

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL
Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 8.00pm Monday 10 April 2017

Members Present:

Chairman	Kevin Bulmer
Members	Emrhys Barrell
	Mary Bulmer
	Lawrie Reavill
	Bryan Urbick
	Catherine Hall

Officers Present:

Clerk	Colin Ratcliff
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12 members of the public and press

The meeting started 10 minutes late following the Parish Annual Meeting.

16/344 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Matthew Brown, Brandon Hancox, David Brooker, John Wills.

The Chairman noted that Cllr. Hancox had resigned from the Parish Council (GPC) and that therefore a Casual Vacancy now existed.

16/345 To receive any declarations of interests

None.

16/346 Public Forum

Jane Dexter commented that there was a protected orchard on GNP6 and she had been approached by a developer to sell and was concerned that it could be moved. The Chairman stated it would be noted by the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group. Sarah Morton noted the second Bramhill report stated they hadn't had an opportunity to access the site itself and asked whether they had now gained access. Mike Stares, Chairman of NPSG said they had now visited and the results would as usual be made public once received.

16/347 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2017

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

16/348 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda

None

16/349 To receive chairman's report and announcements

The Chairman reiterated the resignation of Cllr Hancox and that a Casual Vacancy would be advertised by the Council.

He reported on a meeting held with stakeholders including Streatley Parish Council, the Police and District Council, regarding the potential for large visitor numbers on the weekend of 24-25 June (anniversary of George Michael's birthday) the numbers attending are unknown and hearsay only. Facebook groups that were planning events are now aware of their responsibilities and have therefore withdrawn. GPC are not aware of any formal events other than tribute acts at The Village Hall and The Catherine Wheel, neither of which have any connection to GPC. A positive discussion had been held with the organisers of those events. GPC's concern is public safety and the village not grinding to a halt; the police have no concerns about those issues at the moment. There is a possibility car parking could be looked at. The fair is not on that weekend as was originally planned, other events are wedding parties at The Miller of Mansfield and Pierreponts. A significant number of fans have already been to the village and behaved well.

The consultation on a potential memorial is ongoing.

Signed:

K. Bulmer

Dated: 8 May 2017

- 16/350 To consider a report on the Neighbourhood Plan (copy of that presented to the Parish Annual Meeting).**
Appendix A refers. Mike Stares additionally noted the SODC consultation is running on the Local Plan. SODC have split housing allocation mathematically across the district but have reinforced time and again the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and recognition of the size of housing increment in Goring, quoting 250 new houses but recognition that 90-100 is a realistic number given the constraints. He stated that once the NP and sustainability reports are out there may be some defence against over-development.
Some phasing and adjustment to the budget is required due to time slippage.
The Chairman encouraged participation in the SODC consultation and thanks were once again given to the NP team for their hard work.
Alan Jones asked if GPC were planning to comment on the SODC consultation. Mike Stares said the NPSG had some views, would ask for more and report back to GPC for an agenda item at the next meeting,
- 16/351 Parish Finance:**
- 1 To approve payments for March 2017**
Resolved: That the payments be approved
- 2 To note receipts for March 2017**
Noted
- 3 To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 31 March 2017**
Noted
- 16/352 To note a report from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer**
Appendix E refers. The Chairman noted that County Council elections take place on 4 May, final registration to vote was 13 April. The candidate list is being published in the Henley Standard and online.
- 16/353 To consider a report from the Police**
None
- 16/354 To consider a report on High Street issues**
None, consultation on the High Street continues to 31 May.
- 16/355 To consider issues relating to village parking**
This will come back to the agenda when an update is received from SODC.
- 16/356 To consider a report on Gardiner Pavilion development.**
Handover date 0930 Monday 24 April. Works are on budget and time.
- 16/357 To consider a report on Recreation Grounds issues**
Appendix F refers. Regarding replacement playground equipment at Bourdillon; it was noted three quotes will be needed for grant applications (The Clerk to send quotes already received to Cllr. Urbick who will investigate grants). The Chairman noted that the factor of the school seeking relocation may affect an early decision on playground equipment.
- 16/358 To consider a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues**
Cllr. M. Bulmer reported the gates had been cleaned; that the mowing was overdue and she hoped the cuttings would be collected.
- 16/359 To consider a proposal to write to The Charity Commissioners regarding the Trusteeship of The Rectory Garden.**
Appendix G refers.

Cllr Urbick noted this had been discussed twice before and each time the outcome was that the wishes of the family would be respected and challenged the need to write to the Charity Commissioners. Cllr. Reavill stated that actions agreed in 2013 did not appear to have been concluded (re seeking legal advice), The Chairman said his recollection was that the motion was later rejected so there had been no need to spend money on legal advice and he was not in favour of spending money now when there is no proposal in place for change that would break the conveyance.

Cllr Reavill stated he had had discussions about further crown lifting and thinning of the trees. The Chairman pointed out this is a tree management issue and not a conveyance issue.

Cllr Urbick offered to ask a legal contact for some pro bono advice which was accepted and the original motion withdrawn.

Resolved: That an opinion be sought on the conveyance at no cost.

16/360 To consider an Agreement under s.101 of the Local Government Act with Oxfordshire County Council regarding grass cutting.

Appendix H refers.

Resolved: That the agreement would be accepted if the requirement for £10m public liability insurance was reduced to £5m, as that is the amount GPC asks its grass cutting contractor to provide and believes is reasonable.

16/361 To note a presentation from Goring & Woodcote Patients Group regarding Community Project proposals.

The Chairman explained the project which was noted.

16/362 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of meetings held on 28 February and 14 March 2017.

Received and noted.

16/363 Correspondence

1 Email from Chilterns Conservation Board requesting support / grant for their Beacons of the Past project.

Resolved: That at this time there are insufficient funds available to provide any grant.

16/364 Matters for future discussion

Cllr. Hall asked about The Gap Festival grant application. The Clerk stated it was on the next meeting's agenda.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2108 hrs.