

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7.30pm Monday 8 February 2016**

**Members Present:**

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

**Officers Present:**

Clerk	Colin Ratcliff
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10 members of the public and press

**16/1 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from:  
Cllr. Emrhys Barrell

**16/2 To receive any declarations of interest**

Cllr. Urbick – other interests – as member of the Village Hall Committee and Treasurer of the Railway Action Group (RAG)

**16/3 Public Forum**

Two requests to speak to relevant items

**16/4 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2015**

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

**16/5 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda**

None

**16/6 To receive chairman's report and announcements**

The Chairman reported on a meeting held with interested parties and Go-Ride regarding the 134 bus service. Despite Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) cuts, Go-Ride agreed to continue with the service until the end of the year with a small fare increase and revised timetable. The group, chaired by South Stoke PC are looking at longer term options. He wished to correct information circulated by the Stop Tesco in Goring (STIG) Group which had misrepresented the reasons for the Parish Council Planning Committee's recommendation of refusal to the Tesco planning application at the Queen's Arms which had been on the grounds on highways / traffic issues only

**16/7 To consider a report on the Neighbourhood Plan**

Andy Best, Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG) member gave an update from Appendix A. David Wilkins stated there had been a rush of interest on sites and the group were expecting about 8-9 main sites to be proposed. Questions were raised by Cllr. Brooker about early release of information, Cllr Hall regarding the public's perception of scale and Cllr Hancox about developers jumping the gun with planning applications. David Wilkins said all three concerns had previously been noted and taken into consideration by the NPSG

**16/8 Parish Finance**

Signed:

K. Bulmer

Dated: 14 March 2016

- 1 **To approve payments for December 2015 and January 2016**  
**Resolved:** That the payments be approved
- 2 **To note receipts for December 2015 and January 2016**  
Noted
- 3 **To note Cash and Investment Reconciliation as at 29 January 2016**  
Noted
- 4 **To review expenditure and income against the agreed budget at the end of the third quarter 2015-16.**  
**Resolved:** That the expenditure, income and budget be approved
- 16/9 **To note a report from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer**  
The Chairman gave an update from Appendices F and F2. Cllr. Hancox asked if there were any OCC reserves. The Chairman explained the breakdown and restrictions contained in Appendix F2. Cllr. Hancox questioned why OCC were selling assets given the longer term loss, the Chairman explained further and that OCC were aware of the implications.
- 16/10 **To consider a report from the Police**  
None
- 16/11 **To consider any Freedom of Information appeals**  
None
- 16/12 **To consider a report on High Street issues**  
Cllr. Brooker gave an update from Appendix G which was also being sent to the Goring Gap News and High Street traders. The Chairman reported anecdotal evidence of weight limit abuse and Cllr. Hancox asked if CCTV and use of wide pavements could be made. Cllr. Brooker explained the restrictions on the highway boundary v. privately owned land and the issues around CCTV monitoring which had all been previously taken into consideration.
- 16/13 **To consider a report on Recreation Ground issues**  
Cllr. Reavill gave an update from Appendix H.  
**Resolved:** That council proceed with the proposal for extra equipment as an interim measure prior to a more comprehensive programme that might be developed through the Neighbourhood Plan and for some specific proposals to be drafted.
- 16/14 **To consider a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues**  
Cllr. M. Bulmer reported that the building needed painting and some rotten wood replaced. Rosie Mortimer stated that the southern hedge had been cut, unsightly debris left and a path worn on the grass  
**Resolved:** That the clerk obtain quotes for the building and check the hedge
- 16/15 **To consider a report on council communication**  
Cllr. Reavill gave an update from Appendix I.  
**Resolved:** That the recommendations in the report be implemented
- 16/16 **To consider a report on Gardiner Pavilion development and the Architect's updated proposal. To consider the makeup of a working group to oversee works if proposal approved.**  
  
Cllr. Brooker gave an update on Appendices J1 and J2 and questioned funding. Cllr. Urbick stated that unallocated reserves are available; S.106 funds and other capital grants

will be applied for. Some can only be after tenders have been obtained.

**Resolved:** That tenders be obtained and that a working group of Cllr's Brooker, Hall and Urbick be appointed to the project.

- 16/17 To consider whether to progress estimates for provision of two new entrances to Gardiner Recreation Ground. One opposite Lyndhurst at £460 and one in top right corner, (regularly used as a short cut) which would require three quotes.**  
**Resolved:** That the entrances not be progressed at this time and to review the need after the impact of the Pavilion Development and associated new entrances had been assessed.
- 16/18 To consider replacing old poor condition wooden gate in The Rectory Garden by the Village Hall with a metal gate.**  
**Resolved:** That quotes be obtained
- 16/19 To conduct an annual review of Standing Orders and Regulations. To consider amending paragraphs 9 and 44 to delete reference to secret ballots (suspended 8 June 2015) and other updating amendments contained within the draft at Appendix M of last meeting. Proposed Cllr. Urbick, seconded Cllr. Reavill. (Adjourned from last meeting).**  
**Resolved:** That all draft changes be approved
- 16/20 To consider a S.137 grant application (for 2016-17) from Goring Gap in Bloom**  
Clarification was provided by Gill Haigh, the new GGIB Treasurer about the committee's decision to not apply for the Britain in Bloom competition 2016 but with the intention of still providing hanging baskets and other cultivated areas around the village, as long as sufficient funding and volunteers were available.  
**Resolved:** That the additional grant request of £675 be approved, making a total of £1,275 for the financial year 2016-17 and to remove the budget entry for a potential watering system.
- 16/21 To consider an amended quote for playground equipment repairs (work already done as a matter of urgency). On carrying out previously approved repairs to the Kompan Spica at Bourdillon it was found replacement bearings were required to make it safe at an additional cost of £200.**  
**Resolved:** That the supplementary budget be approved.
- 16/22 To consider a report from MIGGS regarding Wallingford Road pavement widening**  
John Boler gave an update on Appendix L.  
**Resolved:** That the group continue with a grant application for £7,000 and to obtain tenders from consultants.
- 16/23 To consider an offer of earmarked funds from the forthcoming closure of Goring and District Youth Club to be used solely for the purpose of purchase of new outdoor play equipment.**  
Cllr. Wells requested the minutes record the Council's disappointment that the youth club was closing. Representatives of the club gave further details about the difficulty in maintaining the club.  
**Resolved:** That the council agree a formal undertaking to accept the funds earmarked for new play equipment and to provide a plaque when used.
- 16/24 To consider a report on Network Rail electrification and a grant application for £500 by the Railway Action Group.**  
Cllr. Urbick declared an interest as Treasurer of RAG.  
**Resolved:** That the grant be approved.
- 16/25 To consider donating the clock fixed to the village hall tower as a donation-in-kind**

**to the Goring Village Hall Charity and transfer ownership and future responsibility from the Parish Council as well as a donation of £1,000 to assist in its repair.**

Cllr. Urbick declared an interest as member of the Village Hall Committee. He stated that no paperwork had been found regarding ownership of the clock but believed it was donated to the village as a memorial and was kept separate from ownership and responsibility for the village hall. He suggested cleaning up the question by donating the clock to the village hall together with a £1,000 grant. The Chairman agreed that it would tidy up an anomaly.

**Resolved:** To donate the clock with a one off £1,000 grant to the Village Hall

**16/26 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of the meeting held on 5 January 2016.**

Received and noted.

**16/27 Correspondence**

Letter regarding Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan received and noted

**16/28 Matters for future discussion**

Cllr. Brooker asked about the out of date Goring Village Website. The Clerk was asked to investigate ownership.

**16/29 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

**1630 To consider tender bids for grass cutting and related services.**

Despite requests to four contractors who had all expressed an interest only two had responded.

**Resolved:** That the contract be awarded to M&C Landscapes.

**16/31 To consider quotes for repairs to the clock on the village hall**

Due to the resolution at 16/25 above this item was withdrawn

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2135 hrs.