

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL
Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7.30pm Monday 13 March 2017

Members Present:

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| Chairman | Kevin Bulmer |
| Vice-Chairman | John Wills |
| Members | Emrhys Barrell |
| | Mary Bulmer |
| | Lawrie Reavill |
| | Bryan Urbick |
| | Catherine Hall |

Officers Present:

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| Clerk | Colin Ratcliff |
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10 members of the public and press

16/322 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from:
Matthew Brown, Brandon Hancox, David Brooker.

16/323 To receive any declarations of interests

Cllr. Urbick – non pecuniary interest in Item 19.

16/324 Public Forum

None.

16/325 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2017

Resolved: That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

16/326 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda

Consultation is continuing on a memorial for George Michael and will be in the Goring Gap News (GGN) this month.

16/327 To receive chairman's report and announcements

None.

16/328 To consider a report on the Neighbourhood Plan and a letter plus solicitor's advice from Jack Calder.

Appendix A refers. Mike Stares additionally reported that a very useful meeting had been held with the Primary School Governors, The Diocese, Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) and a member of the Parish Council. It was clear that any development of the school by 25% or more was OCC's responsibility. They are now waiting for any proposal from the school. Any decision is needed quickly but as the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is a live document it can be reviewed if necessary. Regarding the letter and legal advice on Manor Road, the NP Steering Group (NPSG) is continuing to take advice and is awaiting responses from OCC and South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC). The NPSG are now doing a bottom up housing evaluation need for Goring in addition to the results of the village consultations. They believe that SODC will revert to putting numbers of housing for larger villages in their 2032 Plan, rather than a simple percentage.

The Chairman said that he had attended a briefing on the SODC Local Plan, that the numbers are global and do not take into account the extra layers of complexity such as the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). He also mentioned he had attended a meeting at South Stoke where concerns were raised about the potential impact of a new Goring school on their village school.

Appendices A1 and A2 were noted.

Signed:

K. Bulmer

Dated: 10 April 2017

- 16/329 To consider nominating a representative to attend a briefing on South Oxfordshire Local Plan Second Preferred Options Consultation, Tuesday 28 March.**
Resolved: That two representatives from the NPSG attend in lieu of one from the Parish Council (GPC).
- 16/330 To consider a proposal regarding School flashing lights**
 Brought forward from item 18.
 Appendices J and J1 refer. Cllr Barrell explained the proposal.
Resolved: To accept a grant of funds for or in kind of the flashing lights.
 Cllr. Barrell left the meeting.
- 16/331 Parish Finance**
- 1 To approve payments for February 2017**
Resolved: That the payments be approved
- 2 To note receipts for February 2017**
 Noted
- 3 To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 28 February 2017**
 Noted
- 4 To consider budget virements prior to end of financial year**
Resolved: That the proposed virements be approved.
- 16/332 To note a report from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer**
 Appendix F refers. The Chairman also stated he sits on the OCC Education Committee which has resolved to express concern about the new School Funding Formula which has made matters worse for rural schools. SODC and the Vale had passed their approval for Unitary proposals for the County and he gave further detail on the proposals.
- 16/333 To consider a report from the Police**
 Cllr. Wills stated further parking tickets had been issued, some youths warned re behaviour, the PCSOs are still dealing with dog fouling near the school.
 There are no formal arrangements for the weekend of 24-25 June, anniversary of George Michael's birthday, it is very difficult to find out about potential numbers. A ticketed event has been booked at the Village Hall but few locals are believed to have been able to get tickets as it was advertised globally.
- 16/334 To consider a report on High Street issues**
 Appendix G refers. Consultation on High Street works continues and should be in the next edition of the GGN. Cllr. Wills suggested bollards outside The Rectory Garden could also be considered.
- 16/335 To consider issues relating to village parking**
 No update.
- 16/336 To consider a report on Gardiner Pavilion development.**
 No report – the Clerk stated the works are progressing on target. Three locks at the pavilion had been superglued, reported to the police.
- 16/337 To consider a report on Recreation Grounds issues**
 Appendix H refers. The Chairman suggested that any proposal on The Rectory Garden should have its own separate agenda item for consideration. Cllr. Reavill will circulate a draft letter to the Charity Commissioners for the next meeting.

- 16/338 To consider a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues**
Cllr. M. Bulmer reported grass cutting had started but not all the clippings had been collected and a complaint received. The contract states a grass cuttings box should be used. The Clerk has written to the contractor but no reply has yet been received. She noted the gate needs its annual clean. The Clerk stated a contractor had already been asked to deal and to clean up the entrance sign.
- 16/339 To consider proposals adjourned from last meeting regarding changes to Standing Orders (Procurement) and Regulations (inclusion of amended FOI policy: review panel to be Chairman and Vice Chairman).**
Resolved: That the proposed amendments be accepted.
- 16/340 To consider an update on a proposal for a New Digital Community Alert and Newsletter Service and request for start-up S.137 grant of £250.**
Appendices K and K1 refer.
Resolved: That a grant as requested be approved and the Clerk given delegated authority to pay when the group is properly constituted.
- 16/341 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of meetings held on 17 January and 14 February 2017.**
Received and noted.
- 16/342 Correspondence**
- 1 Email regarding Magdalen College Barge, request for grant.**
Resolved: That GPC supported the work in principle, particularly as at least four Council members had been married there, but at this time there are insufficient funds available to provide any grant. Concern was raised about the viability of a venture of this kind, if the proposed Archimedes screws are installed. The noise and appearance are likely to damage the serenity and appearance and make the venue unsuitable. In addition concerns were raised that this was a commercial enterprise of benefit to The Swan Hotel and not necessarily the residents of Goring in general.
- 2 Letter from Home Start Southern Oxfordshire, request for grant.**
Resolved: That there are insufficient funds to support this application.
- 16/343 Matters for future discussion**
Cllr. Hall asked what the decision had been about The Gap Festival grant – The Clerk will check.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2036 hrs.