

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7:30 pm Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**Members Present:**

Chairman	Kevin Bulmer (KB)
Members	Mary Bulmer (MBu) Bryan Urbick (BU) Lawrie Reavill (LR) Matthew Brown (MBr) David Brooker Catherine Hall

**Officers Present:**

Clerk	Colin Ratcliff (CR)
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11 members of the public and press

**18/181 To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from John Wills (JW) and Emrhys Barrell (EB)

**18/182 To receive any declarations of interests**

None

**18/183 Public Forum**

John Boler asked if anything further had been received from OCC regarding Wallingford Road. KB said no, he was still waiting.

**18/184 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

BU questioned minute 18/173, he believed that council were receiving the report and not approving a plan. KB believed it had been agreed in principle only. LR thought approval had been given to go ahead.

**Resolved:** That on the grounds of accuracy, minute 18/173 resolution be amended to read 'That the proposals for changes to The Rectory Garden were accepted in principle. Detailed plans and budget proposals would be brought forward separately.'

The minutes were then approved, and signed by the Chairman.

**18/185 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.**

None

**18/186 To receive chairman's report and announcements.**

KB complimented GGIB on even more impressive results than last time in the Britain in Bloom competition. It was agreed to send a letter of congratulations.

**18/187 To consider the following planning applications**

**1 P18/S2963/HH - Grange Lodge, Grange Close, Goring RG8 9DY – Two storey extension and single storey rear extension.**

Hazel McKinna, neighbour, was concerned over the design and character, being un-neighbourly and having inconsistencies in the application and drawings. It would have a negative impact on the Conservation Area, the new roof line would be raised by 60cm. It didn't fit with SODC's design guide, it was unacceptable to build to within 10 cm of the rear boundary; she also had concerns over vehicle access. She suggested an alternative site for the extension could be to the front of the house.

Signed:

K. Bulmer

Dated: 12th November 2018

CH had concerns about the proximity to the boundary and that the design did not meet Conservation Area standards.

**Resolved:** That GPC has **no objections** to the application **but wished the following comments to be taken into account:**

1. Concern about proximity to boundary, 2. The design does not meet Conservation Area guidelines re distance from boundary and the Conservation Officer's comments should be given weight.

**2 P18/S2070/LB - Gatehampton Viaduct Goring RG8 9LU - Repairs and Maintenance, including stitching and grouting of fractures and brickwork repairs (rebuild and re-pointing) and the Installation of concrete bagwork.**

DB noted an email received regarding nesting owls; there was concern openings should not be blocked and that the correct materials should be used for the listed structure.

**Resolved:** That GPC has **no objections** to the application **but wished the following comments to be taken into account:**

1. Work to be done in sympathy with listed building status and structure, using the correct materials 2. That drainage holes where owls roost are not sealed off.

**18/188 To note a report on the Neighbourhood Plan.**

Nigel Gilson spoke to Appendix A.

**18/189 To receive a report on the NP Strategic Project for Goring CE Primary School**

BU said meetings were taking place and the process moving through.

**18/190 To consider a report on the NP Strategic Project for traffic management, parking and pedestrian safety in the village centre**

DB referred to Appendix B, he had received an estimate for bollards and was meeting OCC on site the following Friday.

**18/191 To receive a report from the Police**

No report received.

**18/192 To note a report on Recreation Grounds issues.**

Appendix C noted.

**18/193 To consider action to be taken following receipt of SODC's Forestry Officer's recommendations for aerial inspections at Gardiner Recreation Ground**

Appendix D refers

**Resolved:** That quotes for the inspections be obtained.

**18/194 To receive a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues and consider whether to remove / replace / repair a memorial bench to Bernard Brown.**

Appendix E refers.

**Resolved:** That the bench be refurbished rather than removed / replaced

MBu also reported AB Walker had offered to repair headstones that required re-fixing free of charge; a GGN article would be submitted. It was agreed a letter of thanks should be sent to Matthew Walker. Greenfingers would plant and maintain the pots at the entrance, signage was needed to advise dog walkers to keep dogs on leads. KB noted reserves would be needed in the future for cutting back the hedges / trees by the public footpath.

**18/195 To receive a report regarding planned events in the village.**

No update

**18/196 Parish Finance:**

**1 To approve payments for September 2018**

**Resolved:** That the payments be approved

**2 To note receipts for September 2018**

Noted

**3 To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 30 September 2018**

Noted

**4 To consider a revised budget for 2018-19, a report and draft budget for the next financial year - 2019-20**

BU talked through Appendices I and I1. The suggestion of a workshop to be arranged in the next couple of weeks to discuss the draft budget in detail was welcomed. He pointed out an error in the precept line – comment in brackets to be deleted.

Adjustments to this year's budget included an increase for grants to £7,200.

**Resolved:** That the revised budget for the current financial year be accepted.

**5 To consider a request from GGBN for GPC expenditure on Christmas trees / lights under s.144 Local Government Act 1972.**

Appendices J and J1 refer.

GPC already have a PA system that should be sufficient for the event. Geoff Brown noted the increase this year was due to some lights needing replacement.

**Resolved:** To grant £825 to the Christmas lights and trees expenditure

**18/197 To consider a decision notice from the Information Commissioner**

KB said GPC were hoping to receive the emails in question in the next few days that could then be forwarded. He proposed appealing against the decision, there would be no direct cost; on the grounds that GPC are being asked to do something that they have no power to do, i.e. asking private individuals to disclose emails, GPC could not force volunteers to use GPC emails, even if they were provided.

Jim Emerson asked for clarification there would be no cost and Nigel Gilson asked if done, that it should be in a way so as to not delay the NP.

**Resolved:** That the decision notice be appealed on grounds as above subject to no additional cost other than GPC's information issues legal advisor's comment on wording.

**18/198 To consider and approve an annual General Risk Assessment**

**Resolved:** That appendix L be approved

**18/199 To consider a report on the Get Involved Fair**

Appendix M refers. BU noted that feedback had been sought and was coming in.

BU was thanked by council for organising the event.

**Resolved:** That the costs as detailed in Appendix M be approved.

**18/200 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of the meeting held on 28th August 2018 and to consider requesting a meeting with SODC to discuss the provision of Starter Homes and monies allocated for Affordable Housing**

Minutes received. BU pointed out an error on P22 should read Peter Neville, not Phil.

**Resolved:** That DB arrange a meeting with SODC as proposed.

**18/201 Correspondence**

**1 Email regarding the Community Centre Car Park**

KB agreed bollards as proposed in Appendix C1 were a good idea, BU stated funding is sufficient in this year's budget. CR pointed out it would also need the spaces to be painted and numbered.

DB had spoken to the Community Centre Chairman about it.

**Resolved:** That line painting and installation of bollards be carried out.

**18/202 Matters for future discussion**

None

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:27 pm.

**Abbreviations (where used):**

GGIB	Goring Gap in Bloom
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