who confirmed the responsibilities of the Parish Council and the powers available to it. However he confirmed that should residents refuse to cut back vegetation GCC will write and if necessary levy a charge
- b) Moat Farm. The appeal has been turned down.
- c) Dog fouling signs now available. Bin stickers still to come
- d) Gym equipment – Cllr Churchill has obtained quotes for the cutting back of trees and the re-siting of existing equipment. Work could begin in November.
- e) Highways – Clerk met with Richard Waters of GCC –
 - Cutting of verges. Current level of service is 1 full cut in late May plus a safety cut in August. In addition specific safety cuts (triangular) are carried out through the year as required at the junction of Malleson Road and A435. Parish Council could take the cutting function over and GCC would pay 4 pence per metre and would be prepared to pay for 2 full cuts per year. GPC need to confirm whether they would like to take this option. The meeting voted against this option.

- 30mph repeater signs. There should be repeater signs through the village. GCC will send someone out to ascertain if they have gone and if not in evidence will have them erected where appropriate
- VAS signs. These are easily moved. Given the slight dissention about the siting of the second one it was suggested that they be erected where the council agreed at the last meeting and reviewed. Someone will have to take responsibility to charge the batteries. Clerk to enquire is they could be solar powered.
- Improvements at Malleson Road and A435 junction. Richard had been on site with Cllr Rob Bird. They had decided that there would be a total of 4 little islands in groups of 2 providing a safe right hand turning lane and 2 crossing places either side of Malleson Road. This was agreed in the belief than s106 money would be available from a development at Moat Farm. This has been refused so the road improvements may be re-prioritised.
- Shutter Lane. There is no duty to re-surface the road prior to occupation. However if the surface deteriorates it should be reported to Richard Waters (and Michael Glaze)
- 40 mph signs – should be mounted on 2 posts. There is no money to complete this and one post is deemed adequate. Council could have money but meeting considered this not to be a priority.
- Bus routes – The people in GCC for responsibility for this are Jonathan Roberts and Bill Carter. Clerk to represent to them that there us a lengthy gap between services and also to ask for a bus stop opposite Manor Road.

15.10.5 and 6 Apologies from Cllr Bird. Cllr Mel Gore reported that the conditions for the commencement of the Shutter Lane development had been met, There may be outstanding GCC conditions and she will speak to Michael Glaze, The JCS inspection had been resumed and Cllr Gore urged people to look on the TBC website. Stoke Orchard is now a service village. Cllr Gore mentioned the Government plans for devolution but there is no firm information as yet.

15.10.7. **Draft Financial statements** were approved and signed,

15.10.8 **Planning**

- a) Moat Farm Development – Appeal refused. Although there is a route to a higher authority further appeals are thought to be unlikely.
- b) Shutter Lane. Criteria have been met and work has started. Still some confusion as to widening of Shutter Lane as there has been an indication from TBC that it is possible within the current highway footprint. Clerk to request a plan. Cllr Keyte also to chase s106 money to ascertain process and amount. Cllr Ward emphasised that any modifications to Shutter Lane must not change it from a country lane.
- c) Elm Tree Cottage planning application. A listed building. It was considered that the heritage aspect frontage and street scene would be adversely affected. Clerk to write to express concerns.

15.10.9 Litter Picking – deferred to next meeting

15.10.10 Fix date for APM 2016 – deferred to next meeting.

15.10.11 Gym equipment – Cllr Churchill has organized the tidying of the trees to allow for the re-siting of existing equipment and installation of the new equipment. Some of the trees were planted in memory and it was suggested that a Council member should speak to the lady concerned to reassure as these trees were planted in memory of her husband they would not be removed. Cllr Osborne to liaise with Cllr Churchill in this respect. There was a unanimous decision to proceed with the tree maintenance in order that the cuttings might be used on the village bonfire in November.

15.10.12- a) Rex Rhodes Building and playground. There is a need to investigate the drainage of the Rex Rhodes Building as it drains to nowhere currently. Cllrs Osborne and Samuels with report back with cost implications.

b) There is now a new cleaner who Cllr Osborne will monitor.

c) Sample of the imitation turf was circulated. A site meeting is scheduled for 14/10/15

15.10.13 Neighbourhood Development Plan - The latest draft is with TBC. Still awaiting confirmation if we need a SEA (unlikely to be needed). Cllrs Samuels and Ward to meet with Nick Croft to hear initial comments. A period of 6 weeks formal consultation will begin and all residents will be asked to contribute. Door drops will be undertaken and online access through survey monkey (which will cost £26 per month for the period). Noted that we must never lose sight of the fact that in the long term this will go to a referendum which will be paid for by TBC. Green spaces have been designated and unanimously confirmed by the Council at Freeman Fields and The Meadow.

15.10.14 Ownership of Village Hall – deferred to next meeting. Clerk to check with GAPTC to establish whether there is precedent in other parishes.

15.10.15 2016 Village Fete – plans are progressing and this should be added as an agenda item for the next meeting.

15.10.16 Donation of green picnic bench to Cleeve School – agreed that this should be donated and removed at no cost to the Council

15.10.17 Boundary Issue – this relates to the chain link fencing to the side of Rex Rhodes building. Cllr Osborne reported that it is clear that this area belongs to the Parish Council under a Deed dated 1963

15.10.18 Tennis Pavilion – 4 quotes have been obtained. Main issue revolves around sewerage which can be resolved through a cesspit option. The final costs likely to be in the region of £30,000. Further investigation needs to be carried out about possible match funding and contribution from the tennis club. There must also be stipulations as to maintenance to which the tennis club must be party.

15.10.19 Plaque on Village Hall – agreed that it should be moved to Rex Rhodes building.

Public Concerns

- The meeting of criteria to permit the Shutter Lane development (see above)
- Speeding From Shutter Lane
- Pedestrian pathways in Shutter Lane – nowhere to walk when the road is widened.
- The contractors fence around the Raspberry field is encroaching on the footpath.

- Concerns about the trees planted in memoriam (see above)
- Whether the meetings could return to the church centre or village hall.
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Meeting closed at 9.30

Items for Next Agenda

1. 2016 Village Fete
2. Ownership of the Village Hall
3. Date of APM 2016
4. Litter picking

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