

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL
Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7.30pm Monday 8 August 2016

Members Present:

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| Chairman | Kevin Bulmer |
| Vice-Chairman | John Wills |
| Members | Catherine Hall |
| | David Brooker |
| | Mary Bulmer |
| | Matthew Brown |
| | Brandon Hancox |
| | Lawrie Reavill |
| | Emrhys Barrell |
| | Bryan Urbick |

Officers Present:

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

16/165 To receive apologies for absence

None.

16/166 To receive any declarations of interests

None.

16/167 Public Forum

Ron Bridle commented on the Tree Survey, item 20, that pollarding of the sick tree may not allow it to thrive and then a question would arise about what to do with the others. Also re Item 21 Police Seat, that he would assist the Clerk if approved.

Stephanie Bridle thanked Cllr. Urbick for contacting South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) about rubbish bin collections.

16/168 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2016

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

16/169 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda

None.

16/170 To receive chairman's report and announcements

None.

16/171 To consider a report on the Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

Councillors had received a copy of the NP response to SODC's Local Plan consultation. Tom Rothwell reported from Appendix A.

A question was raised on enforceability. He replied that SODC will assist with policy drafts so that they would be enforceable. Impact Assessments have been received from the consultants in draft form. The NPSG are giving evidence at the Manor Road appeal on the effect of the application to the NP process.

Resolved: That hard copies of the summary document be made available in various locations around the village and not circulated to every household.

16/172 To note the NP Steering Group's Declaration of Interest Policy for members of the Site Selection Management Group and the Site Selection Overview Group

Noted without further comment.

16/173 Parish Finance

- 1 To approve payments for July 2016**
Resolved: That the payments be approved.
- 2 To note receipts for July 2016**
Noted.
- 3 To note Cash and Investment Reconciliation as at 29 July 2016**
Noted.
- 4 To approve an amended budget from the NP Steering Group; virement of £1000 from Referendum Preparation and Publicity to Miscellaneous to cover additional unforeseen miscellaneous expenditure items.**
Resolved: That the amended budget be approved.
- 5 To consider an annual review of fees and charges. Subject to an expected proposal from Goring United and Goring Robins**
A proposal had been received from Goring United and Goring Robins suggesting an amendment to the split of costs between the clubs due to changes of use.
Resolved: To approve the fees in Appendix G and accept the variation proposed by the football clubs.
- 6 To consider a review of effectiveness of internal audit (annual requirement)**
Resolved: That Appendix H be approved as the review.
- 7 To reconsider whether to move bank accounts to TSB given a recent announcement of Lloyds branch closures.**
Enquiries have suggested there are no plans to close the village branch.
Resolved: That the Parish Council's accounts be moved to TSB.
- 16/174 To note a report from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer**
Two reports were referred to at Appendices I and I1. Cllr. Bulmer stated it may be difficult to get SODC to work on the motion he raised regarding parking enforcement. It was proposed the Council respond to Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)'s Waste Recycling consultation.
Resolved: That the Council respond (deadline 11 August). A draft response to be circulated for comment by email with the final submission delegated to the Clerk in consultation with Cllr. Urbick.
- 16/175 To consider a report from the Police**
Anti-Social Behaviour issues had been quiet in the village. Recent offences included the theft of stone slabs, a motor cycle stolen from Cleeve Mead, two bicycles stolen from the Catherine Wheel and a window damaged at Gardiner Pavilion. Parking tickets have recently been issued.
- 16/176 To consider a report on High Street issues**
New bench installed outside The Rectory Garden, a plaque will be fitted. Contact has been made with BT over cutting back of ivy on the fence along the footpath to Wheel Orchard. Cllr. Urbick has spoken to SODC's Waste Team and obtained an agreement in principle that village centre bins would be emptied twice a week from Easter to the end of September. The bins need to be mapped. He is meeting with the Goring Gap Business Network to seek support in keeping them tidy.
- 16/177 To consider issues relating to village parking**
After the petition received last month The Chairman had spoken to SODC about options to resolve long term parking. Similar car parks in the area have higher charges than their local rail stations but SODC are resting change as they state they cannot make money from car parks. A proposal was made and it was

Resolved: that the Clerk contact SODC about any potential for the Parish Council (GPC) to take over the Wheel Orchard Car Park

16/178 To consider a report on Gardiner Pavilion development

Cllr. Brooker and the Clerk had met with the architect. A schedule of questions to tenderers will go out this week.

16/179 To consider a report on Recreation Ground issues

Cllr. Reavill referred to Appendix J. He stated that Goring Robins have requested permission to place a discreet storage unit at the top of Sheepcot field for equipment. Cllrs commented a fuller proposal with photos was required. At a recent meeting with Sports Clubs a suggestion was made for one Councillor to represent the Council at annual or inter club meetings that the clubs may hold.

Resolved: That Cllr. Reavill be the representative.

16/180 To consider a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues

The office has been painted and the grass looks good.

16/181 To consider GPC's response to SODC's Local Plan consultation

Resolved: That Appendix K be approved for submission.

16/182 To receive a report on an Environment Agency /SODC meeting on new fencing near Goring Mill and Lock

Cllr. Wills and the Clerk had met with the Environment Agency and SODC's Conservation Officer as a consultation on plans and design of safety fencing to be installed at the Mill and river by the lock.

16/183 To consider investigating asset transfer of the OCC owned Community Centre

Appendices L and L1 are OCC's policy on asset transfer. It was proposed and

Resolved: That the Clerk contact OCC to start negotiations on taking over the Community Centre which might also assist the Doctor's Surgery with a needed expansion.

16/184 To consider a Tree Condition Survey and Reports

The detail contained within Appendices M to M5 was discussed. Earmarked Reserves are available for works in addition to the annual maintenance budget. Stephanie Bridle stated that the Rectory Garden limes were originally planted with the expectation of being shaped and pollarding them all would be the best option should funds be available.

Resolved: That the Clerk obtains quotes for felling and replacement in line with Appendix M4 (i.e. those in priority A and B) and to prioritise maintenance works for the rest in batches as funding allows over a period of some years. Also that the Clerk obtain an estimate for pollarding all the limes in The Rectory Garden.

16/185 To consider a request for a 'police seat' at Cleeve Road, High Street junction.

Appendix N was discussed. It was noted the land is owned by highways and that Flint House vehicles often park on the yellow lines near the junction and this was felt somewhat dangerous and not the best place for pick-ups. It was proposed and

Resolved: That a letter be sent suggesting to Flint House that a better location would be the bus stop opposite the Miller of Mansfield where two bench seats are already available.

16/186 To receive a report on the weir High Court Claim

Appendices O and O1 were received. It was noted that dates had been given between October and December for a hearing and that the letter from GPC had been received by Dr Tim Chatterton of the Sustainability Group.

16/187 To consider a report on the village hall clock refurbishment

Appendix P was received and comments made that the Village Hall Committee had done an excellent job on the refurbishment.

Resolved: That a letter of congratulations be sent (*As one of his declared interests Cllr.*

Urbick did not vote.)

16/188 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of meetings held on 21 June, 5 and 20 July 2016.

Received and noted.

16/189 Correspondence

None

16/190 Matters for future discussion

Cllr. Hall stated she is waiting for Duncan Crook to recommend someone to replace the rear gate at The Rectory Garden.

16/191 Confidential Business - To consider and, if thought fit, approve the following motion: In view of the confidential nature of the business about to transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

Resolved: That the motion be approved

16/192 To consider Appraisal Reports from an independent Human Resources Assessor on the roles of Clerk and Planning Clerk.

The reports were discussed and options approved. *(Partly in absence of the Clerk)*

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2112 hrs.