

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7.30pm Monday 11 July 2016**

**Members Present:**

Chairman	Kevin Bulmer
Vice-Chairman	John Wills
Members	Catherine Hall
	Mary Bulmer
	Matthew Brown
	Brandon Hancox
	Lawrie Reavill
	Bryan Urbick

**Officers Present:**

Clerk	Colin Ratcliff
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4 members of the public and press

**16/141 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from:  
David Brooker and Emrhys Barrell

**16/142 To receive any declarations of interests**

None

**16/143 Public Forum**

Stephanie Bridle commented on South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC)'s Wheel Orchard bins overflowing and asked about the strap line / mission statement previously in use.

SODC are taking back responsibility for all village bins in October and removing the grant, the situation would need monitoring. The strap line was removed some time ago as considered unnecessary but if any Councillor wished to re-instate one then it could be considered.

**16/144 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2016**

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

**16/145 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda**

16/133 request to put the Parish Council (GPC)'s response on the website

**16/146 To receive chairman's report and announcements**

1. The Chairman had sent a note to the Goring Gap News to encourage taking part in SODC's Local Plan consultation. The Plan and forms are available in the library.
2. The Chairman had a meeting with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG) and intends to attend their meetings in his ex-officio role as a second GPC liaison during this busy time.

**16/147 To consider a report on the Neighbourhood Plan (NP)**

Nigel Gilson referred to Appendices A and A1. Deborah Whitfield was proposed as the independent verifier for the Site Selection Oversight Group (SSOG). She was a long standing SODC Councillor and lives in Ewelme, independent to the village.

A discussion took place on responses to SODC's Local Plan consultation (See 16/158). The SSOG terms of reference was noted but contained an inaccurate comment on the overall governing body.

**Resolved:** That Ms Whitfield be appointed to the SSOG and that a single response from GPC and NPSG would be submitted to the SODC Local Plan consultation, with a draft

Signed:

K.Bulmer

Dated: 8 August 2016

being prepared initially by The Chairman for circulation and comment before the next council meeting (deadline for SODC of 19 August).

**16/148 Parish Finance**

**1 To approve payments for June 2016**

**Resolved:** That the payments be approved

**2 To note receipts for June 2016**

Noted

**3 To note Cash and Investment Reconciliation as at 30 June 2016**

Noted

**4 To note first quarter 2016-17 expenditure against budget**

Noted

**16/149 To note a report from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer**

A report had been circulated to councillors before the meeting.

The following day would be Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) full council meeting. Cllr. Bulmer has a motion regarding car parking and traffic enforcement asking for engagement with SODC to consider a solution.

He noted a statement by the OCC Leader on the EU referendum.

Workshops on proposals for a Unitary Council consultation had taken place and some GPC councillors attended.

There are some Park and Ride ideas for Oxford City.

OCC's Adult and Child Safeguarding has been declared one of the best in the country.

Grass cutting programme - OCC promise to do better having been caught out by the exceptional growth recently.

Consideration of the proposed new bridge over the Thames is ongoing.

As District Cllr. He had received a petition on parking issues from a number of Goring Businesses. The biggest problem would appear to be long term parking taking place in Wheel Orchard car park preventing shoppers from using it. He has asked for SODC's charges to be reviewed but it should be noted that may push the problem elsewhere. The petition was passed to GPC to consider a response (See 16/152 below).

**16/150 To consider a report from the Police**

Nothing to report. No suspects had been identified for previously reported damage.

**16/151 To consider a report on High Street issues and Gardiner Pavilion**

Appendix F was noted

**16/152 To consider issues relating to village parking**

The petition from local businesses was received and discussed. It was felt SODC's pricing structure encourages long term parking, very few shopping spaces are available, it was hoped SODC would have the data available to research parking time patterns.

**Resolved:** To write to SODC asking for their pricing structure to be reviewed.

**16/153 To consider a report on Recreation Ground issues**

Cllr. Reavill referred to Appendix G. Another potential supplier has been identified.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk draft a letter to nearby residents asking for comments.

**16/154 To consider a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues**

Cllr. M. Bulmer reported the grass contractor had cleared up and the gates have been cleaned

**16/155 To consider further information relating to the process and potential costs received**

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**from SODC regarding a Conservation Area Appraisal**

There was wide support in principle for GPC to conduct an appraisal restrained by demands on the budget for this year.

**Resolved:** That the proposals in Appendix H be adopted and to propose a budget for the work for the following financial year.

**16/156 To consider a report on the Gap Festival**

Cllr. Hall reported that the events had been a phenomenal success and felt it had been better attended and a better programme than the recent Oxford Festival. There is no feedback yet on finances. It was a large amount of work, all by volunteers and if considered again it may be necessary to employ someone to manage it. A decision to be made in the next three months.

A vote of congratulations was proposed.

**Resolved:** That a letter be sent congratulating the organisers on a highly successful event.

**16/157 To note an update on Weir High Court claim**

Noted

**16/158 To consider a response to the SODC Local Plan 2032 consultation**

(discussed during item 16/147)

**16/159 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2016.**

Received and noted.

**16/160 Correspondence**

1. Letter of Thanks from the Gap Festival – noted
2. Email of thanks from St. Thomas Church - noted

**16/161 Matters for future discussion**

None

**16/162 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

**16/163 To consider tenders for the Gardiner Pavilion**

Paul Devine reported on the current situation. Further enquiries are required before further consideration.

**16/164 To consider quotes for tree surveying**

**Resolved:** To accept the quote from The Chiltern Woodlands Project

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2113 hrs.