

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

Members Present:

Chairman	John Wills (JW)
Members	Bryan Urbick (BU)
	Lawrie Reavill (LR)
	Catherine Hall (CH)
	David Brooker (DB)
	Matthew Brown (MBr)

Officers Present:

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

17/179 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Emrhys Barrell (EB), Mary Bulmer (MBu), Carmela Boff (CB) and Kevin Bulmer (KB)

17/180 To receive any declarations of interests

None.

17/181 Public Forum

Nobody present at that time

17/182 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2017

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

17/183 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda

None

17/184 To receive chairman's report and announcements

JW had spoken to KB who had nothing to report. He reminded that the NP consultation closed at 1700 on Wednesday 13th.

17/185 To set dates for councillors to review the NP consultation papers prior to consideration at a full council meeting.

Resolved: That a week be set aside for review of the Plan once consultation comments have been examined and prior to a full council meeting to consider acceptance. It was agreed the Clerk would liaise with the NPSG for dates.

17/186 To note a report from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer.

Noted

17/187 To receive an update on the NP Strategic Project for Goring CE Primary School

BU read out an agreed statement between the NPSG and the School Working Group stating they were progressing well on the project for the future of the school. The first major step - an objective, comprehensive feasibility study looking at the condition and expected life of the current school, as well as the potential for renovating or rebuilding the school on the existing site (with or without the Bourdillon Field) - is being commissioned. Funding for the study has been agreed, with approximately half from the Parish Council and half from the Diocese. It is expected that the results of the Feasibility Study will be reported end February/early March. From that point, the next steps will be considered and agreed and the outcome reported to parents and the whole

Signed:

K. Bulmer

Dated: 12 February 2018

village.

- 17/188 To consider a report on the NP Strategic Project for the Village centre.**
Appendix B refers.
DB had met with Streatley Parish Council who were proposing a monitoring exercise for heavy vehicles for the week commencing 15 January with discussion about coordination of efforts. The Amenities Association had been approached to assist with monitoring on the Goring side.
- 17/189 To consider a report on Recreation Grounds issues, including a request by Goring Robins to use a generator.**
LR referred to Appendix C. Generator dealt with later under correspondence. The litter bin at Sheepcot had been replaced. He hoped to submit an application for tree works at The Rectory Garden in February. Regarding the playground equipment JW suggested talking to the supplier of the new Goring CE Primary School equipment.
- 17/190 To receive a report from the Police**
JW reported garage burglaries in Station Road and Manor Road, wines, spirits and bicycles had been stolen.
- 17/191 To receive a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues**
None
- 17/192 To consider an update on Freedom of Information issues.**
CR reported one new FOI request had been received which was similar to a previous one from someone else. Regarding the ICO complaint and investigation, a letter asking for further details has been received. A response would be supplied in the next week using advice received from the council's solicitor.
- 17/193 To receive a report regarding planned events in the village**
CH reported a letter had been received with a management plan from Terry Daniels noting the group have changed their plans for 2018 and would instead be seeking support for 2019 at the Sheepcot Recreation Ground . There was still concern there was insufficient detail to consider properly. Concern was also expressed that the Swan at Streatley may be inappropriate for their new suggestion of an event in 2018.
Resolved: That CH would draft a reply explaining the council's concerns and asking for fuller details in sufficient time for a local consultation before council would consider the use of Sheepcot Recreation Ground.
- 17/194 To consider a working group to deal with planned events, including any GM memorial.**
Resolved: That a working group consisting of CH, BU and MBu be formed.
- 17/195 To consider a report on a memorial statue and bench for George Michael**
CH, referring to appendix E, stated no confirmation had yet been received from Terry Daniels on sponsorship or backing of GM's family / estate. It was suggested a significant sum would be needed as a maintenance fund, potentially in the order of £100k so as to pay any maintenance and upkeep from interest earnings. It was reiterated that local consultation would be needed when a firm proposal had been received.
Regarding the 'gift to village' bench, the donator now wanted something that was more of a memorial and closer to Mill Cottage, discussions were therefore ongoing.

17/196 Parish Finance:

1 To approve payments for November 2017

Resolved: That the payments be approved

2 To note receipts for November 2017

Noted

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

Noted

4 To approve an increase to the seats budget of £1,270 for memorial benches (covered by donations) and an increase across grass cutting and hedging budgets of £2,000 to cover unanticipated late invoices from 2016-17

Resolved: That the increases be approved.

17/197 To consider organising a 'get involved' event sponsored by GPC

BU stated that he had been hearing from Sports and other clubs and charities of dwindling memberships. There are approx. 150 such groups in the area and he sought to invite them to a GPC organised event to encourage involvement, particularly from younger people. If a positive response, BU indicated a proposed plan would be brought to the Council.

Resolved: That council would support such an event.

17/198 To consider annual risk assessments.

Resolved: That Appendices I and I1 be accepted.

17/199 To consider amending routine Planning Committee meetings to be held one per month

DB proposed a change as suggested by the Planning Committee, it was noted that urgent applications could be considered at an extra meeting if required.

Resolved: To routinely hold one planning committee meeting a month.

17/200 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of meeting held on 7 November 2017.

Received and noted.

17/201 Correspondence

1 Email from the Twinning Association regarding wrongly spelt sign

Resolved: That OCC be contacted and asked to replace / amend.

2 Emails from / to Goring Robins regarding ground works, sign and generator

David Smart and James Forder were present and explained the rationale. All were in favour in principle of allowing the use of lighting as described. It was agreed that Robins would provide full details and meet to review all aspects of the conditions of use which have become somewhat outdated since 2007. Consultation with Sheepcot residents would be included with the review. David Smart also welcomed a budget for refurbishment and stated the club could assist with match funding applications. He acknowledged that pitch repairs were the responsibility of the club. He suggested that the proposal for a sign at the pavilion could be dealt with as part of a refurbishment.

17/202 To consider the date of the next meeting (currently 12 February 2018)

Item withdrawn

Signed:

K. Bulmer

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17/203 Matters for future discussion

None

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2040 hrs.

Abbreviations (where used):

FOI	Freedom of Information
GM	George Michael
GPC	Goring on Thames Parish Council
ICO	Information Commissioner's Office
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
NPSG	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
NPSP	Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Project
OCC	Oxfordshire County Council
SODC	South Oxfordshire District Council