

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 12 June 2017 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

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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 8 May 2017.
5. Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.
6. To receive chairman's report and announcements.
7. To consider a report on the Neighbourhood Plan. (Appendix A)
8. Parish Finance:
 1. To approve payments for May 2017. (Appendix B)
 2. To note receipts for May 2017. (Appendix C)
 3. To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 31 May 2017. (Appendix D)
 4. To review the budget and consider a proposal for budget reallocation. (Appendix E)
 5. To consider a report on the NP request for an amended budget to include a health check examination and to complete the NP. (Appendix F)
 6. To consider the position of outstanding grant requests, and a proposal as to an approach to these and future requests. (Appendix G)

Colin Ratcliff, Clerk to the Council

7 June 2017

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7. To consider a s.145 grant application from The Gap Festival. Deferred from previous meeting. (Appendix H)
8. To consider a s.144 request from MIGGS for match funding towards an 'Accessible by train' leaflet / brochure to promote visits to Goring and Streatley. Deferred from previous meeting. (Appendix I)
9. To consider a s.145 grant application for Goring and Streatley Food and Drink Festival. Deferred from previous meeting. (Appendix J)
10. To consider a proposal that Cllr. Urbick and the Clerk pursue grant funding for replacement and conversion of street lights to LED. (Appendix K)
9. To note a report from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer. (Appendix L)
10. To consider a report from the Police.
11. To consider a report on High Street issues. (Appendices M, M1)
12. To consider a report on Recreation Grounds issues. (Appendix N)
13. To receive an update report on The Rectory Gardens review of documentation and legal position. (Appendix O)
14. To consider a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues.
15. To consider sending congratulations to Kevin Bennett, Village Hall Clock Tower contractor who recently won a National Lead Roofing Award for the work.
16. To consider setting up an interview panel regarding two applicants for the casual vacancy in preparation for a decision on co-option at the next council meeting.
17. To consider a report on the outcome of a consultation on a memorial for George Michael, the offer of a donation for the village by the GM Lovelies Facebook Group (deferred from previous meeting) and a report on the proposed purchase by GPC of a gazebo and signage for a Visitor Information Point. (Appendices P, P1, P2)
18. To receive an update report on the GENIE newsletter initiative and the GPC newsletter. (Appendix Q)
19. To consider a report and proposal regarding the posters and signs policy. (Appendix R)
20. Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of meetings held on 25 April, 9 and 23 May 2017.
21. Matters for future discussion.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL
Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7.30pm Monday 8 May 2017

Members Present:

Chairman	Kevin Bulmer
Vice Chairman	John Wills
Members	Emrhys Barrell
	David Brooker
	Matthew Brown
	Mary Bulmer
	Catherine Hall
	Lawrie Reavill

Officers Present:

Clerk	Colin Ratcliff
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12 members of the public and press

17/1 To elect the Chairman for the year ahead.

One nomination was received: Kevin Bulmer; who was duly elected

17/2 To receive declaration of Chairman's acceptance of office.

Received.

17/3 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from: Bryan Urbick.

17/4 To elect a Vice-Chairman for the year ahead.

One nomination was received: John Wills; who was duly elected.

17/5 To receive declaration of Vice-Chairman's acceptance of office.

Received.

17/6 Councillors to confirm their registrations of interests are up to date on the SODC website.

All present confirmed. The Clerk said Cllr. Urbick had confirmed separately.

17/7 To receive any declarations of interests

None.

17/8 Public Forum

- 1 Ron Bridle asked about Item 23 Recreation Grounds report which stated that a paper would be prepared on The Rectory Garden, a consultation taking place with the Edmondson family and asked if there would be a public consultation. The Chairman said that was not a council action. Cllr. Reavill stated he was meeting at their request as a councillor and not on behalf of the full council and that there was no change in the council policy of adhering to the Trust Deed. The Chairman stated there were no plans for a public consultation as it was not currently on the council business agenda. In response to a further question about legal advice he stated a pro bono offer had been suggested which was being investigated.

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Simon Carter, Gap Festival Trustee said in relation to item 19/6 that a summary of income and expenditure had been submitted. The festival relies on substantial donations to run the event and they have still not yet reached the level of original seed funding.

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Stephanie Bridle asked about gutter cleaning and if Biffa were working to the contract. The Chairman said GPC have no contract but are trying to find out details of SODC's

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Dated:

schedule. The Clerk said SODC had agreed some work needed doing and he was waiting for confirmation it had been done.

The Chairman reiterated that prior to October 2016 GPC organised the collections funded by an SODC grant but that in October that grant had been removed and the work moved back in-house. At the time GPC raised concerns that the service would be reduced and are now working with SODC to get the work done efficiently.

Maureen Whitcher stated the Wheel Orchard bins are constantly overflowing. A discussion took place about the numbers of litter bins and their location.

Ron Bridle stated he had written to GPC suggesting that Goring employ a local person instead of paying SODC (See Appendix Q). The Chairman again reiterated that GPC does not pay SODC but if it was to then in effect taxpayers would be paying twice.

17/9 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2017

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

17/10 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda

None

17/11 To receive chairman's report and announcements

None

17/12 To appoint Planning Committee members.

Resolved: That Cllr's. Brooker, Brown, M. Bulmer, Hall, Reavill, Urbick and Wills, be appointed.

17/13 To appoint Goring Weir Committee members

Resolved: That Cllr's. Barrell, Brooker, Brown, M. Bulmer, Hall, Reavill, Urbick and Wills, be appointed.

17/14 To appoint representatives to serve on other bodies.

1 Goring Volunteer Trust: Resolved: That Cllr. Brooker be appointed

2 Twinning Committee: Resolved: That the Chairman, Cllrs. Wills and Hall be appointed

3 Lybbe's Alms House Charity: Resolved: That Cllr. Reavill be appointed

4 Goring Village Hall Committee: Resolved: That Cllr. Urbick be appointed

5 The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group: Resolved: That Cllr's K. Bulmer and Hall be appointed.

6 Goring Poor Allotment Charity: Resolved: That Cllr. K. Bulmer be appointed

17/15 To receive any reports from representatives on external bodies.

None

17/16 To consider individual councillor's responsibilities

Resolved: That all responsibilities remain as Appendix A except for the changes above

17/17 To consider a report on the Neighbourhood Plan

Nigel Gilson reported there had been a recent public NPSG meeting. A key issue is the delayed Bramhill second supplementary report regarding GNP6 which is now holding the process up; it is expected in the next week. Many hours had been spent writing the Plan and considering SODC's new Local Plan but it is coming together for submission. Some flooding questions are with SODC awaiting a response. He noted the NP budget was about £5,000 underspent last year and has £4,000 for this year.

He stated the Medical Practice is very stretched in their accommodation and one potential

Signed:

Dated:

way forward was to take over GPC's offices. The Chairman stated GPC have had exploratory talks with OCC and the current lessees of the Community Centre.

17/18 To consider a response to SODC's Local Plan consultation

Nigel Gilson said the NPSG were pulling a response together and would circulate it before the closing date on 17 May.

Resolved: That, given the time constraints, the draft be circulated and agreed by email prior to response by GPC.

17/19 Parish Finance:

1 To approve payments for April 2017

Resolved: That the payments be approved

2 To note receipts for April 2017

Noted

3 To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 30 April 2017

Noted

4 To approve direct debit mandates

Resolved: That mandates in Appendix E be approved.

5 To consider an amended budget for the Neighbourhood Plan

Resolved: That the amended budget in Appendix F be approved.

6 To consider a s.145 grant application from The Gap Festival. Deferred from December 2016

Resolved: That all grant applications be deferred to the next meeting.

7 To consider a s.144 request from MIGGS for match funding towards an "Accessible by train" leaflet / brochure to promote visits to Goring and Streatley deferred from December 2016

Deferred as above

8 To consider a s.145 grant application for Goring & Streatley Food & Drink Festival

Deferred as above

17/20 Financial Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017.

1 To approve the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017 (Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure).

Jim Emerson asked a question about reporting differences between last year's codes and this – the Clerk explained it was due to consolidation of numerous nominal codes into a simpler format.

Resolved: That the accounts be approved.

2 To approve the annual governance statement in section 1 of the statutory annual return

Resolved: That the statement be approved

3 To approve the statement of accounts in section 2 of the statutory annual return

Resolved: That the statement be approved

4 To approve a variances report to the external auditors

Ned Worsley asked a question about the final cost of the Gardiner Pavilion refurbishment and legal fees for the weir judicial review. Total cost for the pavilion was £172,731 coming in under the budget of £175,000. The Chairman stated the weir legal issues could not yet

be discussed in public. Cllr. Brooker stated S.106 funding was still expected from SODC towards the pavilion costs.

Resolved: That the report be approved

5 To note budget variations for 2016-17

Noted

6 To receive a report from the internal auditor for the financial year to 31 March 2017

Received.

7 To note year end cash and investment reconciliation as at 31 March 2017

Noted

17/21 To consider a report from the Police

Cllr Wills said between 7-8 April damage had been caused to properties along The Bridleway and in South Stoke. The police have dealt with two local offenders by way of the Youth Restorative Justice Scheme and have a further suspect. The Have Your Say meeting at Jack's included complaints of speeding in Station Road and Wallingford Road, parking in Manor Road and the loss of the Fish & Chip Van (noted as being an SODC Licensing issue)

17/22 To consider a report on High Street issues

Cllr Brooker referred to Appendix O. Over 100 comments had been received on the consultation. Ron Bridle had obtained agreement from BT that they own and are responsible for the fence from their premises to the High Street but do not believe it is unserviceable and have no funds to replace it for cosmetic reasons. They hope to remove the ivy soon.

Regarding the proposal for posts along the verge by The Rectory Garden it was agreed Cllr Brooker would consult with the Village Hall prior to further discussion. The continued poor state of Wheel Orchard toilets were discussed, Cllr Brooker agreed to discuss with SODC.

17/23 To consider a report on Recreation Grounds issues

Appendix P refers. Cllr Reavill intends to write a summary report for GPC on The Rectory Garden.

17/24 To consider a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues

Cllr. M. Bulmer reported the grass had recently been cut, cuttings removed and that it looked lovely, supported by Cllr Wills who had received comments from two members of the public. She stated however that the cutting had not been done in line with the contract timings. Containers at the entrance will be planted. A new row will be started for cremated remains to keep the overall layout tidy.

17/25 To consider attendees for the Town and Parish Forum on 5 July 2017.

Cllr's. Wills and Hall will attend

17/26 To note resignation of Cllr. Brandon Hancox and to consider the casual vacancy process

Resolved: That the recommended process from NALC would be used.

17/27 To consider non-rural verge grass cutting agreement in view of reply received from OCC regarding level of insurance required by contractors.

OCC had refused to negotiate on contractors having a minimum of £10m public liability cover. GPC's contractor has quoted an additional £250 to increase his insurance cover.

Resolved: That the extra cost be approved and the agreement with OCC signed.

17/28 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of meetings held on 28

Signed:

Dated:

March and 11 April 2017.

Received and noted.

17/29 Correspondence

1 To consider issues regarding litter and street cleansing.

This had already been covered during the public forum.

2 To consider email re Village of the Year TV Programme

It was noted that GPC have a lot going on at the moment and it was suggested this should wait until the NP had been done.

Resolved: That there was currently no appetite from GPC to be involved.

3 To consider an email received regarding a donation for the village by the GM Lovelies Facebook group

Some suggestions were made but it was **Resolved:** That GPC would wait until the information had been reported in the GGN to see what views there might be in the village

17/30 Matters for future discussion

None

17/31 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.

17/32 To consider tenders for a Street Lighting Contract.

Four companies had been invited and three indicated their intention to bid. Only one tender was received by the deadline which was from the current contractor SSE Enterprise, with slightly increased pricing from the previous contract. It was noted this was for a six year period.

Resolved: That the tender from SSE at £10,336.17 pa plus consumables and rechargeable repairs be accepted.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2108 hrs.

Abbreviations:

GGN	Goring Gap News
GPC	Goring on Thames Parish Council
NALC	National Association of Local Councils
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
NPSG	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
OCC	Oxfordshire County Council
SODC	South Oxfordshire District Council

Signed:

Dated:

GORING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

REPORT TO THE GORING PARISH COUNCIL

12 JUNE 2017.

The SG has spent many hours on writing, editing and summarising the main Goring Neighbourhood Plan, the Sustainability Assessment and the Basic Conditions Statement as well as summarising the evidence collected over the past 18 months.

The delay in receiving the Supplementary Bramhill Report on GNP 6 has caused great frustration and has delayed the next steps in completing the written plan by over a month. This report has now been received and is available on the GNP website. The content of the report is in line with the draft plan and provides strong evidence for the way forward for GNP 6. The report includes the instructions to Bramhill from the SG.

The SG plans for the completed draft plan to be submitted to the GPC in July.

Budget

The SG is currently in negotiation for a further grant of £6,000 –the Locality Grant.

The SG has also applied to have an official, independent 5 day review assessment of the GNP. It is likely that a further grant will be available to cover this cost.

It is therefore expected to be able to complete the GNP within budget taking into account these further grants.

B N Gilson

6/6/17

Goring-on-Thames Parish Council					
Accounts for payment May 2017					
Payee	Description			Amount	Date Ref
Current Account					
Arrow Accounting	Internal Audit	2510	£ 436.24	01/05/2017	8
BGG Garden & Tree Care	Litter picking April	3560	£ 460.80	12/05/2017	BACS 83/17
Biff Bang Pow	Additional Memory Charge	2240	£ 8.10	12/05/2017	BACS 91/17
Biff Bang Pow	Domain name fee	2240	£ 31.14	11/05/2017	BACS 90/17
C Ratcliff	Salary (April)	2310	£ 1,395.45		
C Ratcliff	Car Allowance (April)	2110	£ 20.00	£ 1,415.45	02/05/2017 BACS 77/17
C Ratcliff	Salary (May)	2310	£ 1,395.25		
C Ratcliff	Car Allowance (May)	2110	£ 20.00	£ 1,415.25	31/05/2017 BACS 93/17
C Ratcliff	Expenses	var	£ 205.53	11/05/2017	BACS 87/17
C Fox	Salary (April)	2310	£ 120.00	02/05/2017	BACS 78/17
C Fox	Salary (May)	2310	£ 120.00	31/05/2017	BACS 94/17
First Line IT	Email link to website	2240	£ 5.94	12/05/2017	BACS 82/17
Goring Hardware	Postage and Gardiner Pavilion	var	£ 185.05	12/05/2017	BACS 80/17
HMRC	PAYE & NI (April)	2310	£ 749.71	03/05/2017	BACS 76/17
HMRC	PAYE & NI (May)	2310	£ 749.91	31/05/2017	BACS 98/17
J M Krzak	Cleaning (April)	2310	£ 158.85	02/05/2017	BACS 79/17
J M Krzak	Cleaning (May)	2310	£ 348.50	31/05/2017	BACS 97/17
M & C Landscapes	Grass Cutting April	3110	£ 1,666.44	12/05/2017	BACS 85/17
M & C Landscapes	Grave Digging April	3210	£ 423.84	17/05/2017	BACS 88/17
M. Brachet	Refund parking permit	1135	£ 150.00	05/05/2017	BACS 74/17
M. Clements	Repairs re Christmas trees	3170	£ 125.00	05/05/2017	BACS 73/17
Readibus	Grant	3350	£ 350.00	05/05/2017	BACS 75/17
Richard Buxton Solicitors	Legal Fees - weir	6350	£ 4,307.42	12/05/2017	BACS 84/17
Savages	Plants S.137	3330	£ 744.04	15/05/2017	9
SSE	Street Lights Maintenance April	3420	£ 1,033.62	12/05/2017	BACS 86/17
SSE	Street Light Quarterly rechargeable repairs	3420	£ 186.19	03/05/2019	BACS 64/17
Swift Klik Ltd	Stationery / Gardiner Pavilion	var	£ 208.51	12/05/2017	BACS 81/17
Tracy Averies	Gardiner Pavilion refurbishment	6324	£ 22,949.75	11/05/2017	BACS 89/17
Tracy Averies	Vandalism and Fridge	var	£ 306.00	12/05/2017	BACS 92/17
Direct Debits/Standing Orders					
Biff Bang Pow	Website hosting package monthly fee	2240	£ 26.10	02/05/2017	DD
British Gas	Gas -OJFS to 30 April	2260	£ 103.85	22/05/2017	DD
Grundon Waste Management	Waste Collections	3560	£ 5.33	20/05/2017	DD
Mainstream Digital	Phone	2240	£ 0.18	15/05/2017	DD
NEST	Pension Contributions	2310	£ 35.19	22/05/2017	DD
NPower	Gas Sheepcot Pavilion	2260	£ 286.14	02/05/2017	DD
SODC	Business rates	2290	£ 51.00		
SODC	Business rates	2290	£ 84.00	£ 135.00	01/05/2017 DD
SSE	Electricity - Gardiner Pavilion	2260	£ 369.84	26/05/2017	DD
SSE	Electricity - Sheepcot Pavilion	2260	£ 121.73	26/05/2017	DD
SSE	Electricity - OJFS	2260	£ 24.20	19/05/2017	DD
Talk Talk	Broadband	2240	£ 22.31	11/05/2017	DD
Utility Warehouse	Gas Gardiner & Sheepcot	2260	£ 31.64	31/05/2017	DD
Xerox Finance	Quarterly Lease Copier / Printer	2210	£ 90.58	09/05/2017	DD
Xerox (UK)	Copier Printer usage	2210	£ 13.98	09/05/2017	DD
Neighbourhood Plan					
Xerox (UK)	Copier printer usage	4903	£ 60.00	09/05/2017	DD
MJT Radford	Website	4908	£ 120.00	31/05/2017	BACS 96/17
Total:			£ 40,307.35		

Goring-on-Thames Parish Council					
Receipts received May 2017					
From	Description	Code	Date	Ref	Amount
Co-operative Funeral Care	Interment - Dean	1130	03/05/2017	Inv 1094	£1,016.00
Howard Chadwick Funerals	Interment - Beresford	1130	02/05/2017	Inv 1093	£350.52
Howard Chadwick Funerals	Interment and memorial - Rogers	1130	12/05/2017	Inv 1095	£462.68
Mason's Fair	Use of Sheepcot	1143	11/05/2017	Inv 1092	£400.00
ET Sheppard	Memorials - Gregory and Marsh	1130	16/05/2017	Inv 1086, 1090	£292.60
Highworth Memorials	Memorial - Redding	1130	18/05/2017	115G	£146.30
Mark Poles	Car Park Permit	1135	31/05/2017	21	£90.00
TSB	Bank Interest	1190	09/05/2017	DC	£2.51
Total:					£2,760.61

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

As at:

31 May 2017**Reconciled Bank Account Balances**

Current TSB	£23,170.32
TSB Reserves	£58,289.41
Unpresented Payments	-£744.04
Unpresented Receipts	£0.00
VAT Control Account	£14,048.79
Total	£94,764.48

Earmarked Reserves (Capital and Contingency)

Street Light Replacements	R	£0.00
Ferry Lane Riverbank Repairs	R	£0.00
Ferry Lane Fence	R	£750.00
White Hill Burial Ground Approach Road	R	£0.00
Gardiner Pavilion Refurbishment	C	£0.00
Tree Purchase and Replacement	R	£12,500.00
OJFS Contingency for Repairs	R	£0.00
Rectory Garden	R	£1,000.00
Playground Equipment	C	£11,267.00
Weir Legal Fees	R	£5,809.90
Wallingford Road Widening	R	£2,960.00
Operating Reserve Account	R	£24,000.00

Total Revenue Reserves	£47,019.90
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Total Capital Reserves	£11,267.00
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Total Reserves	£58,286.90
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General Funds Available	£36,477.58
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Appendix E

This item has been
withdrawn

REPORT – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION

Please see as an addendum to this report, a report from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group sub-committee providing information as to the current status of the Neighbourhood Plan, and a request to fund a Neighbourhood Planning Independent Examiner Referral Service (NPIERS).

I wanted to be certain that this was good use of public funds, so raised some questions to Mike Stares and the NP SG to understand if the sub-committee felt it was a necessary expense, or a 'nice to have'. I also wanted to be make sure we are aware of any additional expenses that will be made, so we can know the impact on the NP budget, and the total PC budget for this year.

My initial view was that they have been doing such an amazing, thorough job that perhaps it wasn't really necessary. The NP Sub-Committee considered the questions raised, and felt it is a necessary expense. Their rationale is provided in the attached.

I remain in awe of how much work these individuals have done for our community, and how much time and effort each has freely given. I know that we as a Council are very grateful for all they have done. I also believe that when we delegate a task, we also need to ensure that we properly fund it – and trust the individuals who are involved in the day-to-day, 'nitty-gritty' of it to know what is best. I firmly believe they are very responsible with public funds allocated, and this NPIERS is good value for money.

I strongly recommend and propose we support and fund the request, adding an additional £2,550 to the budget. I suggest we adjust our expenditure so that our remaining budget for the Neighbourhood Plan should be £6,550 (inclusive of the £1,875 for NPIERS), as best we can tell at this time (see below).

Item	what	when	how much
SG Costs for completing the Plan			
	1 Web site	now	120
	2 Bramhill consultancy fees (outstanding)	may	1180
	3 Hire rooms for consultation with neighbours (4)	july	500
	4 Pre examination health check (NPIERS)	june	1875
	5 Pre submission consultation presentation room hire	july	175
	TOTAL		3850
Costs for Consultation and Referendum			
	6 Pre referendum exhibition	Sep/ Oct	1500
	7 Pre referendum leaflet	Sep/ Oct	500
	8 Printing 2 copies of examined plan for council offices and library		200
	9 Misc		500
	TOTAL		2700

Cllr Bryan Urbick
10th June 2017

Report to GPC from NPSG – Request to contract the services of The Neighbourhood Planning Independent Examiner Referral Service (NPIERS)

1.0 Introduction and Background

The Goring NP is now nearing completion and it is intended that it will be ready for pre-consultation in July. The pre-consultation Plan will comprise the Neighbourhood Plan itself, a Sustainability Appraisal which justifies the choices made in the Plan and a Basic Conditions Statement which demonstrates that the Plan adheres to all relevant European, National and Local Policies. This is a complex set of documents for local volunteers with no previous involvement with planning and policy making.

Throughout the GNP process, the SG has strongly challenged SODC on housing numbers and the statutory requirement to protect the landscape and setting of Goring. On the other hand, SODC has regularly referred to Goring as a sustainable location and that the number of new houses required to be built in Goring is a matter of sustainability and the economic and social benefits to Goring and the District at large vs the harm done to our village.

All new potential Allocated development sites are on the periphery of the village and will damage the AONB to some extent. The allocated site will be unpopular to the local residents who will seek to demonstrate that the required process has not been followed or that the recommendation contravenes planning policy in some way.

The SG recommends that GPC should invest in a new service which has been launched to validate the technical quality, policies and contents of the Neighbourhood Plan to ensure that the GPC Pre-Consultation version will stand up to the rigours of statutory Examination prior to referendum. SODC is recommending this service and the SG see it as a “Must Do” now that it is available. We ask for council support and authorisation of the spend as detailed below.

2.0 Neighbourhood Planning Independent Examiner Referral Service (NPIRS) – Health Check

Communities are able to produce NP's for their local area, putting in place planning policies for the future development and growth of the neighbourhood. This puts communities centre-stage, encouraging collaboration on planning at the local level. NP's are typically managed by volunteers with little or no knowledge of Planning. A nation-wide need has been identified for a pre-consultation Health Check to assist these communities to improve the quality and accuracy of the pre-consultation Plan, to ensure that it takes account of all of the statutory considerations that the future Examination will require and to improve the speed of the NP process. Because of this, a number of bodies have come together to develop the Neighbourhood Planning Independent Examiner Referral Service (NPIERS) which provides access to expert, impartial examiners and is designed to support

communities. This resource has been designed by the following organisations, with support from the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG):

- Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)
- Planning Officers Society (POS)
- Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI)
- Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE)
- Locality

The benefits of using NPIERS are:

- it is a cost-efficient service which supports the neighbourhood planning process by providing quick and easy access to impartial and qualified examiners
- provides quick and simple access to an independent Examiner who has been trained, assessed, interviewed and is regularly monitored by RICS and RTPI
- is supported by DCLG, which has contributed to the training and reassessment of the Independent Examiners
- gives access to information and guidance on the process, and gives easy access to qualified Examiners who are knowledgeable on planning issues
- a dedicated point of contact
- the Examiners have the necessary qualifications, expertise and knowledge and are able to work within timescales and other criteria required by the communities and local authorities
- the Examiners are free from financial or other conflicts of interest in the outcome of the examination and have appropriate professional indemnity insurance to undertake the relevant tasks

GPC can apply to NPIERS for a pre-submission Health Check review of the draft neighbourhood plan. Using an examiner to undertake a Health Check before submitting the Plan will give an insight as to whether the draft plan meets the basic conditions. The Health Check does not involve the re-writing of the plan, but gives general advice on what changes need to be made. Assuming the changes are acceptable to the GNP and GPC, these changes would be made prior to the pre-submission (village consultation).

3.0 Costs

There is a set fee for Examiners. A real benefit of the service is that you only pay for the time you use the examiner, there are no retainer or other employment costs normally incurred by employing an expert or a consultant.

The Examiner will charge £375 plus VAT per day (plus any reasonable expenses) to undertake a Health Check of the Neighbourhood Plan. Experience to date suggests that a typical Health Check examination will take around 4-6 days to complete. The SG recommends that we set a limit of 5 days for this consultancy with a top end budget spend of £1875 + VAT. The cost will be reduced pro-rata if the Examiner requires less time.

REPORT – GRANTS OUTGOING

We have some outstanding grant requests that need to be considered (and I am sorry that I cannot be at the meeting to discuss and answer questions).

MIGGS

We currently have just under £3,000 budget remaining for MIGGS. The amount is leftover to support the consultation for widening the Wallingford Road and pavement near the rail station. The money could now be used as part of the funding to widen the road (as we were last year asked for a grant for this, and £5,000 was reserved, plus an additional amount for our usual support of the excellent service that MIGGS provides our local people who need it.

We have now been asked to help fund a leaflet announcing the accessible services now available at our Station, to support those less physically-abled to be able to more easily use the rail service to visit Goring. Though in principle I (personally) have no problem with this, I am concerned that we provide support for what is most needed and will have the greatest impact.

Because we are not as close to what is most needed by MIGGS, I propose that we give MIGGS £3,000 (that which is remaining in the budget, topped up slightly to get to £3,000), and allow them to choose if the funds are best used to support the costs of widening the pavements, or to fund the communication programme they have proposed.

The GAP Festival

I share the view with some other Cllrs that we should not only support indoor and outdoor sports and activities – as we have heavily done with the refurbishment at Gardiner – but also other aspects of our village and parish life. We currently have £2,000 budgeted this year for the GAP Festival. They have requested a grant for £4,000 this year, and £4,000 next. To increase the grant this year would wipe out the remaining funds we have allocated for S137 and other grants, I am uncomfortable to do this. I propose, though, we grant £2,000 this year (as budgeted) and that we consider to grant between £4,000-£6,000 next year (we can more easily plan ahead for next year's budget, as we will not have the major expense – as we had this year – of the Gardiner Refurbishment). We could also agree to underwrite a certain amount (to be drawn only if needed) or even loan monies next year, interest free if that would be the preferred option (both are within our powers, and either may be a preferred approach). I would, though, recommend that we support the good work that the GAP Festival does so would like to provide them the confidence they need to carry on their good work – and hopefully the plan above does just that

The Food & Drink Festival

We have just over £2,000 remaining in this year's budget for S137 grants (assuming we don't give the full £4,000 to the GAP Festival), and I propose we authorise £250 grant to the Food & Drink Festival to support their efforts.

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For the next meeting, I will try to prepare a recommended structure for granting that we can discuss and adapt so that we can create a clear indications as to what our granting strategy is.

Cllr Bryan Urbick
12th June 2017

**"Battle Hill"
Elvendon Road
Goring on Thames
RG8 0DT**

13 November 2016

Dear Mr Ratcliff

Paul Bradstock, the Chairman of the Goring and Streatley Festival (GSF), wrote to you on 22 September requesting the Parish Council to consider making a two stage grant, say, £4,000 in each of the two years leading up to the 2018 Gap Festival. I believe that after initial consideration by the Parish Council on 10 October, the matter was deferred to the Council's December meeting.

As Paul said in his letter to you, funding is a major factor for success and I thought that it might be useful, as the Honorary Treasurer of the GSF since its inception in 2014, if I provided Council members with more financial information:

	SURPLUS	RESERVES	TURNOVER
	£	£	£
2014/2015	5,186	5,186	88,974
2015/2016	-931	4,255	N/A
2016/2017	5,267	9,522	106,497

The tabulation above shows that the Festival in 2014 (financial year 2014/15) made a surplus of £5,186 from a turnover (ticket sales, donations and refreshment sales) of £88,974. However, a number of factors greatly assisted us, prime of which was that we inherited the reserves of the Jubilee Fund from 2012 of £9,709. Without these monies we would have made a loss of £4,523.

Indeed on the final day of the Festival (the Family Day on Sunday 6 July 2014 on Streatley Meadows) we would have gone into liquidation but for the weather being glorious and the sales of refreshments that day totalling £2,773. Subsequently we also received a VAT refund of £2,869 from HMRC which was by no means guaranteed at the time.

Monies were expended in 2015/16 in preparation for the Festival in 2016, incurring a loss of £931 and reducing our cash reserves to £4,255.

The Festival in 2016 (financial year 2016/17) was a great success but with income (increasingly reliant on sponsorship as opposed to donations) and expenditure (mainly on artists' fees and equipment, such as the marquee) both in excess of £100,000, it was never certain until after the Festival was finished as to whether we would make a surplus or a loss.

As it was, we achieved a surplus of £5,267 although it should be born in mind that but for the generosity of Lucy Worsley, who kindly agreed to donate her fee to the Festival (her mother lives in Goring and was closely involved in the Festival) that surplus would have been substantially diminished. At the time of writing, we have cash reserves of £9,522 to re-invest in future Festivals, which ironically is less than the funds which we received in 2014 from the Jubilee Fund of £9,709. It is a withering thought that but for these funds we would now be illiquid.

I am sure that you will agree that both Festivals to date have been resounding successes and, as reflected in our Articles of Association, have helped to advance the appreciation and enjoyment of the arts and culture of the local community. That has certainly been reflected in the comments and feedback from the local community in Goring and Streatley. But it has not been easy. As I hope I have demonstrated, we have been close to financial extinction in both 2014 and 2016.

We were most appreciative of the support provided this year by both Parish Councils and, to strengthen our ability to plan ahead for the Festival in 2018, we are requesting support from both Parish Councils for each of the next two years. Any support you could provide in the future along the lines of Paul's letter of 22 September would be very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely



Dr Colin L Reeves CBE
Honorary Treasurer
Goring and Streatley Festival

MIGGS

Mobility Issues Group for Goring & Streatley

To Goring-on-Thames Parish Council

26 April 2017

“Accessible by train” leaflet / brochure to promote visits to Goring and Streatley

- 1 This is a repeat, with updating, of a paper first submitted formally by MIGGS in December 2016. It is a request for the Council to make available matched funding of £3,000 for a project intended to promote the Goring Gap as a destination for disabled visitors. In particular the project will:
 - Highlight the recent improvement in accessibility to disabled and mobility impaired visitors arising from the installation of passenger lifts at Goring and Streatley station.
 - Utilise the accessibility of the station to increase the number and range of visitors and, thereby, enhance the economic sustainability of local businesses.
 - Draw attention to the increasing accessibility of the local countryside and paths for disabled and mobility impaired visitors due to removal of stiles, etc.
 - Raise awareness more widely of local visitor attractions.
 - Achieve the above, and ancillary benefits, without increasing the volume of road traffic by enabling MIGGS to take advantage of a matched funding grant of £3,000, awarded for the purpose by Great Western Railway from its customer and community improvement fund.
- 2 The Council is invited to commit up to £3,000 to match the GWR grant, to be reduced by any amount either not required or contributed to the same total from other sources. To align with the grant offer, the money would be required in the current financial year.
- 3 The decision of the Council in December 2016 was recorded as:

“To defer until April or May when more will be known about current large scale expenses and the impact on 2017-18 budget.”
- 4 The money is required to pay for research, writing, illustration and design work plus an initial print run. Procurement would be consistent with the Council's own governance procedures and expenditure accounted for to the Council as well as to GWR as required by the grant conditions.

- 5 Support in the form of knowledge and expertise has been offered by the Chilterns AONB and sought from the North Wessex Downs AONB and National Trails. A request for financial support has also been made to the Chilterns AONB: any grant offered from this and other sources will be offset against the contribution asked for from the parish council. An incidental benefit already obtained is to alert the AONBs to the improved accessibility and a commitment to update their websites.
- 6 The initial product of the work will be a leaflet / brochure, to be distributed widely in the Thames valley, especially via railway station booking offices and tourist information offices. It is also envisaged that the information would be converted to a dedicated page on the GWR website (alongside promotions for the Cotswolds, Oxford, South Wales and Cornwall, etc), with active links to related websites, including train timetables, the two AONBs, National Trails (Thames and Ridgeway paths) and Visit Goring and Streatley. This has been discussed with GWR but has yet to be firmly agreed. An estimated 8,500 copies would be needed to fulfil this initial distribution plan.
- 7 It is intended that the written content of the leaflet / brochure will be factual and concise, with no commercial content other than an appeal to travel by train. Train frequencies will be given, but not actual train times. Design will be clean and simple, with strong and uncluttered illustrations. Credits, where needed, will be given to funding sources. Printing will be in colour, on two sides of an A4 sheet, "roll" or "Z" folded to six pages and a finished size of 210 x 99mm (to fit station leaflet dispensers).
- 8 A copy of the successful grant application is attached. MIGGS first gave informal notice to the Clerk and Chairman of the Council on 1 July 2016 of its intention to apply for the grant but did not seek a commitment from the Council before the grant offer was confirmed.
- 9 As a background note, before the award of the local rail franchise to First Great Western and then GWR, a leaflet used to be displayed at Goring and Streatley and other local stations promoting "Places to visit by train" in the Thames Valley. This made no mention of Goring, Streatley or the Goring Gap. There is no current equivalent, so the leaflet proposed by MIGGS would be both a "first" and a gesture to right a past wrong. It would therefore be worthy of wider media attention when published.

John Boler, Chairman



Great Western Railway

Customer & Community Improvement Fund Application Brief

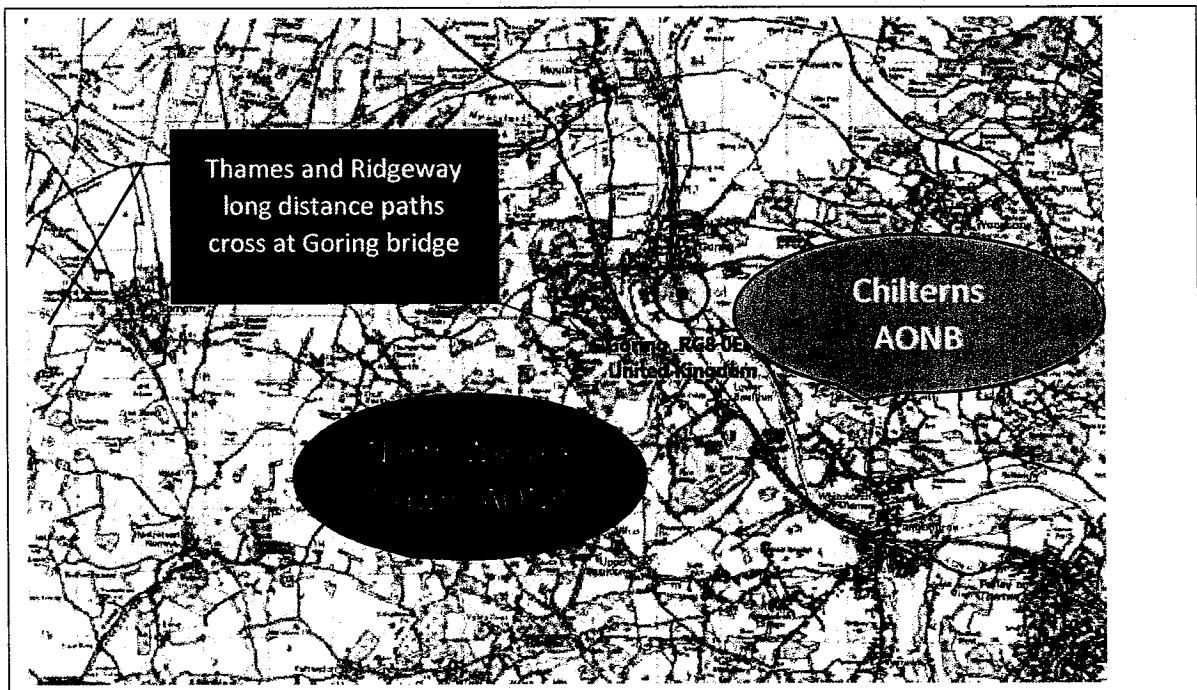
Title of Project:

ACCESSIBLE BY TRAIN leaflet / brochure (to encourage disabled visitors)

Name of Primary Contact:

John Boler, Chairman, MIGGS

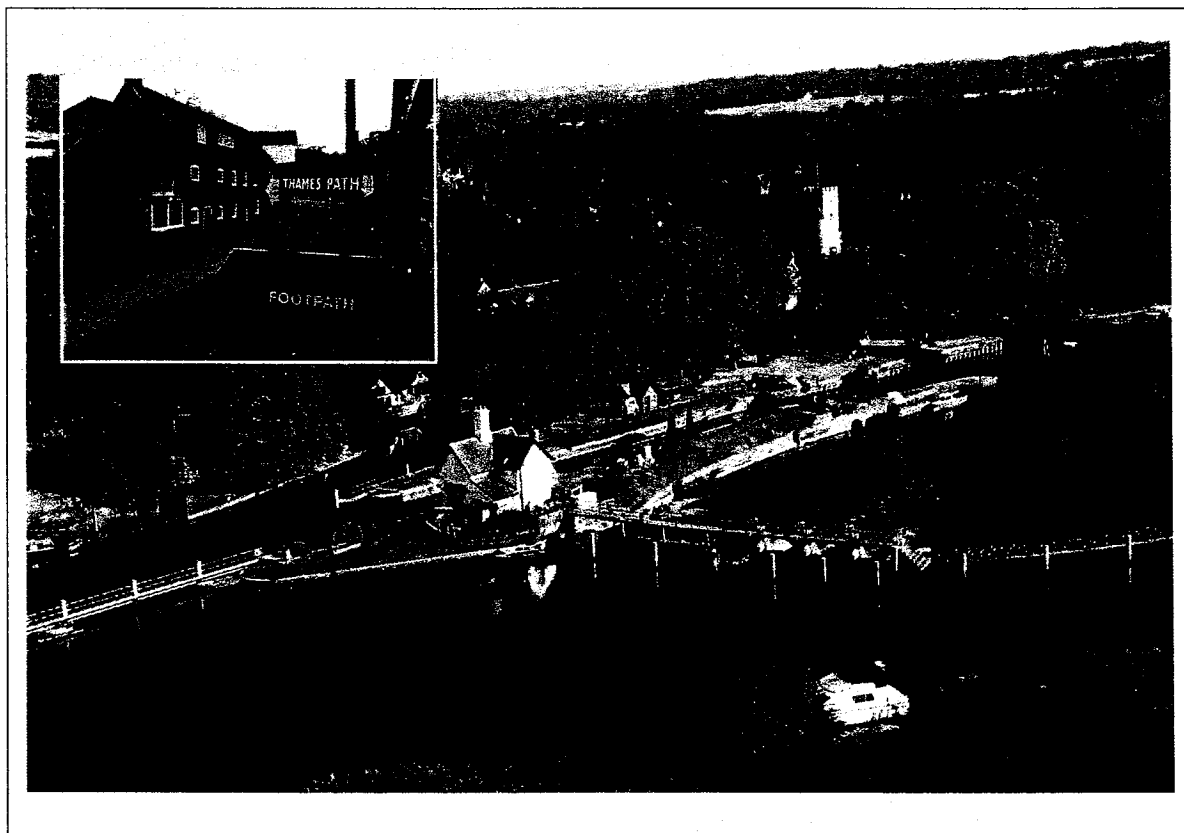
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Brief Description:

A leaflet / brochure to encourage mobility impaired visitors to Goring, Streatley and surrounding areas by train. The key message is: ACCESSIBLE BY TRAIN - River Thames and the iconic Goring lock; Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB); North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB); Thames and Ridgeway long distance paths via Goring and Streatley station and Great Western Railway.

Photograph:



Goring and Streatley station is fully accessible for wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

Local facilities include accessible river and countryside paths, food, household and gift shops, restaurants, cafés, pubs and accommodation plus summer steamer trips on the Thames to and from Reading and Wallingford.

It would encourage mobility impaired people to feel they can have equal access to the Thames and countryside by reassuring them that the local station is fully accessible and showing how they could use the route to see the two areas of outstanding natural beauty. Visitors would in most cases be people who would not otherwise have access to these areas and would not otherwise consider travelling by train.

Goring Parish Council
Colin Ratcliff
Clerk
Goring-on-Thames Parish Council
Old Jubilee Fire Station
Red Cross Road
Goring
Reading
RG8 9HG



Goring & Streatley

Food & Drink Festival
9th September 2017!!



Proposal for a grant towards the Goring & Streatley Food & Drink Festival
Amount asking is anything between £500 - £1000.

Dear Colin,

First of all, many thanks for taking the time to look over my proposal.

As you may know Goring & Streatley Food & Drink Festival is a non profit organisation, set up purely as a community event. Therefore to run this event I have to raise the money through sponsorship and advertising opportunities.

This year I need to raise £7030 in order for this event to take place. I have Christine Wallace on my organisers committee, who is a finalist of the Great British Bake Off, and she has already confirmed our demonstration chefs from the Bake Off, The Great British Menu and other celebrity chefs to attend our festival this year. This raises the profile of this event massively. We are getting a professional chefs theatre to go into the village hall, to make sure these great chefs have the correct equipment to use for their demonstrations. This alone is costing us £1,500.

If you would like to see a breakdown of all the costs of the festival, please see the grid below. I would like to be transparent as this event is non profit, and all the money we make goes into the running of the festival itself.

Any help or support the local council can supply us with would be greatly appreciated, and of course you will get a mention on our website, as well as the programme and any other marketing material we print.

Many thanks in advance,

Shannon Lee Robinson
Main Organiser for Goring & Streatley Food & Drink Festival

Festival Cost Breakdown:

Festival Expenses	
Item	Cost
Demo Kitchen	£1,500
x7 Chefs travel costs + ingredients + time	£800
Printing	£1000
Website Updates	£500
Banners - Vinyl Signs	£400
Insurance	£300
First Aid	£500
Children's Games	£300
Health & Safety	£200
Glass hire for tastings	£100
Alcohol for Tastings	£150
Music	£400
Other expenses including prizes for competitions, food & equipment for competitions etc...	£400
Village Hall	£280
Design for programme & leaflet	£200
TOTAL:	£7,030

REPORT – GRANTS INCOMING

S106 MONIES FOR GARDINER REC & PAVILION

I am very pleased to inform that Council (if you didn't know already) that the long-awaited S106 monies have been approved for the full amount of £28,305.27. The necessary forms have been completed and signed and we await actual payment. Much thanks to our Clerk and our SODC Ward Councillor who nudged things along. These funds will help replenish our reserves and a specified amount to be designated for the Play Area (design, implementation and maintenance).

GRANT FUNDING FOR REPLACING STREET LAMPS WITH LED

When looking at the options for our street lamp maintenance contract, it was recommended that we consider to replace existing lamps with LED. These will use considerably less energy, and provide added opportunity to programme various light levels at different times of day.

When this was suggested, I reached out to Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE2). They aim to support projects in 3 main areas:

- Promote and improve the biodiversity of Oxfordshire's wildlife habitats
- Encourage and develop projects that contribute to the low carbon agenda, including the sustainable use of renewable resources and energy efficiency in community facilities
- Increase access to the local countryside and green spaces

They were intrigued with the idea to support conversion of streetlamps to LED, and after discussing and seeking advice as to whether this might be an appropriate grant request, I received the following confirmation:

"Thanks again for your enquiry about replacing street lights with more energy efficient LEDS – I have had the following information from a contact at OCC which is very helpful and on this basis I feel we can encourage you to apply for us for a grant.

First and foremost, LED lighting can cut energy bills significantly (between 30-80%) which means they can protect councils from rising energy prices and can make a significant contribution to reducing CO2e emissions. As LED lighting has become the favoured energy efficient street lighting technology, more manufacturers have concentrated on developing LEDs. As a result their efficiency and quality has increased rapidly. 10% of street lights in the UK were already LED by 2014. Transport for London for example, have replaced 35,000 of its streetlights with LEDs.

Additional benefits of LEDs include more focused light which improves night-time visibility (and therefore reduces vehicle accidents), and reduces light pollution for local residents. Their significantly longer life expectancy (10 to 12 years for LED v 3 - 6 years for conventional lighting) means reduced maintenance costs, fewer lamp renewals, less scouting and physical monitoring.

To be conservative, it has been assumed 20-30% of energy would be saved by converting street lights to LED. The actual energy saving realised will vary according to many factors including the difference between the wattage of the current luminaire and the LED proposed. Before selecting an LED replacement, the quality of light must be respected, the light output must be equivalent or better and the lamp should have a colour rendering index

greater than 70. The use of white light sources (lamps with a colouring index greater than 60) allow a lower lighting class to be used on residential roads which also brings about potential savings in energy consumption too.

We have been provided an application form and guidance notes. The next application deadline is the 4th September and they would welcome an application from the Goring-on-Thames Parish Council.

I propose that the Council approve that our Clerk and I have delegated authority to prepare and complete the grant application.

Cllr Bryan Urbick
12th June 2017

REPORT TO GORING DIVISION PARISH COUNCIL **JUNE 2017** FROM CLLR KEVIN BULMER

GENERAL OCC REPORT

ELECTION RESULTS

The County Council election results are as follows:

Conservative	31
Labour	14
Liberal Democrat	13
Other	5

The Conservative Group was one short of a majority, but has maintained the alliance formed with two independents in the last administration and has thereby formed the ruling group again.

The new Cabinet comprises:

Leader of the Council	Ian Hudspeth
Deputy Leader of the Council	Judy Heathcoat
Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	Lawrie Stratford
Cabinet Member for Children & Family Services	Steve Harrod
Cabinet Member for Environment	Yvonne Constance
Cabinet Member for Finance	David Bartholomew
Cabinet Member for Local Communities	Mark Gray
Cabinet Member for Property, Cultural Services	Lorraine Lindsay-Gale
Cabinet Member for Public Health & Education	Hilary Hibbert-Biles

Parish councils will be particularly interested in the creation of the new Cabinet post 'Local Communities'. One of the key tasks for the portfolio holder is to re-energise the 'Oxfordshire Together' campaign that promotes closer working between OCC and parish councils.

I've been appointed to be Chairman of the Pension Committee, which comes at a critical time as we are in the process of pooling our pension funds with 9 other authorities to form a £25Billion pension fund and a new company to manage the fund.

I will be continuing on the HOSC (Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee for oxfordshire) however my new role on pension means I've had to step down from the education committee.

PRIORITIES FOR THE NEW ADMINISTRATION

The Leader has stated that he intends to make 'Social Care' and 'Highways Infrastructure' key priorities for the new administration.

PURDAH

Although the local elections have passed, the imminence of the General Election means that 'purdah' restrictions still apply to the council's publicity during the pre-election period i.e. up to the close of poll on Thursday 8 June. This means that although the elections are not 'OCC's', the restrictions apply all the same. During the purdah period, the council must comply with restrictions outlined in Section 2 of the Local Government Act 1986. In addition a 'Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity' published in 2011 makes clear that particular care should be taken in periods of heightened sensitivity, such as in the run up to an

election. The Act defines publicity as “any communication, in whatever form, addressed to the public at large or to a section of the public.” Generally, the Act says that we should “not publish any material which, in whole, or in part, appears to be designed to affect public support for a political party.” The Code of Practice recommends that authorities should generally not issue any publicity which seeks to influence voters and that publicity relating to individuals involved directly in the election should not be published unless expressly authorised by statute. For this reason, the parish report is again brief this month.

UNITARY UPDATE

For the reasons above, the County Council, Oxford City Council and the four District Councils have agreed not to promote their standpoint on the issue of Unitary Government for the period of purdah. In any case, the matter cannot be realistically progressed until a new Government is in place.

NEW WEBSITE TO SUPPORT VICTIMS OF CRIME

A new website to support victims of crime has been launched by the Police and Crimes Commissioner. Victims First www.victims-first.org.uk is a new online resource for victims of crime which has advice on what to do and how to get help. It includes information and advice for victims including signposting them to services to help them cope and recover from the impact of the crime. It also includes a section on the Victims Code explaining clearly what help victims can expect from the police and other criminal justice agencies if they report the crime. The focal point of the website is a directory which allows victims to find relevant support in their area. Members of the public are able to use the website to refer themselves directly to the PCCs own support services or find information and contact details for other organisations. This support is available regardless of whether or not the victim has reported the crime to the police.

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Goring Parish Council - Goring High St – Report

5 June 2017

Proposed High St roadworks

The public consultation has been carried out via the GGN, e-mail circulation to interested groups and visiting business's in the High St.

The results are attached, which indicate support for the proposals and I would ask Councils agreement to now approach OCC Highways for them to carry out their own consultations etc. to see if the matter can be taken forward.

Footpath from the High St to Wheel Orchard car park

It is my understanding that R Bridle is still pursuing this matter with BT.

Lorry's through the High St

No comments at this time, although I have met with the NP dealing with traffic and made them aware that weight activated camera's have been installed in some towns around the country.

Installation of posts in the verge adjacent to the Rectory Gardens

I consulted with the Village Hall and received positive feedback.

I have been in touch with OCC Highways who appear to indicate that they would not object but that we would have to pay for it. So I have sent an e-mail to OCC Highways requesting a price for the supply and installation of concrete posts similar to those on the opposite side of the road and an alternative for timber. Chased up 5 June'17.

Sign post adjacent to Mary S

I was approached by Stephanie B that it was leaning over and that there were concerns that it could be affected by the hanging baskets. I sent an e-mail on the 9th of May to OCC Highways and was advised that they would investigate and get a price for addressing the matter. Chased up 5 June'17.

Public toilets

I have approached SODC advising that the ceiling in the men's area was damaged and that the toilets could do with a clean.

The ceiling was repaired quite quickly unfortunately I do not believe the cleaning has been done.

In addition I advised Healthmatic, who clean the toilets for SODC, of the potential influx of people in June and other events and trust that they will ensure the toilets are monitored and cleaned.

Both Goring and Wallingford public toilets have hand written signs asking for part time cleaners so I have raised the matter with SODC that they may wish to investigate if Healthmatic are performing their duties.

Cllr David Brooker

Goring On Thames Parish Council

High Street Consultation Results - June 2017

A total of 93 responses were received.

Top line results:

Point A	Raised table outside Davis Tate	For 73	Against 11
Point B	Amend pavement outside Mary S	For 77	Against 7
Point C	Build out give way outside Arcade	For 70	Against 14

Other comments by count:

Additional parking restrictions	4
Pedestrian crossing	9
More raised tables	7
Restriction / bollard at Cleeve junction	2
Air pollution from raised tables	4
More enforcement	7
Width and weight signage	2
6'6 width restriction at bridge	1
Cobbled road surface	2
Widen pavements elsewhere	2

Colin Ratcliff, Clerk.

5 June 2017

Recreation Issues - June 2017 Update

Bourdillon Field

Records of the layout of the recreation equipment on the Bourdillon Field are not available, Some photographs have been taken to illustrate the required replacement swings in order to support an application for external funding. An e-mail to the Clerk complaining that money spent on the Gardiner pavilion should have gone to provide replacement swings has been answered, as has one expressing concern that money spent on recreation equipment in the Bourdillon would be wasted if the area is required to rebuild the school.

Sheepcot Recreation Ground

The only remaining issue is to consider the outcome of the experiment of removing the waste bins. The meeting with sports clubs' representatives has been postponed to July 20th.

Gardiner Recreation Ground

The cricket season has started in the Gardiner Recreation Ground. All appears to be well with the use of the extended pavilion.

Rectory Garden

The legal views on interpretation of the Trust Deed are awaited. Four members of the Edmondson family attended an informal meeting on June 2nd. I informed them that the policy of GPC remained to adhere to the terms of the Trust Deed, and pointed out the improvements which had been made following the June 2013 decision of the previous Parish Council. There was some discussion on the overgrowth of the trees, the gloomy aspect of the garden, and the possibility of introducing additional seating. It was agreed that the Edmondson family would reflect on what they had seen, and formulate their views on the future of the Garden.

The dying lime tree which was felled a few months ago has been replaced by a young tree of the same species on the advice of the SODC Forestry Officer. This does not seem to line up with good arboreal practice.

Lawrie Reavill

04.06.2017

REPORT – RECTORY GARDENS REVIEW

As all will be aware, we agreed at our April meeting that I would seek advice on our legal position with regard to the Rectory Gardens – our specified responsibilities, and also about what we may or may not do and what we would need to do if we want to alter anything.

I have, in the meantime, personally reviewed the conveyance/trust deed of the Rectory Gardens. I have also reviewed in great depth, the Open Spaces Act 1906 (it is according to this Act that the Rectory Gardens was given to Goring), as well as all the updates/amendments/repeals.

We are missing a copy of the Conveyance dated 26th May 1922 (the restrictive covenants in this conveyance is mentioned in the trust deed). I would ask the Clerk to see if we have a copy of that. This is something that should be with the Deeds, but also might be noted by the Land Registry.

Definitive legal advice is being sought, though as it is not urgent, it will be managed around the day-to-day workload by some barristers who are studying the appropriate field of law, overseen by the tutor who is an expert (this is being done *pro bono* on this basis). I hope to have the reply in September, and will update you as things progress.

After we know the legal details, I will draft some thoughts as to how we can structure a policy regarding the Rectory Garden and include an overall strategy as to its management. I recommend we take things step-by-step so as to be able to confidently know that all is properly dealt with.

Cllr Bryan Urbick
10th June 2017

Goring On Thames Parish Council

George Michael Memorial Consultation Results - June 2017

Approximately 150 email responses were received.

Suggestions by group:

Garden / Trees / Flowers	34	
Statue / Sculpture	32	
Bench (linked to gardens)	21	
Bench (linked with statue)	15	
Those against a major memorial	22	(of which 18 are identifiable as local)
Those against a major memorial but in favour of a simple plaque	12	

Other suggestions:

Sundial, statues of dogs, dog park, lyrics on plaques / stones, memorial stone, fountain, Mill Cottage as a museum / national repository, new wooden bridge, clock, scholarship for local musician.

Most of the suggestions for gardens, statues, sculptures and benches also included some form of plaque.

Many ideas for gardens and benches suggested the sloped grass bank at the end of the entrance to Mill Cottage as the most suitable location. A proposal to lease this piece of land to GPC has been suggested and the Clerk is awaiting further details to bring to Council.

Colin Ratcliff, Clerk.

5 June 2017

Email received 27/4/2017

I hope you don't mind us contacting you, but we are looking for someone in Goring to help us with a little project we have running.

Lisa & myself are George Michael fans, we are also members of the GM Lovelies Facebook group. It is on this group we have seen the celebrations being planned for 24th/25th June and that the Catherine Wheel is taking part too, which is why we decided to contact you.

We have both visited Goring, on separate occasions and after talking on the Lovelies page about how beautiful it is there and how George clearly loved the peace he found there, Lisa & I had a similar idea. So we set up a Just Giving page to raise £1,000 so we can say.....

"Thank You" to the Residents of Goring, for the kindness & patience they have shown to GM's fans, in his memory.

We would like the donation to pay for something the village needs, wants or would simply like!

For this to work we need someone in Goring who can act as spoke's person for the Residents and to then liaise with us.

Do you think you can help us or know someone who would?

If you can then we would be very pleased to hear from you. If you can't then please don't worry, just let us know so we can continue to find help.

Thank you in advance for any help or advice you can give us and we look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Kim Wright & Lisa Cox.

Link to page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Kim-Lisa-GM>

Email 6 June 2017 from Ron Bridle

Dear Colin,

As discussed, I feel that one particular part of any preparation for the possible influx on GM's birthday is the provision of local information.

If the council agrees with this need, I am willing to provide this service (with other people if I can recruit them for a rota over the whole day) and set an Information Point up in the Rectory Garden. This is where most people will probably tend to gravitate towards as there will be food and drink available there and is next to the village hall concerts.

I have about 1,500 Visitors Guides to hand out and would provide additional leaflets with a list of places and events going on that day (e.g. cricket matches etc) to help disperse any crowds from the centre of the village. Your PA system would be good to have set up in case any announcements about public safety etc are needed, e.g. to not spill into the road outside the Rectory Garden and Miller of Mansfield.

I would also take the opportunity to ask visitors if they are likely to repeat their visit on subsequent birthdays or at other times to help gauge the likely future impact on the village.

For this information point to be visible, I would propose the council consider the purchase of a pop-up gazebo (with side panels, see attached example and cost) and 4 identical generic signs to hang around the sides (1.0m long x 0.3m) costing about £25.00 each.

Inside the gazebo there would be space for a table, a few chairs, a large 1m wide map of Goring (the one I supply to the Information Office), boxes of guides and other items local information.

The wording for the gazebo signs in bold graphics would be something like:

Welcome
to Goring-on-Thames
Visitor Information Point

Total cost to the council for gazebo and signage would be about £250 - £300. I would be happy to source and purchase the gazebo on behalf of the council (if necessary) and provide the artwork and manage the printing of the signs.

As you see on the news time and time again, the lack of information is the single one complaint people have following problems, e.g. travel disruption at airports and station or whenever there are large gatherings of people in unfamiliar surroundings. Useful information is simple and relatively inexpensive to provide and would seem essential on an occasion like June 25.

This investment would, of course, be useful at other times for other major community events, so a useful resource. Importantly, it would also support the local economy by making visitors feel welcome to our village.

Kind regards,

Ron.

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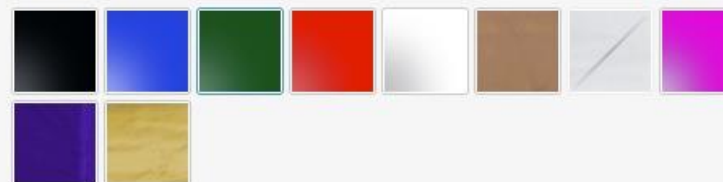


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* Required Fields



*Walls

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Editors Comments

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EXPLORER POP UP GAZEBO 3MX3M (10FT X10FT) DESCRIPTION

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REPORT – UPDATE ON GENIE & GPC eNEWSLETTER

GENIE

As you are likely to have seen, the Genie (Gap Electronic News & Information Exchange) newsletter service has been launched, and at the writing of this report, we are just shy of 200 registrations. The website is up-and-running, and the Events Calendar is 'live'.

Our current primary objective is to continue to work to get increased subscriptions (personally, my first milestone goal is that we get to 500 registrations). Though we will shortly send out the first 'Village Matters' newsletter, there has also been considerable interest in the Calendar.

If interested, please have a look at the website, and the calendar: www.genienews.org. The Genie team would be grateful if you would encourage everyone to have a look and to sign up.

GORING PC eNEWSLETTER

Though separate from Genie, we will use the Genie e-mail database to send out the PC newsletter. Now that Genie is up-and-running, I will design and set-up our newsletter, with the view that all Cllrs will have a chance to input their thoughts/ideas into the design, and that we will have our first issue in September.

Cllr Bryan Urbick
10th June 2017

REPORT – POSTERS & SIGNS POLICY

For South Stoke Parish Council, after a few parishioners' complaints about certain signs that were inappropriate in the village, the Council sought to create a reasonable policy. I was delegated to investigate and draft a policy for the Council to adopt. Based on reviews of other parish sign policies, and merging what appeared to be reasonable, good practise, a policy was drafted and eventually adopted.

We currently have an adopted policy, though specific and somewhat adequate, it does seem to lack explanation of background or rationale – important so people see the intent and specific policy. Currently the Fly Poster Policy (Minute 15/293 of 9 November 2015):

1. To remove any non-local poster, local being Goring, Streatley and South Stoke.
2. To remove any commercial posters; sponsored boards allowed if advertising charitable events.
3. To remove any that are considered to be a hazard or distraction to road users, specifically any at the cross roads of Wallingford Road with Reading Road, High Street and Elvendon Road.
4. To remove any out of date posters
5. To restrict sizes as permitted by Class 3(D); must not exceed 0.6 of a sq.m. (A1 size is 594mm x 841mm = 0.499sq.m).
6. Larger banners allowed for specific events pre-authorised by the Parish Council.
7. Posters should not be displayed for an unreasonable amount of time, guidance being two weeks before to one day after.

I propose the following Posters & Signs Policy to replace our current – so as to provide additional clarity to our policy, but also to provide general background information on advertising regulations. This is a draft, of course, and all thoughts and suggestions are gratefully received to make this most appropriate for Goring.

Bryan Urbick, Councillor
5th June 2017

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POSTERS AND SIGNS POLICY (DRAFT)

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Parish Council acknowledges the importance of advertising signs for village businesses and event organisers, but must also consider the impact upon the appearance of a rural village environment, wholly within the Chiltern's Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- 1.2. This policy sets out the general principles and approach that the Parish Council will follow in respect of posters and signs in the Parish.

2. Scope of the policy

- 2.1.1. There are several areas of advertising which the Parish Council seek to monitor for the benefit of the whole village: fly posting, 'A' Boards, signs on premises, signage in public spaces.
- 2.2. To restrict sizes as permitted by Class 3(D); must not exceed 0.6 m² (for reference, A1 size is 594mm x 841mm = 0.499sq.m).
- 2.3. Larger banners may be allowed for specific events, but only if pre-authorised by the Clerk of the Parish Council.

3. Removal of posters and signs

- 3.1. The Parish Council will generally adopt a pro-active policy of removing fly posting, in particular in the following circumstances:-
 - 3.1.1. Any fly posting on trees will be removed immediately
 - 3.1.2. Advertisements for any events to be held outside of the Local Area (defined as Goring, Streatley, South Stoke, and Moulsoford) will be removed immediately
 - 3.1.3. To remove posters for one-off events due to be held in the Local Area that are:-
 - 3.1.3.1. attached to telegraph poles, other structures, etc. more than 2 weeks prior to the event, or one week after the event
 - 3.1.3.2. not taken down by the organisers within 7 days after the event
 - 3.1.3.3. any posters that are up more than 21 days
 - 3.1.4. To remove any commercial posters, though sponsored boards are allowed if advertising charitable events and subject to the time limitations in 3.1.3.
 - 3.1.5. To remove any signs that the Parish Council deems are considered to be a hazard or distraction to road users, specifically any at the cross roads of Wallingford Road with Reading Road, High Street and Elvendon Road.
 - 3.1.6. To remove any out of date posters or posters that are up for more than 21 days.

NB: Non-compliance with the Conditions 3.1.3 above will mean that posters displayed by those organisations may on subsequent occasions be removed immediately by the Parish Council. Organisers of events are also reminded of the need to obtain the prior permission of the owners of relevant telegraph poles, other structures etc.

8. Review of the policy

- 8.1. This policy was adopted by the Parish Council at its meeting on 12th June 2017 and will be reviewed annually

Signed..... Chairman

Date of Review.....

GENERAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON ADVERTISING REGULATIONS

from The Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007

Outdoor advertisements are dealt with under the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007. The Local Planning Authority (South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC)) is responsible for deciding whether a particular advertisement should be permitted or not. The regulations cover the wide range of advertisements and signs which are commonly seen outdoors. Please see Appendix A below for the full list.

All advertisements, whether they require consent or not, are subject to the standard conditions in Schedule 2 to the Regulations. These are:

- no advertisement is to be displayed without the permission of the owner of the site on which they are displayed (this includes the highway authority, if the sign is to be placed on highway land);
- no advertisement is to be displayed which would obscure, or hinder the interpretation of, official road, rail, waterway or aircraft signs, or otherwise make hazardous the use of these types of transport;
- any advertisement must be maintained in a condition that does not impair the visual amenity of the site;
- any advertisement hoarding or structure is to be kept in a condition which does not endanger the public; and
- if an advertisement is required to be removed, the site must be left in a condition that does not endanger the public or impair visual amenity.

Under the Town & Country Planning Regulations 2007 there are 16 specified classes of advertisement that are 'deemed consent is granted' and that can be displayed without the need to make an application to SODC. These include the following that are relevant to our Parish.

Class 1 – Functional advertisement by public bodies – this would include the Parish noticeboard.

Class 2(c) – Notices or signs relating to Public Houses which are displayed at the premises- only one sign is allowed, without Planning Permission, on each frontage and must not be more than 2 m² in area.

Class 3(d) –Temporary notices for a local and charitable event– this does not include Commercial events. The advert must not be more than 0.6m² in area.

Class 5 – Advertisement on business premises (not on public property) for goods or services - which are available at the premises. There are restrictions on the size of letters and location of the sign on the premises but these would not normally cause a problem for the business.

Class 6 –Advertisements on forecourts of business premises–adverts allowed under Class 5 above are also allowed to be displayed on a private forecourt or boundary structure which encloses that forecourt.

There are also classes of advertisement to which certain restrictions do not apply though they may have specific conditions or limitations. Below are those that are most likely to be relevant for the Parish:-

Class A - An advertisement displayed on enclosed land is permitted without approval though it must not be visible from outside the enclosed land or from any place to which the public have right of access.

Class B - An advertisement displayed on or in a vehicle normally employed as a moving vehicle is permitted, as long as the vehicle is not used principally for the display of advertisements.

Class D - An advertisement displayed on an article for sale or on the container in, or from which an article is sold is permitted as long as 1) the advertisement refers only to the article for sale, 2) is not illuminated, and 3) does not exceed 0.1 m².

Class E – An advertisement relating specifically to a pending election or referendum. This advertisement must be removed within 14 days after the close of the poll.

Class G – A traffic sign, authorised by the local Highways Authority.

Class H – An country's national flag; the flag of the Commonwealth, the European Union or United Nations, any English County or of any saint - though neither the flag nor flagstaff may display any advertisement additional to the design of the flag.

Class I – An advertisement displayed inside a building as long as it is not illuminated and not within 1m of any external door, window or opening through which it would be visible from outside the building.

APPENDIX A

The advertising control system covers a wide range of advertisements and signs including:-

- Posters and notices
- Placards and boards
- Fascia signs and projecting signs
- Pole signs and canopy signs
- Models and devices
- Advance signs and directional signs
- Estate agents' boards
- Captive balloon advertising
- Flag advertisements
- Price markers and price displays
- Traffic signs
- Town and village name signs