

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP  
GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL  
Old Jubilee Fire Station, Red Cross Road, Goring 7.00pm Monday 19 June 2017**

**Members Present:**

Chairman	Nigel Gilson (NG)
Members	David Wilkins (DW)
	Stephanie Bridle (SB)
	Mike Stares (MS)
	Tom Rothwell (TR)
	Enid Worsley (EW)
	Catherine Hall, [GPC] (CH)

2 members of the public.

**17/01 To receive apologies for absence**

Kevin Bulmer

**17/02 To receive any declarations of interests**

TR for matters concerning GNP6

**16/23 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2017**

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

**16/24 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda**

None

**16/25 Public Forum**

None

**16/26 To receive Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that the supplemental report relating to GNP6 commissioned from Bramhill had now been received and was available on the GNP website. It was agreed that the above report was accepted by the Steering Group.

He also noted that additional funds had been applied for and that it was expected that the plan would be completed within the new budget

**16/27 Decisions since last meeting**

None.

**16/28 Matters for future discussion**

**School:** The Chairman reported that a further proposal had been received from the primary school governors and the Oxford Diocese concerning the future of the school.

While full review of the document and discussion with GPC and Oxfordshire County Council had not yet taken place, the Steering Group is able to make a number of comments on the proposal: Comments 1-6 – attached were read to the meeting and agreed

**Timetable:** The target date for completion of the pre-submission version of the plan is the end of July.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2000 hrs.

**Abbreviations:**

GPC	Goring on Thames Parish Council
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
NPSG	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Signed:

M. Stares

Dated: 23 October 2016

OCC Oxfordshire County Council  
SODC South Oxfordshire District Council

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DOCUMENT RECEIVED 12/6/17 FROM GOVERNING BODY  
GORING CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

1 We have reviewed this document internally and with GPC and officials from OCC. The SG view is that the School's outline paper is superficially attractive. Everyone can agree that the current school facilities are not as good as a new one might be. We are advised that the current school has capacity to cover the additional houses proposed in the draft Goring Neighbourhood Plan.

2 The document lacks the substance and evidence that we clearly explained to the Governors some time ago, was essential if we were to have any chance of considering it within this iteration of the GNP.

3 The GNP urgently needs to be finalised, voted upon and brought into force if we are to protect the whole village against uncontrolled development. Eg. The latest SODC SHELAA shows that 80 additional hectares have been put forward by landowners around the village – this could mean an additional 2,000 extra houses in Goring.

4 We understand the Governors are motivated by the good of the school and their pupils. Our job is to take a much wider view and seek to do what is best for the whole village. These two tasks do not necessarily align.

5 The outline concept that the school has now produced includes elements which, even without the detailed evidence we would need to see, are contrary to the key policies within the draft GNP. These policies have been derived from legally required sustainability obligations and the clear priorities expressed by residents of Goring in consultation.

6 There is nothing to stop the Governors working further on this and putting forward a detailed and cogent proposal within the next iteration of the Neighbourhood Plan. But, as the concept stands at present, it now seems most unlikely that it would meet current criteria.

Agreed by the SG at a Public Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.

Signed: M. Stares

Date: 23/10/2017