

MINUTES OF THE GORING ON THAMES PARISH ANNUAL MEETING
Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7.30pm Wednesday 13 April 2016

Members of the Parish Council Present:

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| Chairman | Kevin Bulmer |
| Vice-Chairman | John Wills |
| Members | Catherine Hall |
| | Bryan Urbick |

Officers Present:

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| Clerk | Colin Ratcliff |
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15 members of the public and press

16/1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Emrhys Barrell, David Brooker, Mary Bulmer, Matthew Brown, Brandon Hancox, Lawrie Reavill

16/2 Chairman's welcome

Cllr. Kevin Bulmer, as Chairman on the Parish Council welcomed those present. He said this was his first as Chairman and explained briefly the differences between a Council Meeting and the Parish Meeting.

16/3 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2015

It was noted that paragraph 1 should have the word 'Council' deleted as it was a Parish and not Council meeting.

Resolved: That the minutes be amended as above, approved and signed by the Chairman

16/4 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda

None

16/5 Annual Report

The Chairman stated he would intersperse his report with others from local organisations at appropriate times.

The Chairman's Report is appended to the minutes. (Appendix A).

Additional comments made included under Planning: A response from SODC was expected during the week and a meeting would be held on Monday 18th April regarding the Weir. He has recused himself from the Weir Committee due to his roles as both Chairman of the Parish Council and an SODC Councillor.

Burial Ground: The Council are seeking to get the pavilion redecorated.

Goring Gap in Bloom: Stephanie Bridle gave an update that ground at the BT Exchange has been cleared for a pilot wild flower planting project which would need additional fundraising, the broken fence is being repaired and building woodwork repainted. John Boler commented on the danger of a low hanging basket.

Readibus: The Chairman noted the service's increased importance given OCC subsidies are being withdrawn but Go-Ride will continue with a slightly reduced 134 service.

16/6 Neighbourhood Plan

Report given by Tom Rothwell at (Appendix B)

Ian Haslem asked who is looking at infrastructure. Mr Rothwell stated the Group are looking at that connected to immediate development but other is outside the scope.

Villagers are being asked where they think Community Infrastructure Levy funds might be spent. The Chairman commented on recent successful appeals by developers but noted the presumption to build doesn't apply in an AONB.

- 16/7 MIGGS**
Report given by John Boler at (Appendix C)
Ron Bridle asked if the lifts would be available when no GWR staff were present. Mr Boler said he has a meeting with GWR on 26 April to discuss but was hopeful they would be.
- 16/8 Railway Action Group**
Report given by Ian Haslem at (Appendix D). He stated there are still risks to budget promises by Network Rail and that there is a need to maintain enthusiasm. He asked that full use be made by the public of the consultation to come. There is still a need for funding and specialist skills.
- 16/9 County Councillor's Report**
Report given by Cllr. Bulmer at (Appendix E)
- 16/10 District Councillor's Report**
Report given by Cllr. Bulmer at (Appendix F)
- 16/11 Public Forum**
Stephanie Bridle asked if the Parish Council would be communicating with West Berkshire over the weir. A letter is to be sent to Streatley Parish Council.
She also asked if consideration could be given to the dates of Goring and Streatley Council meetings as they clash.
John Boler commented that currently Readibus funding is 50/50 from MIGGS and the Parish Council. MIGGS may run out of sufficient money to continue the grant after March 2017 and will need to start fund raising again.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2040 hrs.