

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL
Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7:30 pm Monday 13th August 2018

Members Present:

Chairman	Kevin Bulmer (KB)
Vice Chairman	John Wills (JW)
Members	Catherine Hall (CH)
	David Brooker (DB)
	Mary Bulmer (MBu)
	Bryan Urbick (BU)
	Lawrie Reavill (LR)
	Matthew Brown (MBr)

Officers Present:

Clerk	Colin Ratcliff (CR)
Assistant Clerk	Mike Ward (MW)

10 members of the public and press

- 18/136 To receive apologies for absence.**
Apologies for absence were received from Debbie Gee (DG) and Emrhys Barrell (EB)
- 18/137 To receive any declarations of interests**
None
- 18/138 Public Forum**
John Boler tabled copies of the finished leaflet 'Accessible by Train' which would be officially launched on 20 August and thanked GPC for the support given. KB thanked Mr Boler for his efforts in getting it published.
- 18/139 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2018.**
Resolved: That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 18/140 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.**
Re 18/128 - BU stated dates for the Get Involved Fair had moved to 29th and 30th September.
- 18/141 To receive chairman's report and announcements.**
KB stated the NP was still being considered by the Examiner. It was delayed by about a month due to changes in legislation relating to Habitats Regulation Assessments (clarified by Ned Worsley). His report is expected by the end of September.
- 18/142 To receive a report on the NP Strategic Project for Goring CE Primary School**
BU stated the group were still working and plan a meeting soon for a fund-raising group.
- 18/143 To consider a report on the NP Strategic Project for traffic management, parking and pedestrian safety in the village centre**
Appendix A was noted. CR was asked to follow up with Lee Turner, OCC.
Resolved: That approval in principle be given to fund two planters in The High Street once enhancements were carried out.
- 18/144 To note a report from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer.**
Appendices B & B1 were noted.
- 18/145 To receive a report from the Police**

Signed:



Dated: 10 September 2018

JW reported there had been two burglaries; one in Little Croft Road where gardening equipment was stolen and one in Pennypiece where jewellery and cash were stolen. The police stopped some hare coursing near Goring, seizing a car and dog. KB recommended looking at TVP's website for crime prevention advice.

18/146 To receive a report on Recreation Grounds issues and to ratify discussion from previous meeting to allow battery powered floodlight use by Goring Robins.

Appendix C refers. KB clarified with LR that the working group were not seeking quotations for play equipment, merely looking at options to report back to council at some later stage. BU reminded LR of the grant funding process and lead in times that would be required. LR asked Councillors to provide feedback to him on the Rectory Garden report.
Resolved: That the Goring Robins floodlights as previously discussed were approved.

18/147 To receive a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues

MBu stated it needed tidying up.

18/148 To consider a report regarding planned events in the village (Inc GM issues).

CH referred to Appendix D.

Tony Gregory detailed complaints he had made at the time of the GM events in June.

A discussion took place which included the number of complaints received (two to GPC, others verbally to Cllrs): locally focussed events v visitors, frequency of large scale events (annual or bi-annual), impact on local businesses, noise levels, the value to visitors / fans of coming to Goring, the welcome given by residents to visitors throughout the year.

Nu Findlay said she had been GM's housekeeper for 16 years and knew he would have been upset that some villagers had complained.

Terry Daniels said that over £11,000 had been raised this year for Charity.

It was proposed that a consultation be held in the village on the subject.

Resolved: To undertake a consultation led by the Events Working Group.

18/149 Parish Finance:

1 To approve payments for July 2018.

Resolved: That the payments be approved

2 To note receipts for July 2018

Noted

3 To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 31 July 2018.

Noted

4 2017-18 Accounts: To note that a second challenge has been sent to the External Auditor.

Regarding the first, the auditor has asked for and received answers to some initial questions, and copies of documents. These relate to challenges by residents to the annual accounts of GPC for 2017-18 regarding the Weir Judicial Review & Appeal.

Noted. KB stated that the council had been notified of estimated costs to GPC by the External Auditor (currently £750 - £1250).

5 To consider a grant request from the Macular Society, Goring-on-Thames Support Group.


Appendices I and I1 refer.

BU suggested the Society also ask Towse Court if a suitable meeting room might be available.

Resolved: That a grant of £300 be given.

18/150 To consider a request to support MIGGS in asking Network Rail to dedicate the railway station footbridge to Norman Radley, and to note that the MIGGS leaflet 'Accessible by Train' will be published on 20 August.

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See 18/138 above.

Resolved: That GPC support MIGGS' request regarding the footbridge dedication.

- 18/151** To consider recommendations in annual play equipment safety inspections Appendices J and J1 refer. BU proposed dealing with the medium risk issue and monitoring the others given that a working party is looking at recreation ground equipment.
Resolved: To repair the Gardiner swings surface.
- 18/152** To approve a Fire Risk Assessment for Gardiner Pavilion
Resolved: That Appendix K be approved.
- 18/153** To hear a presentation from Leigh Abbott, Community Engagement Coordinator regarding The Streatley with Goring Dementia Action Forum.
This item was postponed until the next meeting
- 18/154** For Weir Committee Members to approve minutes of the meeting held on 31st July 2018.
Item chaired by JW.
Resolved: That the minutes be approved and signed by the Weir Committee Chairman.
- 18/155** To receive minutes as above if approved and to consider dissolving the Weir Committee.
Received.
Resolved: That the Weir Committee be dissolved.
- 18/156** Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2018
Received and noted
- 18/157** Correspondence
- 1** To consider an email regarding Electric Vehicle Charging Points
Email at appendix C1 refers.
Ned Worsley reminded council that the NP Strategic Plan includes considering EV charging points. It was not felt that Sheepcot was suitable given the parking use.
Resolved: That the council write to SODC and NWR to ask if they have any plans for fitting points.
 - 2** To consider an offer of a commemorative sapling and plaque
Email at C2 refers.
Resolved: That the council ask Goring Gap in Bloom for suggestions on a location.
 - 3** To consider emails regarding grant funding for biodiversity projects in conjunction with Network Rail
Email at C3 refers
Resolved: That the council pass on to GGN for publicity.
- 18/158** Matters for future discussion
None
- 18/159** 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
- 18/160** To consider a request for a permanent right of access across council owned property.
Resolved: A request to consider a right of access at White Hill Burial Ground was not agreed

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:57 pm.

Signed:



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Abbreviations (where used):

GGN	Goring Gap News
GM	George Michael
GPC	Goring on Thames Parish Council
MIGGS	Mobility Issues Group for Goring and Streatley
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
NPSG	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
NWR	Network Rail
OCC	Oxfordshire County Council
SODC	South Oxfordshire District Council
TVP	Thames Valley Police

Signed:

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Dated: 10 September 2018

