

# 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 9 April 2018 at 8.00pm  
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 March 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 (BU/CH)
8. To receive a report on the NP Strategic Project for traffic management, parking and pedestrian safety in the village centre (DB)
9. To note a report from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer. (Appendix A)
10. To receive a report from the Police. (JW)
11. To receive a report on Recreation Grounds issues. (LR) (Appendix B)
12. To receive a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues. (MBu)
13. To consider a proposal to move unsafe memorial stones where the current owners cannot be traced to the edges of the burial ground. (LR)
14. To receive a report regarding planned events in the village. (CH)
15. Parish Finance:
  - 15.1. To approve payments for March 2018. (Appendix C)
  - 15.2. To note receipts for March 2018. (Appendix D)
  - 15.3. To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 31 March 2018. (Appendix E)
  - 15.4. To consider a budget increase to car park costs for legal fees of an estimated £2,000, for lease renewal.

Colin Ratcliff, Clerk to the Council

4 April 2018

# **GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

16. To consider two attendees to the Town and Parish Forum on Tuesday, 26 June 2018
17. To consider a report on the showers at Gardiner Recreation Ground Pavilion ([Appendix F](#))
18. To consider a report on the cost of additional dog waste bins ([Appendix G](#))
19. To consider an appeal from Mason's Fair on rental charges ([Appendix H](#))
20. Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of meetings held on 20 February 2018.
21. Correspondence.
22. Matters for future discussion.

Colin Ratcliff, Clerk to the Council

4 April 2018

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7.30pm Monday 12 March 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)
	Bryan Urbick (BU)

**Officers Present:**

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

**18/25 To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Matthew Brown (MBr) and Emrhys Barrell (EB)

**18/26 To receive any declarations of interests**

None

**18/27 To receive a report from the Police**

Item 10 brought forward

PCSO Mark Bell and a colleague were present. He reported a new Neighbourhood Sergeant had been appointed – PS Neil Hands.

Parking issues by builders in Gatehampton Road had been resolved but will be monitored. Local builders have expressed interest in signing up to Business Watch. A white Transit Van had been checked in suspicious circumstances around the village. He noted some burglaries had been reported in the nearby area; there had been an attempt in Cleeve Road the previous week. Local youths had been spoken to in Sheepcot. Hare coursing is a current priority and two vehicles were recently caught and seized nearby.

**18/28 Public Forum**

John Boler gave an update on a site meeting with OCC and NWR regarding the Wallingford Road widening. NWR are willing to accommodate whatever is practicable and OCC acknowledged there is a serious problem that needs addressing. Following further technical checks, OCC are hopeful to be able to realign / reconstruct the road to accommodate a full width pavement. NWR in the meantime are to cut back vegetation as much as possible.

**18/29 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2018**

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

**18/30 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda**

CH stated she cannot be the General Data Protection Regulations fall-back councillor as no training course was available.

**18/31 To receive chairman's report and announcements**

KB stated he hoped to announce an Extraordinary Meeting for 27 March regarding the NP submission.

He informed GPC that Cllr. Carmela Boff had resigned and that there was therefore a Casual Vacancy for which notice will be given.

Signed:

Dated:

He noted the date for the Weir Judicial Review Appeal Hearing of 20 March at The Appeal Court.

- 18/32 To consider requests for dog waste bins on The Ridgeway and in Gatehampton Road**  
Item 18/1 brought forward  
Julie Broadhurst explained the need for a bin in Gatehampton Road and BU the need for The Ridgeway.  
**Resolved:** That costs of new bins be obtained and reported back to GPC
- 18/33 To receive a report on the NP Strategic Project for Goring CE Primary School**  
BU reported the project was going well and hoped for more detail by the next meeting.
- 18/34 To consider a report on the NP Strategic Project for traffic management, parking and pedestrian safety in the village centre**  
Appendix A refers.  
**Resolved:** That a letter be sent to SODC regarding parking deregulation
- 18/35 To receive a report from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer**  
Report added as an appendix to the minutes. KB added that OCC were managing a declining roads network with limited budgets and potholes are an ongoing issue. £450-500m was needed to fix the network properly but OCC will continue to repair as efficiently as possible. KB had proposed a devolvement system for initial consideration by OCC.
- 18/36 To consider a report on Recreation Grounds issues.**  
Appendix B refers.  
Comments on metal detecting were that the recreation grounds are grassed and maintained areas. There was agreement on cricket trophies being placed on one wall and to make good any damage. Letter re dog faeces – keeping dogs on leads was felt to be unenforceable. There are two dog waste bins at Sheepcot. LR would write a note for GGN and GENIE to highlight the issues again.  
**Resolved:** That metal detecting would not be allowed on council owned areas. That permission be given to the Cricket Club for small bat trophies.
- 18/37 To consider a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues**
- 1 To consider future maintenance of the paddock**  
**Resolved:** That the paddock should be cut once a year.
  - 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 refers.  
**Resolved:** That the criteria for Goring residential rates for both interment and memorials would be set upon the last home address of the deceased and not the exclusive rights owner.
  - 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**  
**Resolved:** That there would a maximum five year limit to the qualification
  - 4 To consider an appeal on memorial charges at White Hill Burial Ground**  
Appendix D refers – resolved by item 18/37/2 above going forwards, refund in this case only.
- 18/38 To receive a report regarding planned events in the village**  
None
- 18/39 Parish Finance:**

Signed:

Dated:

**1 To approve payments for February 2018**

**Resolved:** That the payments be approved

**2 To note receipts for February 2018**

Noted

**3 To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 28 February 2018**

Noted

**4 To consider virements within the budget towards the year end**

Appendix H refers

**Resolved:** Virements approved

**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.**

**Resolved:** To pay the invoice with an increased budget for 2017-18

**6 To consider a 2018 staff pay increase of 2% in line with national pay agreements.**

**Resolved:** Approved for payment from 1 April 2018

**18/40 To consider three grant applications deferred from the February meeting (papers circulated in February).**

**1 From the Citizens Advice Bureau**

Discussions took place on the merits of local impact, use of public money when not specifically for Goring. It was suggested that the CAB could consider a Goring surgery and agreed that BU would contact them to discuss.

**2 From Age UK Oxfordshire**

BU stated this met the criteria as being specific for Goring residents and proposed £500 as 25% of their required total. MBu proposed £1000 which was not supported as an amendment.

**Resolved:** To provide a grant of £500 with an increase in the budget for the current financial year.

**3 From the Oxfordshire Association for the Blind**

This application was not supported

**18/41 To review Standing Orders and Regulations**

No changes proposed other than those for the White Hill Burial Ground Regulations resolved as above at 18/37/2 and 3

**18/42 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2018.**

Received and noted.

**18/43 Correspondence**

**1 To consider a complaint regarding the Neighbourhood Plan**

**Resolved:** That there had been nothing wrong with the NP process as suggested. BU would draft a reply to the complainant

**18/44 Matters for future discussion**

LR suggested moving unsafe memorial stones where the current owners cannot be traced to the edges of the burial ground. For next meeting.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2045 hrs.

Signed:

Dated:

**Abbreviations (where used):**

FOI	Freedom of Information
GENIE	Gap Electronic News and Information Exchange
GGN	Goring Gap News
GM	George Michael
GPC	Goring on Thames Parish Council
ICO	Information Commissioner's Office
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
NPSG	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
NPSP	Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Project
NWR	Network Rail
OCC	Oxfordshire County Council
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
SODC	South Oxfordshire District Council

DRAFT

Signed:

Dated:

## REPORT TO GORING DIVISION PARISH COUNCILS **APRIL 2018** FROM CLLR KEVIN BULMER

### GENERAL OCC REPORT

#### GOVERNMENT MINISTER SIGNS £215M GROWTH DEAL FOR OXFORDSHIRE

Housing Minister Dominic Raab visited Heyford Park near Bicester last month to sign a deal to deliver a £215m investment in transport infrastructure and affordable housing in Oxfordshire. The Minister met Councillor Yvonne Constance, the county council's Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy. The deal was signed by all six members of the Oxfordshire Growth Board: Oxfordshire County Council, Oxford City Council, Cherwell District Council, West Oxfordshire District Council, Vale of White Horse District Council and South Oxfordshire District Council. March also saw the Oxfordshire Growth Board announce the first year of projects to be funded by an initial release of £30m for infrastructure projects as part of the Deal agreement. Government road money is for major improvements and cannot be used for day-to-day maintenance, but the investment will help to improve the overall standard of the road network.

#### HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (HIF)

On 21 March the Government announced 44 bids which have made it through to stage 2 of its Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) to fund major infrastructure projects. Two of the three HIF bids submitted by OCC last autumn on behalf of Oxfordshire made it through and will now progress to a co-development stage:

**Didcot Garden Town** – £171m is sought for transport improvements including a Didcot Science Bridge and A4130 dual carriageway, a new river crossing at Culham and Clifton Hampden Bypass. This would support the delivery of over 22,000 homes in Didcot, Culham, Harwell and Berinsfield. Additionally, up to £70m of cycle and other sustainable transport improvements are proposed for inclusion in the bid plan.

**West Oxfordshire Garden Village** – £135m is sought for further upgrades to the A40, building on existing schemes and based on the approved A40 Long Term Strategy including development of the Rapid Transit network and additional highway capacity on A40 transport corridor. This would support the delivery of over 10,000 homes in Witney & Carterton, and around Eynsham.

Detailed business plans will now be developed for the £300 million of transport infrastructure investment behind these two bids. The Growth Board partners expect to hear this autumn whether or not the two bids going through have ultimately succeeded.

#### COUNCILLOR PRIORITY FUND

As announced in last month's report, all Oxfordshire County Councillors now have a £15k budget to allocate to highways or community projects within their parishes.

#### LIVE WELL OXFORDSHIRE WEBSITE CAMPAIGN

The OCC Adult Social Care Team is running a campaign to raise awareness of its *Live Well Oxfordshire* website. *Live Well Oxfordshire* brings together over 2,000 services and activities in one easy to search online directory – from residential care homes and care services that help people stay living at home, to transport services to get them out and about and new hobbies to enjoy. Residents can find useful information and advice on a range of subjects – all aimed at giving them greater choice and control over the support and services they, or a loved one, need. Details here: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/livewell](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/livewell)

## POTHOLE FUND BOOSTED TO REPAIR ROADS AFTER WINTER DAMAGE

Central Government has announced that local roads badly affected by recent winter weather will benefit from a further £100 million to help repair any potholes and other storm damage, Transport Secretary Chris Grayling announced on 26 March. Nationally, this money will help repair almost 2 million potholes as well as help protect the roads from any future severe weather. This is on top of the £75 million in government funding already given to councils from the Pothole Action Fund this year, as well as the additional £46 million boost for highways authorities announced just before Christmas. Around 7 million potholes across the UK will be filled due to this money, announced in the 2016 Budget. Oxfordshire's share of these funds comes to nearly £3m.

## FORMER COUNTY COUNCIL DEPUTY LEADER DIES

Statement from the leader of the county council, Councillor Ian Hudspeth:

*"It was with great sadness that we have learned that Rodney Rose, the deputy leader of Oxfordshire County Council until last year, died last month. I will miss him greatly as a friend and colleague. I worked closely with Rodney for many years. He was a tireless and dedicated local councillor representing Charlbury and Wychwood. As a long-serving member of the Cabinet, he had wide-ranging responsibilities for council services. He was a tireless champion of Oxfordshire's fire and rescue service. He represented the county council on several major projects that will benefit Oxfordshire, including the east-west rail scheme and the planned flood alleviation scheme around west Oxford. These will be his legacy as a public servant. On behalf of everyone at Oxfordshire County Council who knew and worked with him, I send his family our deepest condolences*

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**Recreation Issues - April 2018 Update**

**General**

Following the decision at the March meeting of GPC, a communication was sent to the applicant indicating the reasons why the use of metal detectors on Goring recreation grounds was refused.

**Gardiner Recreation Ground**

The SODC Forestry Officer has rejected our consultant's recommendation that the diseased tree on the south side be reduced to coppice level, though we believe the consultant's intention was that it should be pollarded. The Forestry Officer's comments suggest that there are no serious problems with the tree, and that a watching brief and further investigation is needed. I am happy to go along with that. Copies of the consultant's report and the Tree Officer's comments are attached.

**Sheepcot Recreation Ground**

The problem of dog waste on the football pitches was raised at the March meeting of GPC. A short note about this has been prepared for the GGN, and the editor has been asked to find room for it in the next edition.

Following the resignation of Cllr. Boff, the deep-clean of the Sheepcot pavilion by SSE staff has been cancelled. The Robin's organizers have expressed interest in a discussion about the pavilion refurbishment.

**Bourdillon Field**

Nothing to report

**Rectory Garden**

The SODC Forestry Officer has agreed to the proposal for remedial work on the trees. The Clerk will be arranging for the work to be carried out.

**Children's Recreation Equipment**

There has been some discussion with a supplier of new recreation equipment to be installed in the south-east corner of the Gardiner Recreation Ground. Detailed proposals are awaited.

Lawrie Reavill

28.03.2018

<b>Goring-on-Thames Parish Council</b>						
Accounts for payment March 2018						
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>			<b>Amount</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Ref</b>
<b>Current Account</b>						
Age UK Oxon	Grant	3330		£ 500.00	28/03/2018	BACS 56/18
Alan Stapleton	Memorial fee refund	1130		£ 131.86	19/03/2018	000010
BGG Garden & Tree Care	Litter picking February	3560		£ 352.80	13/03/2018	BACS 43/18
Biff Bang Pow	Website hosting package final payment	2240		£ 1.80	28/03/2018	BACS 53/18
British Gas	Gardiner Servicing	2260		£ 177.60	28/03/2018	BACS 51/18
C Ratcliff	Salary	2310	£ 1,395.25			
C Ratcliff	Car Allowance	2110	£ 20.00	£ 1,415.25	29/03/2018	BACS 50/18
C Fox	Salary	2310		£ 133.00	29/03/2018	BACS 48/18
EJH Legal	Advice re ICO requests	2520		£ 429.00	07/03/2018	BACS 39/18
Festival Vision	Christmas Lights 2017	3330		£ 360.00	13/03/2018	BACS 41/18
Festival Vision	Christmas Lights 2016	3330		£ 360.00	14/03/2018	BACS 41/18
First Line IT	Email Hosted Exchange	2240		£ 5.94	07/03/2018	BACS 40/18
Goring Hardware	Misc Items	var		£ 35.75	14/03/2018	BACS 45/18
HMRC	PAYE & NI February	2310		£ 767.71	07/03/2018	BACS 34/18
J M Krzak	Cleaning (March)	2310		£ 244.38	29/03/2018	BACS 49/18
OALC	Subscription 2018-19	2410		£ 618.86	07/03/2018	BACS 35/18
RES Fire Protection	Fire safety	2200		£ 256.32	28/03/2018	BACS 55/18
Richard Buxton	Legal Fees - Weir	6350		£ 2,682.84	20/03/2018	BACS 46/18
Rialtas Business Solutions	Accounts year end training	2110		£ 216.00	07/03/2018	BACS 38/18
Robelec Ltd	School Lights fitting	3910		£ 252.00	20/03/2018	BACS 47/18
SODC	Dog waste bins Jan - Mar 2018	3560		£ 100.46	28/03/2018	BACS 52/18
SSE	Street Lights Maintenance	3420		£ 1,033.62	07/03/2018	BACS 37/18
WEL Medical	Defibrillator Pads	3170		£ 83.82	06/03/2018	BACS 33/18
<b>Direct Debits/Standing Orders</b>						
Biff Bang Pow	Website hosting package monthly fee	2240		£ 26.10	01/03/2018	DD
Castle Water	Water WHBG	2260		£ 2.57	23/03/2018	DD
Castle Water	Water Gardiner Pavilion	2260		£ 106.29	12/03/2018	DD
Castle Water	Water Gardiner Sprinkler	2260		£ 111.57	12/03/2018	DD
Castle Water	Water Sheepcot Pavilion	2260		£ 104.57	12/03/2018	DD
Castle Water	Water OJFS	2260		£ 12.60	12/03/2018	DD
Grundon Waste Management	Skip WHBG	3560		£ 738.36	20/03/2018	DD
Mainstream Digital	Phone	2240		£ 52.97	14/03/2018	DD
Mainstream Digital	Broadband	2240		£ 54.00	14/03/2018	DD
NEST	Pension Contributions	2310		£ 35.19	20/03/2018	DD
SSE	Street lights unmetered electricity	3420		£ 308.70	19/03/2018	DD
Groundwork UK	Unused grant refund	1132		£ 432.34	13/03/2018	BACS 44/18
Swift Office Stuff	Paper / office supplies	4903		£ 66.83	07/03/2018	BACS 36/18
	<b>Total:</b>			£ 12,211.10		

<b>Goring-on-Thames Parish Council</b>					
<b>Receipts received March 2018</b>					
<b>From</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Cyril H Lovegrove	Memorial - Duffy	1130	12/03/2018	500036	£62.78
Mrs Kent	Wayleave Gatehampton	1140	27/03/2018	DC	£1.00
TSB	Bank Interest	1190	09/03/2018	DC	£2.95
Howard Chadwick	Interment - Giles	1130	01/03/2018	Inv 1140	£994.15
SPB Stoneworks	Memorial - Herman	1130	27/03/2018	Inv 1142	£565.10
Howard Chadwick	Interment - White	1130	29/03/2018	Inv 1145	£361.04
Howard Chadwick	Interment - Brown	1130	29/03/2018	Inv 1146	£994.15
				<b>Total:</b>	<b>£2,981.17</b>

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

As at: **31 March 2018**

**Reconciled Bank Account Balances**

Current TSB		£7,011.26
TSB Reserves		£78,446.65
Unpresented Payments		-£131.86
Unpresented Receipts		£0.00
VAT Control Account		£3,673.47
<b>Total</b>		<b>£88,999.52</b>

**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	£4,346.70

**Total Revenue Reserves** £67,176.70

**Total Capital Reserves** £11,267.00

**Total Reserves** **£78,443.70**

**General Funds Available** **£10,555.82**

## **Showers at Gardiner Pavilion:**

### **Summary of Issue:**

Following the refurbishment at Gardiner Pavilion a problem with the showers was discovered when the showers were in regular use during the winter months.

Each shower is operated by pressing a push button; this supplies hot water for 25 seconds before shutting off (one cycle) the button has to be pushed again for another 25 seconds supply of hot water.

When all showers operate simultaneously in one shower room only there does not seem to be any problem.

However, after about four cycles of having all 11 showers running (i.e. all the showers in both shower rooms when two teams are showering at the same time), the water slows down so much as to be of no use. After a short wait they can be run again but the flow reduces again very quickly.

### **Incoming mains pressure**

I asked Thames Water to check the flow and pressure of the mains supply into the building. They have carried out an investigation and have replaced the Outside Stop Valve (OSV) and Water Main Boundary Box and have confirmed that the pressure is well above the pressure that they are required to provide. However, the shower problem persists.

### **Thames Water has advised as follows:**

When the flow and pressure was checked from the boundary box, the flow was 20 Litres per Minute (LPM) the pressure was 5 Bar. It was confirmed at the time of the visit, they were providing more than the minimum requirement of 1 Bar of pressure to the OSV. Their Technician suggested at the time of the visit, to upgrade the existing pipework from a 32mm to 63mm to increase the flow.

### **Pipe size**

At the time of the initial visit the engineer advised that he was surprised to find that internal pipework leading from the 32mm pipe into the building reduced along the shower feeding system to 22mm and then 15mm along the route. He felt this narrowing of the pipework was the reason for a low flow rate to the showers from the accumulator tank. Thames Water has suggested that the 32mm pipe from the OSV to the building could be replaced with a 64mm pipe but this wouldn't solve the internal issue of narrowing pipes after it gets into the building.

The Thames Water operative was of the view that the installed accumulator should be sufficient for a longer usage than 4 presses of the showers and suggested that the reduction in flow is likely to be due to the restriction caused by the reducing internal pipework bores from 32mm to 22mm to 15mm.

### **Recommended remedial works**

There now seem to be two main recommendations -

- (a) upgrading the incoming pipe from the OSV from 32mm to 64mm and
- (b) increasing the size of the internal pipework which reduces from 32mm to 22mm to 15mm.

**Request for advice**

Paul Devine (the council's architect) has asked Tracy Averies (the contractor) and her plumber for advice as follows:

(1) Would you therefore please enquire of your plumber whether this sounds reasonable to him and if he would agree that it would be worth trying to increase the pipe sizes in an effort to resolve the problem?

(2) Would you also please advise of the implications of carrying out this work?

- Cost
- Earliest start date
- Estimated duration of the remedial works

(3) Would your plumber think there would be any merit in considering installing an additional accumulator or replacing the existing one with a larger one? I would imagine not but would nevertheless be interested in your plumber's view on the matter.

**First plan of action**

I would have thought that, in the first instance, before replacing the 32mm incoming supply from the OSV, it would be worthwhile (and the least expensive option) to try just increasing the size of the internal pipework from the accumulator to the shower heads. This should be a fairly straightforward exercise as the relevant pipework should be readily and easily accessible in the roof-space.

Only then, if this does not resolve the problem sufficiently, would we look at increasing the 32mm pipe from the OSV to 64mm. However, I would invite your plumber's comments on this as well.

It would be appreciated if you were able to come back to me on this as soon as possible as this has been a problem for the Pavilion users for a while now and the showers are in regular use. I look forward to hearing from you.

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**WRM Plumbing & Heating Ltd** replied 16 March 2018

Instantly, the issue is in the incoming flow to the Pavilion.

When we tested the incoming mains at 14:00 on Friday 6th January 2017, we found that the flow rate was greater than 28 litres per minute, with a pressure reading of 5.2bar. This was tested from a 22mm incoming main and 8+ metres of 15mm copper to an outside tap. By our calculations, upgrading the incoming mains from the water meter to 32mm and adding an accumulator meant

that we would have sufficient water pressure and flow to supply all showers and hot and cold outlets.

In regards to pipe sizing to the showers, this has been specifically sized NOT to allow huge flow rates to the showers. This was designed to allow a comfortable shower experience, without wasting water and depleting the supply.

### **Remedial Works**

As for upgrading the incoming main - this would not help matters. If the incoming mains are now supplying 20 Litres per minute, then after the accumulator has run dry, there would only be a flow rate of 0.5 litres per minute at each shower, which would roughly match what you are getting at the moment.

Taking the new flow rates from Thames Water into account, there are two remedies to resolve this issue properly:

Option 1\*: An additional accumulator would need to be installed. In doing this, widening the loft access (may) have to occur to get the new accumulator into the loft.

Option 2\*: A booster tank - this is a cold water cistern with an extremely powerful pump to speed the recovering times up of the accumulator.

\*both of these may require loft joist reinforcement.

Both of the above options for remedial works would be fully guaranteed by WRM and further works if required, would be fully covered as long as flow rates and pressure supplied by Thames Water DO NOT drop below 20 litres per minute and 5bar.

In order to quote for both of the above options, we would need to attend site prior to do so.

I hope this helps and if you have any further questions, please just let me know.

Kind regards,

Will Monk

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**Paul Devine** replied: 20 March 2018

Many thanks for getting back on this so promptly. This is very helpful.

However, to assist in making taking things forward, could I trouble you/WRM to advise further with regard to the following (to expedite matters,

- (1) Which of the two options would WRM suggest/recommend as being the better/more reliable?
- (2) Which of the two options would be likely to be the more cost effective/least expensive?

Without any commitment whatsoever, as a very rough ballpark figure (just so that we can get the measure of the problem) what would WRM anticipate to be the likely relative level of cost of the two options?

In answering this, I do fully appreciate that that WRM would not want to any figure offered at this stage (without having made a site visit) to be remotely considered as a quotation or undertaking of any sort.

I am merely requesting an estimated high-level 'order of cost' so that the relative merit of the two options can be considered. Any approximate level cost offered would not be held against them or you in any way but it would help inform the Council's decision in making a choice between the two options.

(3) What would be the situation should the incoming mains water pressure drop below 5 bar (say, to 4 bar) after the proposed remedial works were carried out?

Thames Water advises that they are only required to provide 1 bar and whilst there is no reason to suspect that the pressure might drop, it is possible, so I would be interested to know what the effect would be? Presumably it would just be a corresponding drop in pressure at the shower head or would there be normal pressure for a while and then a more significant drop off, as at present?

(4) Would I be correct in understanding that WRM are of the view that the incoming mains drop in pressure from 5.2 bar to 5 bar coupled with the reduction in flow rate from 28 litres/minute to 20 litres/minute is the main reason for the current problem with the showers?

I note WRM's advice about needing to support an additional accumulator or booster tank and widening the access hatch.

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**WRM Plumbing & Heating Ltd** replied:

(1) Which of the two options would WRM suggest/recommend as being the better/more reliable? - **We would recommend that the accumulator option is the most reliable (as long as Thames Water don't drop their pressure again).**

(2) Which of the two options would be likely to be the more cost effective/least expensive? - **The accumulator would be the most cost effective option.**

(3) What would be the situation should the incoming mains water pressure drop below 5 bar (say, to 4 bar) after the proposed remedial works were carried out? **If we installed the booster tank, there would be marginal change, but not enough to cause any complaints. However, if we installed the accumulator, then potentially the showers could stop working as efficiently and you would potentially then need to install the booster tank as well.**

(4) Would I be correct in understanding that WRM are of the view that the incoming mains drop in pressure from 5.2 bar to 5 bar coupled with the reduction in flow rate from 28 litres/minute to 20 litres/minute is the main reason for the current problem with the showers? - **Correct**



There is a site meeting with Tracy Averies and WRM on site to look at feasibility and cost on Friday 6 April so I hope to have an estimate of potential costs by the meeting on 9 April.

Council are asked to note the action taken so far and to consider any further actions that may be required.

Colin Ratcliff  
Clerk  
4 April 2018

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## **Dog Waste Bins**

At the last council meeting I was asked to research the cost of providing one or more additional dog waste bins.

There are a number of suppliers; purchase costs vary from approx. £150 to £220 with delivery, posts and fitting extra.

There is an annual cost of £43.65 for each bin to be emptied by SODC. I have discussed this with them and they would like to be advised of the exact location proposed prior to placement in order to approve the collection of waste.

Should approval be given by GPC and SODC for new dog waste bins then the impact to the waste budget would be a one off increase of approx. £250 per bin and an ongoing commitment to increase by £50 per annum per bin.

Colin Ratcliff

15 March 2018

## Mason's Fair - Charges

At the council meeting in July 2017 Council approved the following as part of the tariff review:

*Mason's (Fun Fair) has a separate arrangement agreed by the Council in which the fee was capped at £400 (inclusive of VAT) for the past two years. I propose that we begin to regularise the arrangement, and this coming year, increase the fee to £410 + VAT. This will be a real-terms increase of just under £100, but we can then start to address their arrangement by an increase at the RPI for future years*

Mason's Fair has booked Sheepcot Field for a fair on 9 and 10 June 2018, (on site from 5 – 12 June for set-up / take down) and has been invoiced £410 plus VAT (total £492).

The commercial rate at Sheepcot for other users is £366.27 (inc. VAT) per day with a 25% increase for non-local bookings, i.e. £457.84 per day.

Lee Meech of Mason's has asked for the following to be taken into account:

*We would like to attend the council meeting to try and put over our concerns regarding the price increase. Having attended for way over 10 years possibly closer to 15 we have generally been well supported with a good turnout. Although a price rise was inevitable from the beginning we are situated on the outskirts it does come across very expensive. We are sure that Goring parish council are not anti-fairground even though the rent has increased and our advertising posters are removed hindering passing trade, because when we have spoken to council members in the past they have been very welcoming.*

*We believe that there should be no VAT on ground rent. We do not object to an increase but surely this should be realistic to previous years such a massive jump has to be unfair.*

Colin Ratcliff  
Clerk  
4 April 2018

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE  
GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL  
Old Jubilee Fire Station, Red Cross Road, Goring 7.30pm Tuesday 20 February 2018**

**Members Present:**

Chairman	David Brooker (DB)
Vice Chairman	Matthew Brown (MBr)
Members	Catherine Hall (CH)

**Officers Present:**

Clerk	Colin Ratcliff (CR)
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No members of the public and press

**18/25 To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Bryan Urbick (BU), Lawrie Reavill (LR) Mary Bulmer (MBu), John Wills (JW)

**18/26 To receive any declarations of interests**

None

**18/27 Public Forum**

None

**18/28 To approve minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23 January 2018**

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

**18/29 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda**

CIL to be added to the next agenda

**18/30 Applications:**

- 1 P18/S0251/HH 12 Heron Shaw, Goring, RG8 0AU. Single storey rear extension and two storey side extension.**

No issues were raised.

**Resolved:** That the application be recommended for **Approval**

- 2 P18/S0127/HH Millcroft, Mill Road, Goring RG8 9DD. Single storey orangery and study extension to rear.**

No issues were raised.

**Resolved:** That the application be recommended for **Approval**

**18/31 SODC Decisions**

- 1 P17/S4285/HH Little Court, Icknield Road, Goring RG8 0DG - **Granted****
  - 2 P17/S4307/HH 12 Wallingford Road, Goring RG8 0AH - **Granted****
  - 3 P17/S4352/HH Applewood, 74 Wallingford Road, Goring RG8 0HN – **Granted****
  - 4 P17/S3788/LB Nappers Cottage, High Street, Goring RG8 9AR – **Granted****
  - 5 P17/S4400/HH 16 Wallingford Road, Goring RG8 0AY – **Refused****
  - 6 P16/S3001/O Land to the rear of Cleeve Cottages, Icknield Road, Goring - **Granted****
- All were noted

**18/32 To review planning applications and decisions reported by West Berkshire District Council**

None discussed

Signed:

M.Brown

Dated: 27 March 2018

**18/33 To receive correspondence and agree actions**

**1 Licensing application Charles Cooper Henderson, moored at The Lockhouse, Goring RG8 9AE**

DB had some concerns about noise but the consensus was that no strong views need be reported back to SODC.

**2 P17/S2290/FUL Land to the West of Manor Road, Goring. Notice of Appeal**

CH noted the application was based upon a comparison to the CABI brownfield site at Wallingford but this application is in the AONB. Cllrs had nothing to add to their original submission to SODC.

**3 Consultation on updates to the Local List of Information Requirements**

Noted, no comments.

**18/34 Next meeting confirmed as 27 March 2018**

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 1950 hrs.

**Abbreviations** (where used):

CIL	Community Infrastructure Levy
GPC	Goring on Thames Parish Council
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
OCC	Oxfordshire County Council
SODC	South Oxfordshire District Council