

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL
Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7.30pm Monday 11 September 2017

Members Present:

Chairman	Kevin Bulmer (KB)
Members	Mary Bulmer (MBu)
	Bryan Urbick BU)
	Carmela Boff (CB)
	Lawrie Reavill (LR)
	Catherine Hall (CH)

Officers Present:

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

17/94 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from John Wills (JW), David Brooker (DB), Emrhys Barrell (EB) and Matthew Brown (MBr)

17/95 To receive any declarations of interests

None.

17/96 To receive chairman's report and announcements

Item brought forward.

KB stated there will be an extraordinary meeting of council at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13 September in the main hall of the village hall to discuss issues relating to the school.

17/97 Public Forum

Anne Hart asked regarding item 18 if the council would be waiving the ban on camping at Sheepcot.

Sian Felwick read a statement on behalf of supporters of the campaign to get a new school for Goring. She expressed disappointment in the NPSG article in the GGN which she said was inaccurate and misleading. She gave three examples; firstly that Goring does not need a bigger school, secondly that the suggestion of 2000 homes is an incredible number given the protection of the AONB and thirdly that other options for the school had not been fully explored as the school has only been presented with one offer that provides the full funding necessary.

Geoff Brown asked whether any material would be available on the website prior to the meeting on 13th. BU said papers will not be received in time and therefore will be presented on the night. Presentations would however be available on the website after the meeting

17/98 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 14 August 2017

Resolved: That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman following a one line addition to 17/76 requested by Murray Symes (via email).

17/99 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda

None

17/100 To consider a report on the Neighbourhood Plan

David Wilkins apologised for missing the deadline for publication prior to the meeting (the report will be added to the website after the meeting), it had been circulated to councillors. He noted the Plan submission date would be soon and a letter to the Henley Standard.

KB quoted from the report that the text of the sustainability appraisal has been completed and being reviewed by external consultants. The full draft of the NP has been completed and undergoing proofreading prior to review by external readers. It is hoped to release the

Signed:

K. Bulmer

Dated: 9 October 2017

document to GPC by the end of September and open the 6 week consultation in early October. There was a copy attached of a letter sent by the NPSG to the Henley Standard published on 25/09/17 in response to a letter from the developer of GNP6.

17/101 Parish Finance:

1 To approve payments for August 2017

Resolved: That the payments be approved

2 To note receipts for August 2017

Noted

3 To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 31 August 2017

Noted

17/102 To note reports from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer.

Appendix E refers.

KB said that SODC intend to challenge the Thames Farm (Henley) Planning Inspectors report.

17/103 To consider a report from the Police

CR reported there had been an attempted theft of motor cycle from Elvendon Road. A speed check is planned in the High Street. The PCSO hopes to patrol Goring more often and that rural reassurance patrols will take place following an increase in rural crime elsewhere.

17/104 To consider a report on High Street issues

None

17/105 To consider a report on Recreation Grounds issues

LR referred to Appendix F.

Regarding a proposal to obtain quotes for tree works in The Rectory Garden BU suggested an amendment to initially start the process and test the waters with SODC on what would be permissible.

Resolved: That SODC be requested to comment on the potential of thinning and crown lifting.

LR said CB was interested in joining the playground equipment working group. MBu discussed options for playground equipment. BU suggested a landscape architect would assist with developing options for consultation. South Stoke found they could not compare like with like when talking to suppliers without a clear design and the plan and specification designed by the architect eventually cost less than the suppliers initial suggestions. MBu felt the group could do their own research.

KB said it was not a good idea to firm up on Bourdillon as a location until the school situation was resolved and that it was hard to move forward without a firm proposal. He proposed adopting numbers 1 and 2 from the report. BU noted GPC cannot apply for grants until after consultation; an agreed design and three competitive tenders have been obtained. He felt potentially up to 80% of the cost might be available from a total cost of £100k.

LR requested that some provision be made in next year's budget.

Resolved: That proposals 1 and 2 be progressed – to review the selection of equipment and the location and to check for customer support.

17/106 To consider a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues

MBu said there were ongoing problems with the grass and an advert to rent the paddock will be in the September GGN. She proposed a small group of volunteers be recruited to assist with minor jobs that would help keep the burial ground tidy.

Resolved: To support a small group of volunteers, coordinated by MBu.

- 17/107 To consider an update on Freedom of Information issues**
No update since last meeting.
- 17/108 To consider an update on the Community Centre Car Park**
CB reported a meeting had been held with OCC to explain the current situation regarding the withdrawal of Hitachi from the village and loss of 16 licences. Full financial estimates have been disclosed to OCC in order to demonstrate that GPC do not make a profit from the arrangement and a cost of living rent increase proposed. We await a response from OCC.
BU proposed that GPC agree in principle to renew for 10 years with a 5 year break clause.
Resolved: That agreement in principle for the contract to be renewed be given.
- 17/109 To consider a proposal to refurbish the council's website**
BU stated he had discussed the issues with MBr. GPC pay quite high monthly fees to Biff Bang Pow to maintain the current site which is outdated. They have quoted £1500 to convert the site to WordPress. He proposed that GPC do the website in WordPress (he has experience of the system from South Stoke Parish Council and GENIE) with approx. £100-150 pa external support.
Resolved: That GPC progress a conversion of the website to WordPress using mainly internal expertise.
- 17/110 To consider an update on cost of repairing / replacing the Icknield Road notice board**
CR stated it did not appear possible to repair. He has estimates to replace at approx. £180.
Resolved: That the sign be replaced.
- 17/111 To consider a proposal to allow in principle, the use of Gardiner or Sheepcot Recreation Grounds by the GM Birthday Tribute Group on 24 June 2018 and separately a proposal to allow use of Sheepcot for parking / camping, over the weekend of 23-24 June 2018, both subject to a satisfactorily planned event proposal supported by SODC and other agencies**
CH reported on a meeting with a new group who hope to plan a fully organised event on Sunday 24 June 2018. They expect increased numbers. One suggestion is to liaise with the Gap Festival to use the same marquee from the previous week. The event would donate receipts for charitable purposes after costs. Their preferred site is Gardiner Recreation Ground. There would be no clash with a planned event at The Catherine Wheel the day before.
Resolved: That use of Gardiner Recreation Ground be agreed in principle subject to further consultation and discussion by the group.
Regarding parking and camping CH stated all accommodation appears to be booked in and around the village already and suggested small scale use could be made of Sheepcot. Cllrs expressed some concerns. KB proposed GPC check on planning issues with SODC prior to any decision. MBu suggested a farmer's field might be used.
Resolved: To consult with SODC in the first instance.
Stephanie Bridle asked if this was a one off event – CH said that was unknown at present.
- 17/112 To consider a response to the consultation by SODC on s.106 and CIL funding**
Appendix G refers. BU said the changes were logical. Some discussion took place about the lack of information on CIL liabilities.
Resolved: That GPC support the changes proposed
- 17/113 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of the meeting held on 1 August 2017**
Received and noted.

17/114 Correspondence

None

17/115 Matters for future discussion

BU noted the budget would be on the next agenda.

MBu said there was a large recycling bin at South Stoke of a type that might be suitable for Wheel Orchard. It was agreed GPC ask SODC for comment.

17/116 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.

17/117 To consider quotes to replace swings at Bourdillon Field

A number of quotations were assessed.

Resolved: It was agreed to accept the quote from Safe and Sound subject to receipt of final copy and if confirmed as significantly lower than other quotes.

17/118 To consider requirement and quotes for mapping and GIS software

Resolved: To purchase a mapping solution from Parish Online

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2030 hrs.

Abbreviations:

AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
GGN	Goring Gap News
GM	George Michael
GPC	Goring on Thames Parish Council
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
NPSG	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
OCC	Oxfordshire County Council
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
SODC	South Oxfordshire District Council