

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL
Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7:30 pm Monday 9 July 2018

Members Present:

Chairman	Kevin Bulmer (KB)
Vice Chairman	John Wills (JW)
Members	Catherine Hall (CH)
	David Brooker (DB)
	Mary Bulmer (MBu)
	Bryan Urbick (BU)
	Emrhys Barrell (EB)
	Lawrie Reavill (LR)
	Matthew Brown (MBr)

Officers Present:

Clerk	Colin Ratcliff (CR)
Assistant Clerk	Mike Ward (MW)

Approx. 11 members of the public and press

18/110 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Debbie Gee (DG)

18/111 To receive any declarations of interests

None

18/112 Public Forum

John Boler was present for two items but had nothing to add to his correspondence. He said that at the next meeting MIGGS will submit an invitation for GPC to join them in suggesting a plaque be placed on the Railway Footbridge in the name of Norman Radley.

Stephanie Bridle advised the Judges for Britain in Bloom would be visiting the village on Wednesday 18th July. She asked if grass by the village entry signs could be cut back and noted a bollard had fallen over by The Rectory.

Trevor Coombs stated Wallingford Road pavement had been encroached by weeds and hedging on the High Street by the railway bridge was overgrown.

Jim Emerson thanked CR for putting past minutes etc on the website and BU for an explanation regarding the Weir Judicial Review.

Bill Jackson stated he had questions on the Weir Committee Report: He said he had been accused of misinformation, there had been a data protection breach by the council and defamation. He sought an apology.

Cllr Urbick said it appeared Mr Jackson was referring to his report (Appendix O) to council; he apologised if he had offended, that wasn't his intent. Mr Jackson then said the Data Protection Act had been breached and the apology was not good enough. Cllr Bulmer said these were serious allegations so could not be dealt with immediately. He proposed that the report at Appendix O be withdrawn and any motions required would be made verbally (**Resolved:** That the report be withdrawn).

Mr Jackson said that his solicitors would be in touch. Cllr Bulmer reiterated the matter could not be dealt with there and then and before the meeting closed he promised that the Clerk would make contact with Mr Jackson the following day.

18/113 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2018.

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

18/114 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.

Signed:

K. Bulmer

Dated: 13 August 2018

None

18/115 To receive chairman's report and announcements.

None

18/116 To consider a report on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Appendix A was noted. The budget request was to be dealt with under item 15.4. KB noted that the Examiner was holding a public hearing Wednesday 11th July.

18/117 To receive a report on the NP Strategic Project for Goring CE Primary School

Appendix B was noted.

18/118 To receive a report on the NP Strategic Project for traffic management, parking and pedestrian safety in the village centre

Appendix C was noted. KB said regarding point 4.2 that SODC are trying to obtain Civil Enforcement Powers from OCC.

DB proposed an amendment to proposed safety improvements in The High Street:

Resolved: That five bollards be added to the plans as proposed

18/119 To note a report from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer.

Appendix D was noted. KB stated SODC's Local Plan was moving forward and hoped it would be out by the end of the year. SODC were advising residents to check waste certificates for any waste they had collected by other contractors.

18/120 To receive a report from the Police

JW reported there had been a burglary in Cleeve Down, access via a cat flap, keys and a car stolen. He had attended a new Police District Forum. 12 councils had been expected but there were only 4 Cllr's from Henley and JW. The main agenda was parking, speeding and anti-social behaviour. He said Speed Detection Devices were available to be loaned out. Police advised flashing signs were more effective than speed cameras at slowing vehicles. The police were dealing with some drugs issues in the village.

18/121 To receive a report on Recreation Grounds issues and to note a review on The Rectory Garden

Appendices E and E1 were noted.

Regarding 'General' paragraph 1 KB noted that SODC were considering how to encourage and reward volunteers.

Simon Hannigan from Goring Robins asked about previous requests to use floodlights and for an event on 13-15 August. As the matters were quite urgent councillors discussed the issues and were all in support in principle. It was noted the tennis club have floodlights until late evening, the Robins' lights were battery powered, not as powerful and their use would be limited. It was agreed to allow the requests but with a formal consideration at the next meeting.

Regarding 'Gardiner' paragraph KB reminded council that the only decision made so far is for the working group to come back with proposals. KB would expect to see at least it being discussed with current users of the field, i.e. sports clubs and the Gap Festival and that the report show there is a demonstrable need for the equipment. BU reminded there would be a minimum of a six-month lead in time for grant applications. Ned Worsley as a member of the NPSG endorsed MBu's comments regarding no provision for teenagers in the village and hoped the working group would consider this.

Regarding Appendix E1, LR noted the conclusions concurred with previous advice. He believed railings were never erected due to the timing of the donation and intervention of World War II.

18/122 To receive a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues

MBu reported the grass was short and brown. Some graves had items on them. CR stated these are usually dealt with using some sensitivity if possible.

Signed:

K. Bulmer

Dated: 13 August 2018

- 18/123 To receive a report regarding planned events in the village**
Appendix F was noted. CH intended replying to the few complainants about the Rectory Garden Event on 24 June with that report.
She proposed a letter of thanks be sent to The Gap Festival Committee.
Resolved: To send a letter of thanks.
- 18/124 Parish Finance:**
- 1 To approve payments for May and June 2018.**
Resolved: That the payments be approved
 - 2 To note receipts for May and June 2018**
Noted
 - 3 To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 30 June 2018.**
Noted
 - 4 To review income & expenditure at the end of the first quarter 2018-19 and consider proposed budget changes**
DB asked whether GPC has to ask SODC's permission to spend CIL funds. BU explained the policy
Resolved: That the proposed amendments to the budget in Appendix J be approved.
 - 5 To consider a report on proposed fees and charges for 2018-19**
Resolved: That proposals in Appendix K be approved
- 18/125 To consider a report on a booster tank and pump for the showers at Gardiner Pavilion**
Appendix L was noted. KB asked about structural support for the tank, BU explained it was ground floor on the existing concrete base. Jim Emerson asked if the Bowls Club was in agreement. CR stated they were aware and understood the issues.
- 18/126 To consider an amended Publication Scheme document**
Jim Emerson pointed out some missed information on page 4.
Resolved: That the draft at Appendix M be approved subject to the minor amendments being made.
- 18/127 To note that a challenge by a resident has been sent to the External Auditor regarding the 2017-18 accounts, any response awaits the Auditor's initial consideration.**
Noted
- 18/128 To consider a report on the 'Get Involved Fair'**
Appendix N referred. DB asked about feedback from organisations. BU said there had been some and the final decision would depend on numbers.
Resolved: That the proposals in Appendix N be approved.
- 18/129 To consider a report on the Weir regarding payment of costs and the scheduling of a Weir committee meeting to address any outstanding issues, and to then dissolve the Committee**
Appendix O had been withdrawn. KB declared an interest as SODC Councillor and left the room. JW took over as chairman for this item.
BU said he was pulling together a comprehensive report on all aspects of the judicial review and proposed that a Weir Committee meeting be scheduled for 31 July to receive the report and consider recommending wrapping up the committee.
He also proposed council formally approve payment of negotiated costs of £6,700 from the original award of £10,000.
Resolved: That both proposals be approved.

- 18/130 To consider appointment of two further GPC trustees to the Goring Poor Allotment Charity (in line with their constitution)**
Resolved: That Cllr's MBu and MBr be appointed.
- 18/131 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of meetings held on 24 April and 22 May 2018**
 Received and noted
- 18/132 Correspondence**
- 1 To consider a request from MIGGS regarding Station Road improvements**
 Email at appendix C1 refers.
Resolved: That the council write to OCC Highways in line with the request
 - 2 To consider an email received about road signs at the Mill Road / Wallingford Road junction**
 Email at C2 refers.
 KB noted some lines had recently been repainted by OCC, he proposed writing to OCC to see if they have any safety improvement ideas to suggest. DB suggested the hedge may need cutting back.
Resolved: That the council write to OCC Highways
 - 3 To consider a report from MIGGS on Wallingford Road pavement safety**
 Report at C3 refers
Resolved: That the council write to OCC and Network Rail to try and progress some action.
- 18/133 Matters for future discussion**
 None
- 18/134 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
- 18/135 Email and internet security**
 MBr and BU gave a presentation on IT security
- The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2110 hrs.

Abbreviations (where used):

GPC	Goring on Thames Parish Council
MIGGS	Mobility Issues Group for Goring and Streatley
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
NPSG	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
OCC	Oxfordshire County Council
SODC	South Oxfordshire District Council