

GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th AUGUST 2016

Venue The Rex Rhodes Building, Gotherington

Present Councillors David Hearn, Bev Osborne, Sylvia Stokes, Les Howard, and David Ward.

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

16.08.1 APOLOGIES

16.08.1.1 Councillors Caroline Ryman, Rod Churchill, Howard Samuels, and RFO/Clerk Jules Owen

16.08.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

16.08.2.1 None.

16.08.03 MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 12th and 27th JULY

16.08.03.1 The minutes of the meeting 12th July were approved as a true record. Unanimously agreed. The minutes of the meeting 27th July were approved as a true record. Unanimously agreed.

16.08.04 CLERK'S REPORT – REVIEW OF ACTIONS

16.08.04.1 The clerk reported on actions from previous meetings

16.08.04.2 The Petanque Club would write about the proposed shelter.

16.08.04.3 Play area and tennis court bank had been included in the cutting schedule by Gotherington Garden Services.

16.08.04.4 A response from the tennis club was awaited regarding moss treatment of the tennis court.

16.08.04.5 The Clerk's contract needed to be revised. Agreed that this should be an agenda item at the next meeting.

16.08.05 CO-OPTION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

16.08.05.1 There was a possible candidate. The Council agreed that this item should be included in the agenda for the next meeting.

16.08.06 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

16.08.06.1 No report.

16.08.07 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

16.08.07.1 No report.

Members of the public were then invited to make comments under Public Question Time

Brian Cosgrove briefed the Council on equipment required by the sports groups. These had been discussed with TBC and the expenditure would come from S106 monies. New goalposts were urgently needed. The existing posts were dangerous and did not accord with current standards. The Football Club had obtained quotes – these were to be considered at a special meeting of the Council on 16th August so that new posts could be ordered for the new season. A portable net was needed for next season for the Cricket Club (quotes had been received around £1,800). Not required until the new season (March 2017). A replacement roller had been identified which would cost £6,800 which includes

delivery. If an order were placed the Council would need to pay 10%; the 90% remaining would be paid on delivery in March 2017. The Cricket Club confirmed that they would pay the annual maintenance charge.

16.08.08 FINANCE

16.08.08.1 Accounts for payment. **It was resolved that** the following payments be accepted.

Unanimous

Gotherington Parish Council: Payments to be made for expenses 14 June 2016 up to and

Cheques issued after the July meeting					including
					12 July
					2016
14-Jul-16	L Howard	Annual meeting expenses	1874	92.09	
14-Jul-16	M McAvoy	cleaning	1875	126.00	
14-Jul-16	E Cooke	Printing flyers	1876	15.00	
Cheques for approval at meeting					
09-Aug-16	B Osborne	Freemans field maint.	1877	82.99	
09-Aug-16	V Larcombe	Footpaths	1878	200.00	
09-Aug-16	D Ward	GNDP printing	1879	30.00	
09-Aug-16	E Cooke	Clerk' expenses	1880	34.52	
09-Aug-16	The Community Heartbeat Trust	Defibrillator electrodes	1881	63.60	

16.08.08.2 The review of premises charges to village organisations and the consideration of late payment fines for hirers would be considered by a sub-committee in September.

16.08.09 PLANNING MATTERS AND GOTHERINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

16.08.09.1 Planning application 16/00336/OUT for the proposed Gretton Road development. There were still reservations about the reduction of houses on this site which did not accord with the GNDP. Although residents in the immediate area were happy with the reduction there were implications for the GNDP with pressure to make up the number of houses which had been envisaged on this site on another site. The Clerk would write to TBC Planning about the reservations.

16.08.09.2 The revised GNDP was approved by the Parish Councillors unanimously. Proposed Cllr Stokes, seconded Cllr Ward.

16.08.10 Highways

16.08.10.1 Footpaths had been cut, as agreed, by Vince Larcombe. It was understood that the School hedgerow bordering the footpath should be cut during the summer holidays. Mr Dunn should be asked to arrange a cut of the bushes on his land bordering the footpath.

16.08.10.2 An additional dog bin should be purchased. Councillors considered possible sites.

16.08.10.3 Dog fouling signs had been erected in Longfurlong. The location of the rest should be clarified. In the absence of Cllr Ryman it was agreed that this subject should be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

16.08.10.4 A list of damaged road signs in the village would be compiled by Cllr Stokes and Brian Cosgrove.

16.08.10.5 The damaged trees in Shutter Lane had been removed and would be replaced.

16.08.10.6 Councillor Stokes and Brian Cosgrove agreed to inspect the signage throughout the village and itemise all repairs needed. This information to be considered at the September meeting in order to advise Highways.

16.08.10.7 It was noted that four of the protected trees in Shutter Lane have been removed following damage during construction work at Stone Barn Fields. The contractors have agreed to provide replacements.

16.08.11 Freemans Field

16.08.11.1 Maintenance on and around the field was discussed. Trees around the field needed attention and Cllr Osborne had spoken to Chris Arnold, a tree surgeon, about cutting back and/or pollarding. The willow tree overhanging the tennis pavilion needed cutting back or pollarding. It was agreed that the owners of the adjacent property should be asked if the tree could have some attention. Cllr Osborne would write a letter. A plan of actions required for maintenance on the field would be created by Cllr Howard. There is an inspection book for the field and it was believed that this was with Cllr Ryman. The clerk was to check that this book was still being used. Councillor Howard agreed to draw up a maintenance schedule for the field.

16.08.11.2 Councillor Osborne proposed to ascertain the details of the grass cutting contract with TBC. Ongoing drainage problems on the Freemans Field would be investigated and a schedule of work prepared after the cricket season. Cllr Osborne to progress.

16.08.11.3 The bank near the tennis courts had been cut as had the play area. Lighting around the Community Pavilion was being considered. The costings and contract terms are now agreed and awaiting authorisation from TBC. Councillor Osborne advised that work was required to 9 trees surrounding the tennis courts, to raise the canopies at the request of the Tennis Club and two quotes had been received. This will be an agenda item at the meeting on 16th July. An additional privately owned tree also required work and Councillors Osborne and Howard agreed to liaise with the householders to request that this be carried out.

16.08.11.4 Councillors agreed unanimously to purchase and install a waste bin, at a cost of approx. £60, to the telegraph pole at the rear of the village hall and adjacent to the car park. Councillor Osborne to action.

16.08.12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

16.08.12.1 The next Council meeting to agree expenditure on sports equipment will take place on Tuesday 16th August starting at 7.00 pm in the Rex Rhodes Building. The next full The next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 13th September at 7.30pm in the Rex Rhodes Building.