

GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

**All Councillors are summoned to a meeting of Council, to be held at the
Bellême Room, Village Hall, Goring on Monday 12th March 2018 at 7.30pm
Public and press are invited to attend**

Members are respectfully reminded of the obligation to declare any interests relevant to business to be *conducted at this meeting and of the convention as to withdrawal from the meeting for the relevant item unless* the interest is not one that debars the member from speaking thereon.

AGENDA – COUNCIL MEETING

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To receive declarations of interests.
3. Public forum: *An opportunity for the public to address the council. With the permission of the chairman, the public may also speak about specific items of business as they arise.*
4. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2018.
5. Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.
6. To receive chairman's report and announcements.
7. To receive a report on the NP Strategic Project for Goring CE Primary School (CB)
8. To consider a report on the NP Strategic Project for traffic management, parking and pedestrian safety in the village centre (DB) (Appendix A)
9. To receive a report from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer.
10. To receive a report from the Police. (JW)
11. To consider a report on Recreation Grounds issues. (LR) (Appendix B)
12. To consider a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues (MBu);
 - 12.1. To consider future maintenance of the paddock;
 - 12.2. To consider whether burial ground charges (resident or non-resident) should be based upon the grave's exclusive rights owner or the deceased's address (Appendix C)
 - 12.3. For residency qualification – consideration of the point at which a 'resident' becomes a 'non-resident', if they move away from the parish of Goring, e.g. into a nursing home out of the area. (MBu)
 - 12.4. To consider an appeal on memorial charges at White Hill Burial Ground (Appendix D)
13. To receive a report regarding planned events in the village. (CH)
14. Parish Finance:

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- 14.1. To approve payments for February 2018. (Appendix E)
- 14.2. To note receipts for February 2018. (Appendix F)
- 14.3. To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 28 February 2018. (Appendix G)
- 14.4. To consider virements within the budget towards the year end (Appendix H)
- 14.5. To consider payment of a late invoice £300 plus VAT for Christmas lights 2016 (approved in Sept 2016). 2017 Christmas grants budget (underspent) will need an increase of £150.
- 14.6. To consider a 2018 staff pay increase of 2% in line with national pay agreements.
- 15. To consider three grant applications deferred from the February meeting (papers circulated in February).
 - 15.1. From the Citizens Advice Bureau
 - 15.2. From Age UK Oxfordshire
 - 15.3. From the Oxfordshire Association for the Blind
- 16. To review Standing Orders and Regulations
- 17. Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of meetings held on 23 January 2018.
- 18. Correspondence.
 - 1. To consider requests for dog waste bins on The Ridgeway and in Gatehampton Road (C1)
 - 2. To consider a complaint regarding the Neighbourhood Plan (C2)
- 19. Matters for future discussion.

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7 March 2018

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL
Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7.30pm Monday 12 February 2018

Members Present:

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

Officers Present:

Clerk	Colin Ratcliff (CR)
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10 members of the public and press

18/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Bryan Urbick (BU) and Carmela Boff (CB)

18/2 To receive any declarations of interests

CH declared an interest in Item 8

18/3 Public Forum

Ann Hart spoke in favour of the grant application for Age UK Oxfordshire for Bereavement Group in the village. John Boler was present to speak to Item 17.

18/4 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2017

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

18/5 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda

None

18/6 To receive chairman's report and announcements

None

18/7 To receive a report on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Appendix A refers. KB warned the timing may be tight for the next council meeting and therefore an extraordinary meeting may be required in order to make timely progress. EB asked if the Icknield Road planning permission approval was relevant. Mike Stares stated they had reduced the initial 14 houses to 10 but otherwise no impact on the NP.

18/8 Planning Application – To consider a response to the following application:

P17/S4113/HH 34 Lockstile Way, Goring, RG8 0AL – Extensions and alterations to existing dwelling (as amended by plans and D&S statement received 24th January 2018)

CH left the room.

DB stated the original application had previously been recommended for approval by the Planning Committee. It was noted the revision is for a smaller development than the previous submission.

Resolved: That the council had **No Strong Views** on the amendment

CH returned.

18/9 To receive an update on the NP Strategic Project for Goring CE Primary School

Appendix B refers.

Signed:

Dated:

- 18/10 To receive a report on the NP Strategic Project for traffic management, parking and pedestrian safety in the village centre**
Appendix C refers. DB raised issues that OCC are not answering emails / request for meetings. KB stated he would enquire who is dealing with Goring matters and write to the Cabinet Member responsible.
- 18/11 To note a report from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer.**
Appendix D refers. KB highlighted Carilion issues and that OCC was in a stronger position than many Authorities having cancelled their contract before they went into receivership. There are still some details to unravel but OCC are providing continued service. The Growth Deal is moving through District Councils and SODC cabinet passed it that day. It would reduce the need for a 5 year housing supply to 3 for a few years, thus providing some protection to overdevelopment.
- 18/12 To receive a report from the Police**
JW reported further complaints of drugs use at Sheepcot, all the village recreation grounds are now on the Neighbourhood Team's targeted patrol list. There was damage to a vehicle in Nun's Acre. The PCSO will attend some council meetings in person – next one being March.
- 18/13 To consider a report on Recreation Grounds issues.**
Appendix E refers.
Resolved: That the proposals to submit further applications to SODC on tree works for The Rectory Garden and Gardiner Recreation Ground be approved.
- 18/14 To receive a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues**
MBu reported there had been no response to letting of the paddock and at the next meeting council would need to consider maintenance or leaving as a wild meadow. Volunteer supporters to help keep the burial ground tidy include Maureen Whicher looking after flowers at the entrance, Julie Broadbent litter picking and Janet Lester who reports issues during her regular visits. A letter was received about disabled access; MBu and KB will review other lawn burial grounds for ideas on any potential changes.
A number of memorial headstones have had to be laid down as unsafe. Attempts are being made to contact the exclusive rights owners but many are older graves and current owners unknown.
- 18/15 To consider a report regarding planned events in the village**
Appendix F refers.
Resolved: That the Gap Festival may place stakes in the ground at The Rectory Garden subject to making good any damage.
- 18/16 Parish Finance:**
- 1 To approve payments for December 2017 and January 2018**
Resolved: That the payments be approved
 - 2 To note receipts for December 2017 and January 2018**
Noted
 - 3 To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 31 January 2018**
Noted
 - 4 To review income, expenditure and the current budget following the end of the third quarter 2017-18 (as at 7 February 2018).**
Noted
- 18/17 To consider a report on the Wallingford Road pavement and a proposal that 'The council**

Signed:

Dated:

resolves to make urgent representations to persuade Oxfordshire Highways to permit the removal of the rusty, bull-nose rail barrier in Wallingford Road between High Street and Goring and Streatley station, taking note of the overwhelming evidence adduced by MIGGS that pedestrian safety would be improved without reducing the safety of road vehicles or the railway’.

Appendix K refers. John Boler had asked Network Rail to send him copies of their requests and contact details. Their main contact is apparently not in Highways. KB stated he would make enquiries as to the relevant officer and write to the Cabinet Member responsible to try and progress the outstanding issues.

18/18 To consider actions required to comply with the General Data Protection Regulations and an update on the website

CH was willing to attend a course. It was noted that councillors would need to use dedicated council email addresses for all official council business once the new website was up and running.

Resolved: That the Clerk be appointed as Data Protection Officer with CH as support / fall-back as necessary, and to report back on other actions required following training.

18/19 To receive a report on the ‘Get Involved Fair’

Appendix M Noted

18/20 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of meetings held on 21st November, 5th December 2017 and 9th January 2018.

Received and noted.

18/21 Correspondence

1 To consider an application for a grant from the Citizens Advice Bureau

2 To consider an application for a grant from Age UK Oxfordshire

3 To consider an application for a grant from the Oxfordshire Association for the Blind

Resolved: To defer a decision on all three applications until April as limited funds were left in this year’s budget

4 To consider a Wayleave Consent application and commuted payment from SSE regarding development at 19 Gatehampton Road.

Resolved: That the application be approved

18/22 Matters for future discussion

None

18/23 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

18/24 To consider staff matters

Recommendations in a confidential report were approved including increasing the cleaner’s salary in line with legislative changes.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2042 hrs.

Abbreviations (where used):

FOI Freedom of Information
GM George Michael

Signed:

Dated:

GPC	Goring on Thames Parish Council
ICO	Information Commissioner's Office
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
NPSG	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
NPSP	Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Project
OCC	Oxfordshire County Council
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
SODC	South Oxfordshire District Council

DRAFT

Signed:

Dated:

Goring Parish Council - Goring High St – Report

5 Mar'18

1. Proposed High St roadworks

We are still seeking to get a fee from OCC Highways (OCCH) to prepare the drawings and specification for the proposed works to enable the construction costs to be established.

The Clerk has now approach OCCH to arrange a meeting but no response to date – we started dealing with OCCH some two years ago, but cannot get any further forward.

STILL NO CONTACT FROM OCC HIGHWAYS

2. Installation of posts in the verge adjacent to the Rectory Gardens

I would suggest we continue to monitor the situation.

3. Community Centre car park

No matters to raise

4. Strategic Project related to Traffic congestion and Parking

4.1 Comment as for previous report i.e. Our committee has met and discussed a number of matters but believe that to take matters further we need a meeting with OCCH, see above.

4.2 SODC – Civil Enforcement Powers

Attached is the letter that we propose to send to SODC requesting them to adopt Civil Enforcement Powers, you will note that the following Councils have indicated their support.

Wallingford, Sonning Common, Benson, Thame, Watlington, Cholsey and Culham.

We have a problem of illegal parking, which affects our roads and vehicle movement and is a problem for the above Councils, we need this matter addressed.

I would propose that this letter is now sent to SODC and copied to the respective Councils suggesting that they send it on to their local newspapers. I would also propose that we make John Howell MP aware of this problem and action we have taken to seek his support.

5.0 General

5.1 No matters to raise.

Cllr David Brooker

GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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All correspondence to be addressed to the clerk

Date.....

SODC.....

Dear Cllr Cotton,

Re: Civil Enforcement Powers (CEP)

At Goring-on-Thames, which is both a tourist and commuter village, we experience numerous problems of illegal parking in side roads and the High Street. Currently this can only be addressed by the Police, who unfortunately do not appear to have the time or resources to issue penalties to discourage this problem.

We hope that you will acknowledge that illegal parking affects local residents and businesses due to vehicle movement issues, and therefore with increasing vehicle numbers, a more effective enforcement system would help address the matter.

We refer to the Town & Parish Council Forum on the 1st Nov 2017, with particular reference to the above matter raised by Cllr Brooker (Goring-on-Thames Parish Council), where it was noted that other councils were also experiencing illegal parking problems. As a result an e-mail subsequently was sent to all town and parish councils in the SODC area asking if they would join with us to encourage you to adopt CEP.

As a result of this approach we received support from the following councils, all of whom have similar problems with parking enforcement:

Wallingford, Sonning Common, Benson, Thame, Watlington, Cholsey and Culham.

We are aware that these are not all of the councils in SODC as a number do not experience the same pressures that we do, however for the councils who have responded, this is seen as a matter requiring urgent attention.

Referring to the above meeting you acknowledged that SODC was one of a small number of councils throughout England who had not adopted CEP, but indicated

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that it could be set up with suitable funding, potentially through Business Rates. Of course any enforcement programme could well be self-financing.

We therefore ask that you give serious consideration to adopting CEP and allowing delegation of powers to Town and Parish Councils who wish to take up the option, as it would help address our illegal parking issues.

Thank you in advance for your considered response.

Yours sincerely

Colin Ratcliff, Clerk
For and on behalf of Goring on Thames Parish Council

cc John Howell MP

Recreation Issues - March 2018 Update

General

We have received a request for permission to look for treasure (?) on the Goring recreation grounds using metal detectors. While regarding this as a harmless activity, my feeling was that the Council should express an opinion, particularly about what share the community might want in any treasure found.

Gardiner Recreation Ground

The cricket club have requested permission to display small model cricket bats on the internal walls of the pavilion. About 16 inches long, they would record exceptional performances by members of the Goring cricket team. A method of fixing that would not damage the walls would be used. I propose that we agree to this request.

Our consultant has recommended that the diseased tree on the south side should be reduced to coppice level. The consultant's report has been forwarded to the SODC Forestry Officer with a proposal that we follow the consultant's advice. His response is awaited.

We have received a request that the lime tree in the north-east corner has its crown lifted to allow more light on the adjacent garden area. This request will be added to the list of tree-work which has already in hand, and in view of the limited resources available, can be considered next financial year if no other urgent work is required.

Sheepcot Recreation Ground

Nothing to report.

Bourdillon Field

Nothing to report.

Rectory Garden

The SODC Forestry Officer has suggested minor changes to the proposals of our consultant for remedial work on the trees. His changes have been accepted, and we await SODC agreement to proceed with the work.

Children's Recreation Equipment

The new recreation equipment recently built for the primary school has been noted, and its supplier highly recommended. The supplier, has been asked to submit proposals for 3 items of recreation equipment for the 7-11 age group to be installed in the south-east corner of the Gardiner Recreation Ground. Their response is awaited.

Lawrie Reavill

01.03.2018

GORING-ON-THAMES

PARISH COUNCIL

Old Jubilee Fire Station, Red Cross Road, Goring, RG8 9HG
 Telephone: 01491 874444 e-mail: clerk@goringpc.org
 VAT registration number 217 7087 01

To: All Funeral Services/Directors

Please be advised that the following rates for Burials and Memorials at the Whitehill Burial Ground, Goring-on-Thames will be effective from: **1 August 2017**

The rates quoted for burials include grave digging, dressing & levelling.

Burials (VAT Exempt)

	<u>Goring</u>	<u>Non-Goring</u>
<u>Exclusive Rights</u>		
Double depth Burial Plot	£732.54	£1,779.02
Triple depth Burial Plot	£899.97	£2,187.14
Cremated remains plot	£235.46	£596.49
 <u>Non-exclusive</u> – Coffin burial plot (No rights to erect memorials etc.)	 £470.92	 £1,182.52
 <u>Reopen existing grave -</u>	 £680.21	 £1,020.32
 <u>Interment Fees</u>		
Adult	£313.94	£596.49
Stillborn or under one month	£73.25	£209.30
Cremated remains	£125.58	£361.04

Monuments, Gravestones, Tablets & Monumental Inscriptions (Plus VAT at 20%)

- For the right to erect or place on a grave in respect of which the Exclusive Right of Burial has been granted:

	<u>Goring</u>	<u>Non-Goring</u>
a) A headstone or a cross not exceeding 4 feet in height	£125.58	£470.92
b) A wooden cross not exceeding 4 feet in height	£62.79	£235.46
c) A tablet, or monument in the form of a vase, not exceeding 15" in height and 2" for cremated remains.	£96.27	£392.43

- The fees indicated for the various headstones include the first inscription. For each inscription after the first the fee is:

£52.32	£162.20
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Colin Ratcliff
Clerk to the Council

Appendix D

Mr. K. Bulmer
Chairman, Goring Parish Council
Old Jubilee Fire Station
Red Cross Road
Goring-on-Thames
Reading RG8 9HG

14th February, 2018

Dear Mr Bulmer

Memorial fees at Goring Parish Burial Ground – Mrs Barbara Stapleton

Thank you for your time in talking to me today regarding the memorial fees at Goring Parish burial ground.

I am writing to appeal to you and your colleagues regarding the memorial fee that has been requested (via AB Walker Undertaker) for my mother's burial at Goring Parish burial ground.

The fee requested is the higher "non Goring fee". I find it very difficult to understand the justification for this increased fee being requested when my mother had been a resident of Goring for almost 50 years. During these years she had been a major contributor to village life and was a member of many organisations, including the WI, U3A, Meals on Wheels as well as being a regular worshipper at St. Thomas of Canterbury C of E Church.


My mother and father moved to Goring in 1968 and my father was buried at the burial ground when he died in 1997. My mother's wish was always to be buried in the same plot and this wish was fulfilled when she died of cancer late last year.

I have been informed that the increased fee is because my sister and I as executors of my mother's estate are not Goring residents. This I would completely understand if either of us was asking to be buried in Goring. However, this is not the case and surely the logical argument for being buried in Goring and being charged the "Goring fee" is whether you are a resident of Goring at the time of your demise.

I fully understand the argument for charging a higher fee for someone wishing to be buried in Goring who is not a resident, but surely the ethical way of determining whether the higher fee should be charged or not is whether the deceased is a resident of Goring at the time of their death not where the executors of an estate happen to live?

I therefore appeal to your sense of justice that the lower "Goring fee" be charged in my mother's case.

Yours sincerely



Alan Stapleton

Copy to:-

Rosie Johnson
Memorial Manager A.B. Walker & Son Ltd
Eldon House
36 Eldon Road
Reading RG1 4DL

Goring-on-Thames Parish Council						
Accounts for payment February 2018						
Payee	Description			Amount	Date	Ref
Current Account						
BGG Garden & Tree Care	Litter picking January	3560		£ 470.40	14/02/2018	BACS 20/18
C Ratcliff	Salary	2310	£ 1,395.25			
C Ratcliff	Car Allowance	2110	£ 20.00	£ 1,415.25	28/02/2018	BACS 30/18
C Fox	Salary	2310		£ 133.00	28/02/2018	BACS 31/18
First Line IT	Email Hosted Exchange	2240		£ 5.94	16/02/2018	BACS 21/18
Goodlife Gardens	Misc Clearances, Odd Jobs	var		£ 594.00	22/02/2018	BACS 27/18
Goring Hardware	Misc Items	var		£ 20.26	16/02/2018	BACS 19/18
Goring Village Hall	Key deposit	2540		£ 12.00	22/02/2018	BACS 25/18
HMRC	PAYE & NI	2310		£ 752.11	07/02/2018	BACS 16/18
J M Krzak	Cleaning (January)	2310		£ 237.87	06/02/2018	BACS 17/18
J M Krzak	Cleaning (February)	2310		£ 300.96	28/02/2018	BACS 32/18
M & C Landscapes	Grave Digging December	3210		£ 375.84	22/02/2018	BACS 29/18
M & C Landscapes	Grave Digging January	3210		£ 799.68	27/02/2018	BACS 28/18
Original Field of Architecture	School Feasibility Study	3330		£ 6,666.00	16/02/2018	BACS 23/18
Reeves Memorial Co Ltd	Re-fix memorial WHBG	3100		£ 120.00	14/02/2018	BACS 24/18
SSE	Street Lights Maintenance January	3420		£ 1,033.62	16/02/2018	BACS 22/18
Swift Office Stuff	Office supplies	2210		£ 19.78	14/02/2018	BACS 18/18
Direct Debits/Standing Orders						
Biff Bang Pow	Website hosting package monthly fee	2240		£ 26.10	01/02/2018	DD
Castle Water	Water WHBG	2260		£ 2.57	28/02/2018	DD
Castle Water	Water Gardiner Pavilion	2260		£ 106.29	12/02/2018	DD
Castle Water	Water Gardiner Sprinkler	2260		£ 111.57	12/02/2018	DD
Castle Water	Water Sheepcot Pavilion	2260		£ 104.57	12/02/2018	DD
Castle Water	Water OJFS	2260		£ 12.60	12/02/2018	DD
Grundon Waste Management	Collections OJFS Nov - Jan	3560		£ 4.97	20/02/2018	DD
NEST	Pension Contributions	2310		£ 35.19	26/02/2018	DD
SSE	Electricity - Gardiner Pavilion (Q4)	2260		£ 160.72	15/02/2018	DD
SSE	Electricity - Sheepcot Pavilion (Q4)	2260		£ 113.19	10/02/2018	DD
SSE	Electricity - OJFS (Q4)	2260		£ 64.69	10/02/2018	DD
SSE	Gas OJFS (Q4)	2260		£ 27.78	10/02/2018	DD
SSE	Gas Gardiner (Q4)	2260		£ 62.16	10/02/2018	DD
SSE	Gas Sheepcot (Q4)	2260		£ 59.65	10/02/2018	DD
SSE	Street lights unmetered electricity	3420		£ 330.26	19/02/2018	DD
Xerox (UK)	Copier Printer usage	2210		£ 11.50	02/02/2018	DD
Neighbourhood Plan						
Kirkham Landscape Planning	Consultant Fees	4902		£ 294.00	16/02/2018	BACS 15/18
Xerox (UK)	Copier printer usage	4903		£ 124.80	02/02/2018	DD
David Wilkins	Zurich Insurance renewal	4908		£ 201.60	21/02/2018	BACS 26/18
Total:				£ 14,810.92		

Goring-on-Thames Parish Council					
Receipts received February 2018					
From	Description	Code	Date	Ref	Amount
Cyril H Lovegrove	Reopen plot Westwood	1130	05/02/2018	Inv 1135	£680.21
Aldershot Memorials	Memorial - Jones	1130	05/02/2018	Inv 1133	£194.64
TSB	Bank Interest	1190	09/02/2018	DC	£3.19
Cyril H Lovegrove	Interment - Westwood	1130	12/02/2018	Inv 1135	£313.94
Howard Chadwick	Interment - McDonald	1130	20/02/2018	Inv 1139	£994.15
Stop Goring Hydro	Donation	1132	22/02/2018	500034	£5,500.00
AB Walker	Memorials Giles,Packman, Stapleton, Jones	1130	28/02/2018	var	£1,149.02
				Total:	£8,835.15

Goring on Thames Parish Council
Monthly Report Bank Account and Reserves Balances

As at: **28 February 2018**

Reconciled Bank Account Balances

Current TSB		£19,373.39
TSB Reserves		£75,182.59
Unpresented Payments		£0.00
Unpresented Receipts		£0.00
VAT Control Account		£2,463.03
Total		£97,019.01

Earmarked Reserves (Capital and Contingency)

Operating Reserve Account	R	£50,000.00
Rectory Garden	R	£1,000.00
Ferry Lane Riverbank Repairs	R	£0.00
Ferry Lane Fence	R	£750.00
Tree Purchase and Replacement	R	£11,080.00
Playground Equipment	C	£11,267.00
Weir Legal Fees	R	£6,582.40

Total Revenue Reserves £69,412.40

Total Capital Reserves £11,267.00

Total Reserves **£80,679.40**

General Funds Available **£16,339.61**

Goring on Thames Parish Council

Budget 2017-18 End of Year

As we approach the end of the financial year I have some virement requests to cover unexpected or increased costs – virement to come from underspent budgets.

Allowances / Expenses / Training:

£50 vire from Misc expenditure

Telephone & Internet:

£150 from Office equipment, software etc

Audit Fees:

£500 vire from Legal fees (To cover for accrual required at year end)

NP Printing / Exhibitions:

£1400 vire from Consultants (to cover printing of final documents etc)

Colin Ratcliff

Clerk / RFO

6/3/2018

Emails regarding dog waste bins

1. Ridgeway Path and / or Leathern Bottle

From: Chris Bertrand (South Stoke)

Could you please ask Goring Parish Council to add some more dog poo bins? Today I walked from South Stoke to Goring and had to carry a bag of dog poo from the edge of Withymead to McColls before I could find a bin. Then on the way back I had to carry another poo from just past the Goring Recreation Ground all the way to South Stoke.

A bin at the start of the Ridgeway path and/or one by the Leathern Bottle would be great

Cheers

Chris

2. Gatehampton Road

From: Julie Broadhurst

Sent: 17 February 2018 14:33

To: Clerk

Subject: Dog poo bags

Dear Clerk

I have mentioned this problem in Gatehampton Road before. It is currently the worse for ages. I took and have attached two photos. These are just two examples. If we could have a dog poo bin fixed to the speed sign post as you leave the houses and the road changes to a single lane.

I collect so much rubbish every day, mostly thrown from cars. These dog poo bags drive me mad. They are hung on the fence, thrown into my field or just left on the verge side.

Julie Broadhurst



Complaint

From: Michael Pearson
Sent: 18 February 2018 20:22
To: Clerk
Subject: CF: - Web Enquiry

Subject: Goring neighborhood plan

Message: The Parish Council set up the group that developed the neighborhood plan , according to the minutes of the council meetings voted to accept the plan and voted to put the plan forward, indicating clearly that the group concerned were a working group or committee of the council. I wish to complain that the group did not follow its own remit . It indicated it would be following the expressed wishes of the local population. One of those wishes expressed at the same level of intensity as not building in the area of outstanding natural beauty and not building on agricultural land was not putting forward any sites susceptible to creeping development. This has been apparently dropped from the plan. There were strong indications before the plan was published that the field behind springhill road would be subject to creeping development. SODC had already tried falsely claiming the whole field was an infill site portraying a single line of houses with fields either side as a block of urban development. Even before the plan was officially published the developers were trying to increase the size of the development and the size of the inducement they offered indicates clearly that they believe that if they are permitted any development they will get as a minimum the entire field. There appears to have been inappropriate involvement between the SODC planning department, the Goring Neighborhood Plan working group , and the developers with what appeared to be advertised as a joint meeting about the sites at the north of the village. I am not aware of joint meetings about other potential development sites. Finally I note that in the minutes of the meeting to accept the plan one of the local councillors referred to the whole of Goring being in the AONB whilst I concede that currently I am having difficulty finding a map that shows the boundary of the AONB maps I have seen previously suggested that this is not the case so incorrect information was presented before the vote

From: Clerk <clerk@goringpc.org>
Sent: 20 February 2018 18:16
Subject: RE: - Web Enquiry

Dear Mr Pearson,

Thank you for your email.

The Parish Council have not yet decided whether the Plan will be submitted. It is currently being revised and final documents prepared following the Reg. 14 (Village) consultation last year and is expected to be presented to the Parish Council around the end of February / start of March. The Council will then consider whether to submit it to the District Council (SODC).

Thank you for your comments, which have been forwarded to the Neighbourhood Plan team. All comments made to the Neighbourhood Plan will, of course be considered but depending on the outcome you may not necessarily receive a direct response to them. Please note also that since the statutory village (Regulation 14) consultation period finished in December your comments will not be considered or included in the Consultation Statement, which will be reporting on the comments made during this consultation. However, should the Council decide to submit the revised Plan to SODC, there will be a further six week consultation when you may submit these and any other comments formally.

Following that it would be submitted to an Independent Examiner to approve prior to a parish referendum.

I can assure you that the whole of Goring Parish is in the AONB and have attached a small map (The River Thames is the western boundary of the AONB throughout the parish).

Regards,

Colin Ratcliff
Clerk

From: Michael Pearson
Sent: 25 February 2018 22:22
To: Clerk
Subject: Re: - Web Enquiry

Thank you for your reply. Please note that as I had hoped the e-mail made clear I am not commenting on the neighborhood plan I am complaining to the council about maladministration by a committee or working group. I made responses to the Neighborhood Planning group in the relevant period. Indeed I submitted the response via your office. Thank you for the map of the AONB. It is frustrating that more detailed maps are not easily available

For council to consider 12 March 2018:

Comments from Chairman, Clerk and Site Selection Overview Group (SSOG) following a review of the issues raised:

The policy and assessment of site selection is included in the Plan in detail and is evidence based taking note of all comments / submissions received. The site selection process is a complex mix of many factors, only one of which includes comments made during the early stages of village consultation. The SSOG stated in their report that the process appeared to be robust and fair.

Part of the NP legal requirement process includes close communication with the District Council. The NP would sit 'under' SODC's Local Plan and National Plans.

Comments about the extent of the AONB have already been answered.

Our view is that there was no maladministration by the NP steering group regarding this complaint and that should Council accept this view, any similar issues the complainant wishes to raise should be with the Independent Examiner.

CR

Clerk

28 February 2018