

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7.30pm Monday 9 May 2016**

**Members Present:**

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

**Officers Present:**

Clerk	Colin Ratcliff
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Seven members of the public and press

- 16/85 To elect the Chairman for the year ahead**  
Cllr. Kevin Bulmer was the only nomination and duly elected
- 16/86 To receive declaration of Chairman's acceptance of office**  
Signed and received
- 16/87 To receive apologies for absence**  
Apologies for absence were received from:  
Cllr. Brandon Hancox
- 16/88 To elect a Vice-chairman for the year ahead**  
Cllr. John Wills was the only nomination and duly elected
- 16/89 To receive declaration of Vice-chairman's acceptance of office**  
Signed and received
- 16/90 Councillors to confirm their registrations of interests are up to date on the SODC website**  
All present confirmed
- 16/91 To receive any declarations of interest**  
None.
- 16/92 Public Forum**  
Ron Bridle stated he was planning to publish a map of parking spaces the public could use during the Festival and asked if Sheepcot could be included. There were no objections but the Clerk was asked to consult the sports clubs. It was noted the Community Centre Car Park is only reserved between 0900 and 1700 and the 23 spaces controlled by the Parish Council were offered for temporary use..
- 16/93 For Goring Weir Committee Members – to approve minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2016**  
**Resolved:** That the minutes be approved and signed by the Committee Chairman
- 16/94 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2016**  
**Resolved:** That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman

Signed:

K. Bulmer

Dated: 13 June 2016

- 16/95 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda**  
CCTV Signs have not yet been put up.
- 16/96 To receive chairman's report and announcements**  
The Chairman proposed removing the January meeting from the schedule.  
**Resolved:** That the January 2017 meeting be cancelled
- 16/97 To consider a report on the Neighbourhood Plan**  
Andy Best gave an update from Appendix A. In addition the Locality Grant of £8,000 had been provisionally approved.  
A letter received from Goring Primary School was discussed. The NPSG will include the issues raised in their discussion and report. David Wilkins stated the surgery is interested in expansion and that the Parish Council Offices were an option for development.  
Cllr's provided a vote of thanks to the NPSG and other volunteers for their work on the Plan.  
**Resolved:** That Cllr. Brown is appointed as independent verifier from the Council and that further discussions would take place after the meeting and a suitable candidate outside the village be invited as an independent verifier, with the decision as to who delegated to The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Cllr. Brown.  
**Resolved:** That the amended budget profile be approved.
- 16/98 To appoint Planning Committee members**  
**Resolved:** That Cllrs. Wills, Hall, Brooker, M. Bulmer, Brown, Hancox, Reavill are appointed.
- 16/99 To appoint Goring Weir Committee members**  
**Resolved:** That all Council members, with the exception of the Chairman, are appointed.
- 16/100 To appoint representatives to serve on other bodies:-**
- 1 Goring Volunteer Trust**  
**Resolved:** That Alan Strong continue
- 2 Twinning Committee**  
It was noted that the Twinning Committee Constitution requires Parish Council representation at their AGM. Councillors do not currently have time to attend all Twinning meetings unless there is a matter on the agenda that is relevant to the Council. The Clerk was asked to advise the Twinning Committee for advance notice of any such matters.  
**Resolved:** That The Chairman, Cllrs Wills and Hall continue
- 3 Lybbe's Alms House Charity**  
**Resolved:** That Cllr Reavill continue
- 4 The Village Hall Committee**  
**Resolved:** That Cllr Urbick continue
- 5 The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**  
**Resolved:** That Cllr Hancox continue
- 6 To confirm Cllr. Kevin Bulmer as the representative to the Goring Poor Allotment Charity**  
**Resolved:** That Cllr. K. Bulmer be appointed
- It was noted that Cllr Hall recently appointed as representative to the Goring and Streatley Festival committee should also continue
- 16/101 To receive reports from representatives on external bodies**

None

**16/102 Parish Finance**

- 1 To approve payments for April 2016**  
**Resolved:** That the payments be approved
- 2 To note receipts for April 2016**  
Noted
- 3 To note Cash and Investment Reconciliation as at 29 April 2016**  
Noted
- 4 To approve direct debit and standing order mandates**  
**Resolved:** That they be approved
- 5 To consider reserves for the financial year 2016-17**  
**Resolved:** That the proposals in Appendix F be approved

**16/103 Financial Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

- 1 To approve the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2016. (Balance sheet and Income & Expenditure)**  
**Resolved:** That they be approved
- 2 To approve the annual governance statement in section 1 of the statutory annual return**  
**Resolved:** That it be approved
- 3 To approve the statement of accounts in section 2 of the statutory annual return**  
**Resolved:** That it be approved
- 4 To approve a variances report to the external auditors**  
**Resolved:** That it be approved
- 5 To note budget variations for 2015-16**  
Noted
- 6 To receive a report from the internal auditor for the financial year to 31 March 2016**  
Received

**16/104 To note a report from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer**  
The Chairman referred to Appendix N.

**16/105 To consider a report from the Police**  
Cllr Wills reported there had been 4 cars' windows smashed in Elvendon Road and that PCSO Ashley Richardson was leaving the area.

**16/106 To consider a report on High Street issues**  
Cllr. Brooker mentioned the High Street is due for resurfacing on 31 May. The Council has still not heard from David Tole, OCC, regarding improvements to the layout.

**16/107 To consider a report on Recreation Ground issues**  
Cllr. Reavill summarised Appendix O and stated another supplier is visiting soon.

**16/108 To consider a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues**  
None

Signed:

K. Bulmer

Dated: 13 June 2016

- 16/109 To consider a report on Gardiner Pavilion development**  
Cllr Brooker stated we are awaiting the responses to tenders
- 16/110 To consider seeking a formal Conservation Area Appraisal by SODC**  
**Resolved:** That the Clerk write to SODC to ask for an appraisal bearing in mind the 23 listed buildings in the village
- 16/111 Reports from Goring Weir Committee:**
- 1 To receive minutes of meeting held on 18 April 2016**  
Received
- 2 To consider a proposal regarding policy on any donations received specifically towards legal action on the planning application.**  
**Resolved:** That the proposal in Appendix P be approved
- 16/112 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of meetings held on 15 & 29 March and 12 April 2015**  
Received and noted.
- 16/113 Correspondence**
- 1** An email had been received from an SODC Community Infrastructure Support Officer offering to meet. Cllr's Urbick and Brooker will meet her with the Clerk.
- 2** A letter from Cllr. John Cotton, SODC, entitled 'A Better Deal for Oxfordshire' was noted
- 3** A letter from Goring Primary School had already been discussed. The Clerk was asked to reply and also to contact OCC asking for their views.
- 4** An invitation has been received for two representatives to attend a Town and Parish Forum on 12 July. Cllr's Hall and M. Bulmer will attend.
- 16/114 Matters for future discussion**  
Cllr. Urbick felt that the Council should have a response to consultations on a unitary authority. To be added to the next agenda.
- 16/115 Confidential Business - To consider that 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
- 16/116 To consider tenders for consultancy to the Neighbourhood Plan**  
**Resolved:** That the bid by Bramhill Design at £8,000 plus expenses be approved
- 16/117 To consider quotes for redecoration at White Hill Burial Ground**  
The clerk had only been able to obtain one quote

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2049 hrs.