

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GORING WEIR COMMITTEE
GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL
Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7.00pm Monday 13 June 2016**

Members Present:

Chairman	John Wills
Vice-Chairman	Catherine Hall
Members	David Brooker
	Mary Bulmer
	Matthew Brown
	Lawrie Reavill
	Bryan Urbick
	Emrhys Barrell (from 1903)

Officers Present:

Clerk	Colin Ratcliff
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Seven members of the public and press

16/6 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from:
Cllr. Brandon Hancox

16/7 To receive any declarations of interests

None

16/8 Chairman's Announcements

None

16/9 To consider an update on the current situation regarding Judicial Review

Cllr. Urbick summarised events as follows:

4 April - PAP submitted to South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) and the Environment Agency (EA) giving two weeks for a response. SODC replied in the last hour of the last day refuting and giving reasons.

20 April - Claim filed with four grounds.

27 April - First witness statement submitted re flooding issues.

29 April - Second witness statement submitted re other grounds including an attempt to flag the issues before the Planning Committee meeting.

Statements received without comment.

17 May - EA response received.

18 May - GPC response to Court regarding post-rationalisation of the issues.

20 May - SODC response sent to the Court.

25 May - SODC response received by GPC solicitors in mail.

26 May - GPC response to Court.

2 June - Witness statement submitted by SODC.

3 June - SODC statement refuted as it includes contradictions and is post-rationalisation.

The current situation is to wait for a Judge to consider if the review should take place and if so; dates will be allocated, possibly for around 6 months' time.

Cllr. Brooker asked about capping of costs. Cllr. Urbick replied that as the request has not been challenged GPC's costs should be capped at £10k and theirs at £35k.

Cllr. Urbick has drafted two letters to Streatley Parish Council and the Sustainability Group

Signed:

J. Wills

Dated: 24 November 2016

which were considered.

Resolved: That the drafts be circulated by email for any further comment prior to sending.

16/10 To consider draft letters to be sent to The Chilterns Conservation Board and the National Trust

Cllr. Reavill had drafted two letters. Cllr Hall suggested one amendment about using the term Planning Committee rather than Planners.

Resolved: To send the letters as amended.

16/11 Public Forum

Ron Bridle asked if the planning application is suspended while the Judicial Review takes place. Cllr. Urbick stated it was and that the applicants had confirmed it was not progressing until resolved. An offer to meet is included in the draft letters.

David Beck confirmed that fundraising has started, a letter was distributed and that cheques are being received.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 1925 hrs.