

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL
Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7.30pm Monday 10 July 2017

Members Present:

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| Chairman | Kevin Bulmer (KB) |
| Members | Emrhys Barrell (EB) |
| | Matthew Brown (MBr) |
| | Mary Bulmer (MBu) |
| | Catherine Hall (CH) |
| | Bryan Urbick BU) |
| | Carmela Boff (CB) (After item 17/55) |

Officers Present:

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

17/54 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from John Wills (JW), David Brooker (DB) and Lawrie Reavill (LR)

17/55 To co-opt Carmela Boff to Goring on Thames Parish Council

Resolved: That CB be co-opted to GPC. KB welcomed her to the meeting on behalf of GPC.

17/56 To receive any declarations of interests

None.

17/57 Public Forum

None

17/58 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2017

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

17/59 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda

None

17/60 To receive chairman's report and announcements

KB stated the George Michael weekend had gone without a hitch, a reasonable number of visitors came, there were no reported problems in the village and the extra rubbish bins supplied were useful. He thanked Ron Bridle for running the information stand. He said that the Biffa waste lorries are due for replacement in the autumn but there had been some breakdowns recently. Stephanie Bridle asked if domestic refuse bins left out around the village could be emptied and cleared before Wednesday for the Britain in Bloom judging. CR was asked to contact SODC.

17/61 To consider a report on the Neighbourhood Plan

David Wilkins had taken over as Chairman of the NPSG. Item 17 was brought forward. He referred to Appendix G and added that the substantial documents of the Plan and Sustainability Appraisal were almost complete. Funded external review will take place and the hope is that those documents will be available to GPC by the end of the month with the Basic Conditions Document to follow shortly after. Mike Stares said that grants have been made available by Locality for reviewing and health checks. The School Governors were holding a drop in session the following day but the NPSG believe the school's submission is far from complete and the NPSG is not in a position to give a final response. It was requested therefore that GPC receive the minutes and draft response at Appendix G and support the reply to the school governors. BU suggested minor amendments.

Signed:

K. Bulmer

Dated: 14 August 2017

KB said that concerns had also been expressed by South Stoke School and OCC about proportionality and other issues. A relevant SODC meeting had been postponed until August, causing further delay.

Resolved: That (with minor amendments) the response to the School be supported by GPC.

17/62 Parish Finance:

1 To approve payments for June 2017 (to 26 June)

Resolved: That the payments be approved

2 To note receipts for June 2017 (to 26 June)

Noted

3 To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 26 June 2017

Noted

4 To consider a s.72 RTRA 1984 grant for signage regarding Goring CE Primary School

Appendices D and D1 referred.

BU proposed that as the signs will eventually belong to GPC, that the council buy and fit the signs with the proviso that funds so far raised and any others be passed onto GPC.

Resolved: That GPC arrange for the purchase and fitting supported by donation of funds already and potentially to be raised for that purpose from the school.

5 To consider an adjustment to the Gardiner Pavilion Refurbishment budget by £6,600 due to architect's fees paid in 2016-17 being missed when forwarding the remaining budget for 2017-18

Resolved: That the adjustment to the budget be approved.

6 To consider a review of fees / tariff of charges for the current financial year

BU explained the rationale behind Appendix E.

Resolved: That the proposals in appendix E be approved.

17/63 To note a report from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer.

KB ran through his report which had been circulated to councillors and will be available as an appendix to the minutes.

17/64 To consider a report from the Police

CR reported on behalf of JW that the police had dealt with a number of parking offences and had attended the School fete and George Michael weekend with no issues raised.

17/65 To consider a report on High Street issues

CR reported on behalf of DB that OCC may now be able to assist with plan drawing and basic costings for the High Street improvements.

17/66 To consider a report on Recreation Grounds issues

None

17/67 To consider a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues

MBu reported the grass had been cut the previous Thursday. She said GPC receives compliments when cut and complaints when not. The contractor is looking at using a mulching mower.

17/68 To consider whether Goring has sufficient public notice boards

Appendix F refers. EB said that a third of the village live beyond Jacks Store and asked about the damaged sign at Icknield Road. John Boler said it was erected in 2007,

damaged soon after, repaired at some expense and vandalised again immediately. Since then it has been left as a community board rather than used by GPC.

Resolved: That the clerk obtain an estimate for a new cover or board at Icknield Road.

17/69 To consider a request from Lyndhurst Residential Home for a new disabled access to Gardiner Recreation ground and an offer to pay up to two thirds of the cost.

CR said the previous estimate (a year ago) was £460.

Resolved: That GPC support a third of the cost subject to checking details with the Cricket Club and an updated estimate.

17/70 To receive draft minutes of the NPSG Meeting 19 June 2017

Dealt with at item 61.

17/71 Correspondence

- 1 CR reported an appeal is likely to the Information Commissioner on GPCs failure to obtain emails held on a private server regarding the NP. KB noted GPC had supplied some of the information but do not hold the rest.
- 2 An email had been received from Goring Robins asking for permission to park Team Managers' cars on grass behind the pavilion on match days. It was agreed this could be dealt with by the clerk and would be allowed subject to any damage being made good by the Robins.

17/72 Matters for future discussion

CH gave an update on the Town and Parish Forum that she attended with JW.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2020 hrs.

Abbreviations:

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| GPC | Goring on Thames Parish Council |
| NP | Neighbourhood Plan |
| NPSG | Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group |
| OCC | Oxfordshire County Council |
| SODC | South Oxfordshire District Council |