

GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9TH DECEMBER 2014

Venue: The Church Centre, Gotherington

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

In Attendance: 5 members of the public

1501.APOLOGIES

- 1501.1 None

1502.DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- 1502.1 None received

1503.MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11th November 2014

- 1503.1 The minutes of the meeting were approved as a true record and they were signed by the Chairman

1504.MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING ON 19th November 2014

- 1504.1 The minutes of the meeting were approved as a true record and they were signed by the Chairman

1505.CLERK'S REPORT

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

Minute Item No	Description	Responsibility	Action Taken
838.1	RTC incident at Gotherington Cross: GCC is to develop a road safety system and work will now proceed	Clerk	On going
1046.1	The Clerk will write to the Integrated Transport Unit at GCC asking if there are any plans to re-route the bus service and to possibly extend the 527 service into the early evening.	Clerk	To be followed up with TBC
1099.1	Telephone mast in Woolstone church. Council agreed this was worth exploring as part of the Parish Plan. Action: Councillors Aplin to investigate all options..	Councillor Aplin	On going
1145.2	The clerk will ask Highways if they could recommend any contractors to undertake pothole work.	Cllr Angus	Completed
1220.1	Convenient location for Celia Blacklock Memorial Bench	Cllr Hearn	Completed and sent
1316.1	The need for a new set of locks was discussed because there had been illegal smoking in some rooms. It was agreed that Cllr Aplin would send a letter to the sports supervisors to remind them to ensure that doors were locked after use.	Cllr Aplin	Complete, no need for new locks
1414.1	Village Hall Sign to be erected outside the Village Hall .	Cllr Waine	Ongoing
14.16.1	Investigate mesh for window in Rex Rhodes building	Councillor Aplin	On going

1506. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- 1506.1 Cllr Keyte reported that he had not been notified of the agenda for this meeting.
- 1506.2 Cllr Keyte said the JCS is progressing and the initial comments from the Government Inspector were awaited. The JCS is already being quoted in planning applications.
- 1506.3 Cllr Keyte said there had been a peer review of the Borough Council and nothing amiss had been found.

- 1506.4 Cllr Keyte said that there was now much emphasis placed on speedily completing our NDP .

1507. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- 1507.1 Not present – no report

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

1. Malcolm referred to the excellent job of snow clearing at LongFurlong during the last heavy snowfall, and asked if this service could be repeated. Cllr Aplin said that it was a matter for Glos Highways, but he would contact Chris Andrews to check his modus operandi.
2. Mike Stevens mentioned the drain covers and stated that a road sweeper had not been seen in south Gotherington this year. He also stated that the hedge sited near the RR building was overgrown and vegetation was encroaching on the path.

1508. FINANCE

- 1508.1 The financial statement comprised two pages, with some confusion on income and expenditure. Cllr Aplin agreed to circulate the precept budget with last year's budget for comparison. .
- 1508.2 Cllr Aplin said there is still some work to be completed on the Rex Rhodes building involving expenditure of £1982 and £342. Training would be needed for the new clerk.
- 1508.3 Cllr Stokes asked about expenditure for a bus shelter, but Cllr Hearn stated that this was not an important or popular requirement and should be removed from the list.
- 1508.4 Phil Aplin agreed to produce a list of budget suggestions for the next meeting.
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1509. PLANNING MATTERS

- 1509.1 Erection of two detached dwellings in Woolstone. Cllr Waine agreed to send a letter of objection based on the site's proximity to an A.O.N.B.
- 1509.2 Review progress on S106 applications for the Shutter Lane development.
Cllr Aplin stated that there are two important projects which we hope to fund from the S106 application: these are the MUGA sites behind the village school (£40k) and improvements to the nursery area by the rex Rhodes building (£10K). .

1510. APPOINTMENT OF CLERK AND RFO

- 1510.1 After interviews, it was proposed that the new Clerk and RFO would be Christine Benfield of Bishop's Cleeve. This appointment was agreed and she will start in January on a 3 months probation period.

1511. RECRUITMENT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS IN MAY 2015

- 1511.1 Cllr Hearn said that we need to recruit five parish councillors, although we had some interested parties.
- 1512.2 Cllr Hearn to action Cllr Aplin to produce a recruitment notice.

1512. APPLICATION FOR A CAPITAL GRANT FROM TBC

- 1512.1 Cllr Aplin said we will be required to pay 5% towards any expenditure
- 1512.2 There is a need for the Tennis Hut to be expanded and converted to suit the need of the Tennis Club, the Scouts and the Petanque Club. This is estimated to cost about £160k.
- 1512.3 Cllr Aplin will collect all relevant information and present an application to the TBC.
- 1512.4 In response to Howard Samuel's emailed suggestion for a facility for short-mat bowls and curling, it was suggested that this matter should be referred to the Village Hall committee.

1513. MAINTENANCE OF BENCHES

- 1513.1 Cllr Hearn suggested that Cllr Angus should report on the amount of maintenance required.

1514. BONFIRE NIGHT

- 1514.1 Cllr Ryman agreed to ask the Bonfire group to discuss their future requirements and problems and report.
- 1514.2 It was reported that Gary Thompson had offered the use of a portable marquis.

1515. BUSHCRAFT

- 1515.1 Cllr Angus suggested that the Scouts were allowed to use a small area of land to practice their Bushcraft skills. This would be near the tennis courts and for a period of one year. This was agreed. .

1516. ACTIVE TOGETHER GRANT

- 1516.1 Cllr Aplin said this was progressing.

1517. PARISH PLAN ACTIONS UPDATE

- 1517.1 Cllr Angus stated that there was nothing further to report

1518. CCTV IN REX RHODES BUILDING

- 1518.1 Cllr Aplin reported that various systems and their costs were being investigated.

1519. THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- 1519.1 Cllrs Hearn and Ward reported that Planning Consultants Kirkwells had been approached and the costs assessed. They proposed that the Parish Council should confirm their appointment to act on our behalf to:
 - 1) provide criteria for assessment of suitable sites for development
 - 2) select and assess all possible sites and discuss with the NDP Steering Group
 - 3) work in conjunction with the GRCC
- 1519.2 Cllrs Aplin stated that the costs involved were about £8,500
- 1519.3 Cllr Aplin proposed that the Parish Council confirms the appointment of Kirkwells. Secd: Cllr Ryma.

1520. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- To discuss all methods to broadcast the need to recruit five parish councillors
- To discuss the a Summer Fete in the Village
- To discuss the reforming of the Rec Club.
- To discuss the village memorial being an historic building.

1521. DATE, TIME and VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

- 1521.1 7:30 pm on Tuesday 13th January 2015 at the Church Centre

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30 pm