

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL
Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7.30pm Monday 12 June 2017

Members Present:

Chairman	Kevin Bulmer
Vice Chairman	John Wills
Members	Emrhys Barrell
	David Brooker
	Matthew Brown
	Mary Bulmer
	Catherine Hall
	Lawrie Reavill

Officers Present:

Clerk	Colin Ratcliff
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9 members of the public and press

17/33 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from: Bryan Urbick.

17/34 To receive any declarations of interests

None.

17/35 Public Forum

None

17/36 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2017

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

17/37 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda

None

17/38 To receive chairman's report and announcements

None

17/39 To consider a report on the Neighbourhood Plan

Appendix A was noted

17/40 Parish Finance:

1 To approve payments for May 2017

Resolved: That the payments be approved

2 To note receipts for May 2017

Noted

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

Noted

4 To review the budget and consider a proposal for budget reallocation.

Deferred until the next meeting

5 To consider a report on the NP request for an amended budget to include a health check examination and to complete the NP.

Appendix F refers, it was noted that grant funding for an additional £6,000 from Locality had been requested by the NPSG and agreement in principle had been received.

Signed:

K. Bulmer

Dated: 10 July 2017

Resolved: That the proposals for an amended NP budget in Appendix F are approved.

6 To consider the position of outstanding grant requests, and a proposal as to an approach to these and future requests.

Appendix G refers. John Boler, in reply to a query, commented that the remaining grant funding of £2,960 related to an award to MIGGS from GWR via GPC as an authorised public body. The budgeted sum of £5,000 for road widening works is still set aside.

Resolved: That funds of £3,000 be released to MIGGS and other grants made in line with the proposal in Appendix G

7 To consider a s.145 grant application from The Gap Festival. Deferred from previous meeting.

Appendix G refers

Resolved: To award a grant of £2,000 this financial year in line with the current budget and to review whether a greater sum might be awarded in 2018-19.

8 To consider a s.144 request from MIGGS for match funding towards an 'Accessible by train' leaflet / brochure to promote visits to Goring and Streatley. Deferred from previous meeting.

Resolved: See item 6 above.

9 To consider a s.145 grant application for Goring and Streatley Food and Drink Festival. Deferred from previous meeting.

Appendix G refers.

Resolved: That a grant of £250 be approved.

10 To consider a proposal that Cllr. Urbick and the Clerk pursue grant funding for replacement and conversion of street lights to LED.

Appendix K refers.

Resolved: That the Clerk and Cllr. Urbick be authorised to pursue grant funding.

17/41 To note a report from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer.

The Chairman highlighted a couple of items within Appendix L

17/42 To consider a report from the Police

Cllr Wills said that no members of the public had turned up for the last police 'Have Your Say' meeting and that the next is on 20 June. PCSOs have issued a number of parking tickets; they intend to patrol the recreation grounds following reports of drug use. They have concerns over the lack of public toilets for the weekend of 24-26 June; four PCSOs will be on duty. The Chairman stated the police had no previous interest in the weekend as no formal public events are planned. GPC have arranged for additional rubbish bins to be available and Cllr Brooker has contacted the contractors for Wheel Orchard toilets to arrange additional cleaning. Stephanie Bridle asked about parking, the Chairman stated fields used previously are not available due to planted crops, The Clerk was requested to make enquiries with Thames Court to see if they would open their car park off Cleeve Road for public use.

17/43 To consider a report on High Street issues

Cllr Brooker referred to Appendices M and M1. 93 responses had been received to the High Street works consultation with the general consensus in favour.

Resolved: That OCC be asked to progress the project.

Stephanie Bridle reported the BT fence is being tidied followed by suitable planting and that GGIB are encouraging replacement of some broken sections. The overgrown garage area will be tidied. Cllr. Reavill said he had received a complaint that space in Wheel Orchard Car Park was not available. It is believed that 11 permits have been issued by SODC. It was not believed the charges had changed.

- 17/44 To consider a report on Recreation Grounds issues**
Appendix N refers. Cllr Reavill has been liaising with parents regarding playground equipment at Bourdillon Field. It was agreed to continue monitoring the effect of removing a waste bin at Sheepcot.
Cllr Brooker requested the Clerk write to the Sports Clubs using Gardiner pavilion to remind them that studs / spikes should not be worn in some areas and to store equipment in the new storage facilities and not the main building.
- 17/45 To receive an update report on The Rectory Gardens review of documentation and legal position.**
Appendix O was noted. Cllr Reavill will liaise with Cllr Urbick on this matter.
- 17/46 To consider a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues**
Cllr. M. Bulmer reported tubs by the entrance had been planted up and Cllr Brooker said he had had positive comments from the public on how good the burial ground looked.
- 17/47 To consider sending congratulations to Kevin Bennett, Village Hall Clock Tower contractor who recently won a National Lead Roofing Award for the work.**
Resolved: That a letter of congratulations be sent.
- 17/48 To consider setting up an interview panel regarding two applicants for the casual vacancy in preparation for a decision on co-option at the next council meeting.**
Resolved: That interviews be carried out on behalf of the council by The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Cllr. Hall.
- 17/49 To consider a report on the outcome of a consultation on a memorial for George Michael, the offer of a donation for the village by the GM Lovelies Facebook Group (deferred from previous meeting) and a report on the proposed purchase by GPC of a gazebo and signage for a Visitor Information Point.**
Appendices P, P1 and P2 refer.
It was agreed that consideration of a formal memorial and the offer of a lease for the grass bank be held until after the birthday anniversary weekend of 24-25 June. Noting that the 'GM Lovelies' are seeking an individual to discuss a village donation with and that no response had been received to the GGN article it was:
Resolved: That an approach be made to Clare Fox to see if she would be willing, as a resident, to take on the liaison role for the donation.
Regarding the information point an offer to loan a gazebo was made and it was:
Resolved: That GPC fund the purchase of signs that can be reused and for Ron Bridle to order them on behalf of GPC.
- 17/50 To receive an update report on the GENIE newsletter initiative and the GPC newsletter.**
Appendix Q was noted
- 17/51 To consider a report and proposal regarding the posters and signs policy.**
Appendix R refers. Cllr Brooker said that 10 A-boards were recently in place by The Arcade. John Boler stated MIGGS had written to The Arcade a few years ago to highlight the importance of maintaining a flow for pedestrians, wheelchair and mobility scooter users. He also asked whether GPC considers there is an adequate supply of fixed notice boards in the village for public use. The Chairman said Tesco has a public notice board as part of their plans but that the matter will be considered.
Resolved: That the policy within Appendix R be adopted.
- 17/52 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of meetings held on 25 April, 9 and 23 May 2017.**
Received and noted.

17/53 Matters for future discussion

Cllr Reavill said he had received expressions of disappointment that the reporting of Parish Council meetings in the GGN had stopped. In the absence of any other volunteers from the public he agreed to take on the role from the previous reporter who had retired due to ill health.

Cllr Brooker stated the Dinner Club in the Community Centre may be closing due to loss of SODC funding.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2046 hrs.

Abbreviations:

GGIB	Goring Gap in Bloom
GGN	Goring Gap News
GPC	Goring on Thames Parish Council
GWR	Great Western Railway
MIGGS	Mobility
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
NPSG	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
OCC	Oxfordshire County Council
SODC	South Oxfordshire District Council