

# GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

All Councillors are summoned to a meeting of Council, to be held at the Bellême Room, Village Hall, Goring on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7.30pm  
Public and press are invited to attend

Members are respectfully reminded of the obligation to declare any interests relevant to business to be *conducted at this meeting and of the convention as to withdrawal from the meeting for the relevant item unless the interest is not one that debars the member from speaking thereon.*

## AGENDA – COUNCIL MEETING

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To receive declarations of interests.
3. Public forum: *An opportunity for the public to address the council. With the permission of the chairman, the public may also speak about specific items of business as they arise.*
4. To approve minutes of the meetings held on 12<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018.
5. Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.
6. To receive chairman's report and announcements.
7. To receive a report on the NP Strategic Project for Goring CE Primary School (BU)
8. To note a report on the NP Strategic Project for traffic management, parking and pedestrian safety in the village centre (DB) (Appendix A)
9. To note a report from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer. (Appendix B)
10. To receive a report from the Police. (JW)
11. To consider reports on Recreation Grounds issues, including proposals for the Clerk to obtain quotes for additional playground equipment in Gardiner Recreation Ground and for improvements to be made to The Rectory Garden. (LR/MBu) (Appendix C, C1)
12. To receive a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues. (MBu)
13. To receive a report regarding planned events in the village. (CH)
14. Parish Finance:
  - 14.1. To approve payments for November 2018. (Appendix D)
  - 14.2. To note receipts for November 2018. (Appendix E)
  - 14.3. To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018. (Appendix F)
15. Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018.

Colin Ratcliff, Clerk to the Council

5<sup>th</sup> December 2018

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## 16. Correspondence:

- 16.1. To consider a s.19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 grant request of £958 from Floatability (C1 and Grants Appendix)
- 16.2. To consider a request to rent The Paddock at White Hill Burial Ground including a review of the fees. (C2)
- 16.3. To receive a report from John Boler on the status of representations to OCC and Network Rail regarding the railway boundary fence and prospective widening of the Wallingford Road pavement; and to consider what further action the council could or should take, if any.
- 16.4. To consider a request to take over from MIGGS the formal responsibility for commissioning a plaque for the station footbridge celebrating the contribution by Norman Radley to the Goring community over more than 50 years. This assumes that the substantive cost would be donated to the council by Goring Gap News Association. It would not involve the council in practical responsibilities; MIGGS would continue to make arrangements with Network Rail, with full liaison with the Clerk and GGN. The council resolved to support a proposal to dedicate the footbridge and lifts to Norman at its meeting on 13 August.

## 17. Matters for future discussion.

18. 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.
19. To consider quotes received for aerial tree inspections at Gardiner Recreation Ground.

Colin Ratcliff, Clerk to the Council

5<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7:30 pm Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Members Present:**

Chairman	Kevin Bulmer (KB)
Vice Chairman	John Wills
Members	Mary Bulmer (MBu)
	Bryan Urbick (BU)
	Lawrie Reavill (LR)
	Catherine Hall (CH)
	Emrhys Barrell (EB)

**Officers Present:**

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

Three members of the public and press

**18/203 To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Matthew Brown (MBr), David Brooker (DB) and Debbie Gee (DG)

**18/204 To receive any declarations of interests**

None

**18/205 Public Forum**

Derek Jones asked if GPC were aware of the Environment Agency's new flood map. CR stated the NPSG were aware and forwarding it to the Examiner, KB noted that only the Examiner can change anything in the NP at this stage.

**18/206 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018.**

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

**18/207 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.**

None

**18/208 To receive chairman's report and announcements.**

KB said the Remembrance Day ceremonies had been very well attended and thanked CH for doing the Reading.

He later reported an Allotment Charity meeting had taken place and that small grants were available for Goring and Goring Heath, together with grant funds still available from his position as District and County Councillor.

**18/209 To receive a report on the NP Strategic Project for Goring CE Primary School**

No update

**18/210 To receive a report on the NP Strategic Project for traffic management, parking and pedestrian safety in the village centre, and to consider a quote from OCC for installation of bollards in the High Street**

Appendix A was noted.

**Resolved:** That the quote for installation of bollards be approved subject to the Clerk checking with SODC Planning / Conservation Officer.

**18/211 To receive a report from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer.**

Signed:

Dated:

Report appended to the minutes. KB added he was liaising with OCC regarding the Wallingford Road pavement widening.

- 18/212 To receive a report from the Police**  
Appendix B noted.
- 18/213 To note a report on Recreation Grounds issues.**  
Appendix C was noted. LR said he was trying to arrange a meeting with the sports clubs regarding playground equipment.  
It was agreed that thanks be sent to Iestyn Llewellyn regarding the remembrance crosses installation in The Rectory Garden.
- 18/214 To receive a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues.**  
MBu reported the grass had been cut for the winter and some trees had ivy growth for the next inspection.
- 18/215 To receive a report regarding planned events in the village and consider a draft George Michael birthday event consultation questionnaire.**  
Appendix D refers.  
**Resolved:** That the questionnaire and delivery costs be approved.
- 18/216 To note that the appeal to the First Tier Tribunal vs Information Commissioner has been submitted. A hearing is expected between 4<sup>th</sup> February and 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019.**  
KB stated that the Commissioner's response had just been received. Advice would be taken, he may call an extraordinary meeting to consider withdrawal due to the information in their response.
- 18/217 Parish Finance:**
- 1 To approve payments for October 2018**  
**Resolved:** That the payments be approved
  - 2 To note receipts for October 2018**  
Noted
  - 3 To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 31 October 2018**  
Noted
  - 4 To consider a revised 2018-19 budget and budget for 2019-20**  
Appendices H and H1 refer.  
**Resolved:** **1.** That the revised budget for the current financial year be approved and **2.** That the budget for 2019-20 be approved with a precept of £134,614.
  - 5 To consider an annual review of effectiveness of internal audit**  
KB noted GPC have still to receive this year's external audit report despite several chase ups by the Clerk.  
**Resolved:** That Appendix I be approved
  - 6 To consider an annual financial risk assessment**  
**Resolved:** That Appendix J be approved
- 18/218 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**  
Minutes received.

Signed:

Dated:

**18/219 Correspondence**

**1 To consider a request regarding a Cycling Hill Climb at Streatley Hill**

Ron Bridle commented that he had been asked to help the group and apparently they were no longer intending to use Goring venues as a base but Moulsoford instead.

**Resolved:** That GPC support the event in principle subject to consultation on the detail.

**2 To consider a request for a grant of £100 from Be Free Young Carers**

BU suggested asking the organisation for a piece for the GGN on how people can contact them.

**Resolved:** That the grant be approved

**18/220 Matters for future discussion**

None

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:01 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

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Dated:

# REPORT TO GORING DIVISION PARISH COUNCIL **NOVEMBER 2018** FROM CLLR KEVIN BULMER'

## GENERAL OCC REPORT

### **IN ALL TYPES OF WEATHER OCC CREWS ARE OUT REPAIRING THE ROADS**

Earlier this year OCC put an extra £10m into fixing the roads – effectively doubling the amount of money invested in repairs – and crews are out and about every day in all types of weather doing the job. Their work has already resulted in £1.6m worth of surface dressing with around 33km of roads being surfaced. Work is also under way on a £700,000 programme of surfacing sealing projects around the county. As well as the extra cash which is going into some larger projects, the county council has also increased the amount of relatively small-scale work it does to put right local roads that are suffering from potholes, cracks and worn out tarmac. The number of completed defect repairs between January and September this year is 35,127.

### **SALTING, GRITTING AND SNOW CLEARANCE**

OCC is committed to keeping the network of major roads free from ice to minimise the risk of accidents and ensure the smooth flow of traffic. Precautionary salting (sometimes called 'gritting') helps achieve this aim. OCC usually salts between 2 November and 5 April. Live updates can be found here: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/street-maintenance-z/salting-and-snow-clearance> Details about how community groups can request salt bins can be found here: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/street-maintenance-z/salt-and-grit-bins>

### **COUNCIL TO INVEST IN TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE & REDUCE RUNNING COSTS**

Plans to completely overhaul the county council were given the go-ahead by the county council's Cabinet on 16 October. They agreed a major investment in digital technology to improve customer service and reduce council running costs. The redesigned council will enable residents to report faults or book appointments online, freeing up staff time to help to service users who cannot go online or have complex care needs. Staff will be given the tools they need to do a better job and spend more time on delivering services to residents. Outdated ICT systems make it hard to join up services and will be replaced, with admin tasks automated to save money and make the council run more smoothly. The changes will support the county council's long-term vision of 'thriving communities for everyone in Oxfordshire'. The redesign is also needed to secure the council's long-term financial stability as demand for services continues to rise – particularly for children and adult social care.

### **OCC TRADING STANDARDS & POLICE CONDUCT OPERATION ROGUE TRADER**

Rogue traders and aggressive doorstep sellers were targeted during October by OCC Trading Standards as part of ongoing work to protect residents and business people. Working in collaboration with Thames Valley Police, Operation Rogue Trader aims to stop rogue business practices and raise awareness of the dangers linked to hiring cold-callers. Fourteen Trading Standards staff and around 30 police travelled around the county when 67 traders were approached and checked; ten warning letters were issued; five waste offenders were fined by district councils; and an overloaded vehicle was investigated along with seven doorstep crime offences and two police offences. In Henley four traders were checked; three warning letters were issued to traders for not providing 'cancellation rights' to residents; and there were three offences for carrying waste without a licence. In Witney 11 traders were checked; and two warning letters

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issued to traders for not providing 'cancellation rights' to residents. Those who suspect someone of being a rogue trader, or find themselves accosted by uninvited doorstep sellers should contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 03454 040506.

## **BOOST FOR A 'FULL FIBRE' FUTURE IN OXFORDSHIRE**

Hundreds of businesses and homes across Oxfordshire are set to benefit from faster internet connections, following the launch of the UK Government's nationwide Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme (GBVS). The £67m investment is in addition to the £200m allocated to the Local Full Fibre Networks (LFFN) programme, and will provide future-proof full fibre connections for businesses and the residential communities around them. It follows a successful pilot scheme launched in four areas around the country late last year, which has already seen nearly 1,000 vouchers used up to date. ThinkBroadband statistics show that 8% of homes and businesses in Oxfordshire already have a full fibre internet connection. Superfast broadband reaches almost 97% of premises, and even-quicker ultrafast broadband covers 51.3% of the county. The vouchers, worth up to £3,000 for a SME and £500 for a resident, provide a one-off contribution to subsidise the installation cost of gigabit-capable infrastructure. In addition to providing a boost to the 95% of the UK that can already get superfast speeds (24Mbps or faster), the vouchers could also help those not yet able to do so, helping to narrow the diminishing digital divide even further. The scheme launched at the end of March 2018 and will run until March 2021 or until all available funding has been allocated. For more information visit <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/>.

## **CARERS CAN SHOW BADGE FOR A FREE JAB**

Flu season is coming and the army of front line carers across Oxfordshire are being urged to make having a free jab a key priority. More than 8,500 staff employed in residential care, nursing homes or with registered domiciliary care providers, who are directly involved in the care of vulnerable people, are entitled to a free flu jab. Keeping this valuable workforce fit and well is essential to easing winter pressures across the county's health and social care system. Being immunised not only reduces the chances of carers themselves and their families becoming unwell, it also means that the health of the most vulnerable people in Oxfordshire's communities is not compromised. The flu is not the same as getting a cold. It can seriously affect an individual's health and the risks of developing complications are greater for people within the 'at-risk' groups – for example the over 65s and those with medical conditions like heart, lung and kidney diseases, diabetes, asthma and multiple sclerosis. Healthy individuals usually recover within two to seven days, but for some influenza can lead to a stay in hospital, permanent disability or even death. All workers across the NHS will get flu jabs – meaning the immunisation of the whole health and social care workforce will make the system more resilient. As well as workers in social care settings, anyone who receives a carers allowance, or is the main carer for an elderly or disabled person, is eligible for a free vaccination; all they have to do is present their ID badge to a pharmacist or GP surgery.

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Dated:

## SPECIFIC REPORT FOR

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**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Old Jubilee Fire Station, Red Cross Road, Goring 10:30 am Thursday 22nd November 2018**

**Members Present:**

Chairman	Kevin Bulmer (KB)
Vice Chairman	John Wills (JW)
Members	Matthew Brown (MBr)
	David Brooker (DB)
	Bryan Urbick (BU)

**Officers Present:**

Assistant Clerk	Mike Ward (MW)
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Three members of the public

**18/221 To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Debbie Gee (DG), Mary Bulmer (MBu), Lawrie Reavill (LR) and Catherine Hall (CH)

**18/222 To receive any declarations of interests**

None

**18/223 Public Forum**

Stephanie Bridle requested clarification of the background leading to holding the meeting. KB explained the reason for it.

**18/224 To consider a proposal to withdraw the council's appeal to the First-Tier Tribunal (case reference EA/2018/0220) regarding the Information Commissioner's Decision Notice FER0689234.**

Following much discussion and although the members felt that the Information Commissioner's Decision Notice was contradictory and problematic for a small local council relying on volunteers, by majority vote it was decided that the appeal be withdrawn but would be pursued by other means, including directly with the Information Commissioner, local MP John Howell and the National Association of Local Councils (NALC).

**Resolved:** That the appeal be withdrawn.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 11:20 am.

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Dated:

**Goring Parish Council** - Goring High St – Report

29 Nov'18

1. Proposed High St roadworks

Road works - We are still awaiting proposals from OCC Highways (OCCH) to prepare the drawings and specification for the proposed works to enable the construction costs to be established. It was agreed at our meeting 8 May'18 with OCCH that they would come back to us within three months.

As a result of a recent meeting with Jon Beale of OCCH I got the impression that we were way down the list for action and that it will probably sometime next year.

Bollards – After seeking advice from SODC the proposed bollards on OCCH land do not need planning permission and we can go ahead. However, the Arcade, who want to replace their bollards to match ours, will require planning permission.

For your information I am being pressed to pursue the introduction of a pedestrian crossing to the point that a petition has been suggested, which, if pursued, I have indicated may not greatly influence OCH approach to resolving people's concerns with pedestrian safety in the High St.

2. Installation of posts in the verge adjacent to the Rectory Gardens

I would suggest we continue to monitor the situation.

3. Community Centre car park

It was agreed to install lockable bollards to individual spaces, however the form of installation is still to be resolved.

4. Strategic Project related to Traffic congestion and Parking

4.1 Comment as for previous report i.e. Our committee has met and discussed a number of matters but believe that to take matters further we need a meeting with OCCH, see above.

4.2 SODC – Civil Enforcement Powers

Awaiting SODC Officers report.

5.0 General

5.1 No matters to raise.

CLr David Brooker

# District report by District Councillor kevin Bulmer

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## SODC A Conservative District Councillor's View (Or What The Council Is Doing)

**November 2018.**

### **Planning**

#### **Renewable energy workshop for neighbourhood plans**

District councillors and neighbourhood planning groups were invited to attend our Renewable Energy Workshop on Wednesday 21 November.

The event, run in association with the Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE), will be a fantastic opportunity to discover how neighbourhood plans could take advantage of renewable energy and address the issues of climate change. It will focus on:

- identifying potential renewable energy resources in the neighbourhood
- expressing support for specific forms of renewable energy
- identifying suitable sites
- promoting a more sustainable future

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The workshop is being held in our offices at 135 Eastern Avenue between 1pm and 4.30pm.

We expect this event to be popular, so are working on a first come, first served basis. Anyone wishing to attend should register online before 5pm on Wednesday 14 November at:

<https://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=2636&e=74&o=9492&url=https%3A%2F%2Fsurvey.southandvale.gov.uk%2Fs%2Frenewable%2F&a=0>

### **BBC article on Great Western Park**

You may have seen a story on the BBC critical of transport and access issues on new housing developments, which mentioned Great Western Park. The article stated that residents there have difficulty getting on and off the estate and suggested residents were forced into climbing a fence to get around. The report also incorrectly suggested there was no access through to Milton Park, despite the recent re-opening of the foot tunnel under the railway line.

We're investigating the issue raised about the fence to see if it's a genuine issue and one we're able to influence with the developers, but we also wanted to let you know that, despite the BBC article being critical, the report it was based on actually praised Great Western Park and its transport and other community facilities. You can read the full report the article was based on [here](#).

### **Expressway update**

Following the government's Expressway corridor announcement in September, the Growth Board met to consider its implications for Oxfordshire.

After the meeting, the chair of the Growth Board, Cllr Jane Murphy, wrote to Highways England and the Secretary of State for Transport outlining our concerns about the lack of clarity on the preferred route around Oxford. You can read the full letter on the Growth Board's website.

<https://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=2636&e=74&o=9492&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.oxfordshiregrowthboard.org%2Fmore-clarity-on-oxford-to-cambridge-expressway-required%2F&a=0>

### **Neighbourhood Plan updates**

We now have 12 made plans in the district, most recently The Baldons, Warborough & Shillingford, Benson and Watlington.

Referendums will be held for Chalgrove and Little Milton on Thursday 22 November.

The examinations of the Goring, Cholsey and Pyrton plans are ongoing, with the final report for Pyrton expected in early November.

### **Motions Before Council**

A. Motion proposed by Councillor Ian White, seconded by Councillor Alan Thompson: “That Council agrees the principle that all new housing planning permissions of more than 75 Homes should be provided with an on-site publicly available defibrillator and asks officers to explore whether it is feasible to bring forward the necessary planning policies to achieve this”.

Mrs Mantle addressed Council in support of the motion. The provision of more accessible defibrillators in residential areas will increase the chances of survival. Councillors expressed support for the motion. Housing and population growth necessitated an increase in the availability of defibrillators. This provision would make a positive impact on survival rates and assist the ambulance service and medical professionals.

RESOLVED: That Council agrees the principle that all new housing planning permissions of more than 75 Homes should be provided with an on-site publicly available defibrillator and asks officers to explore whether it is feasible to bring forward the necessary planning policies to achieve this.

B. Motion proposed by Councillor Lynn Lloyd, seconded by Councillor Felix Bloomfield: “That Council asks officers to investigate opportunities to better promote the River Thames for tourism and leisure activities for all residents especially young people in the district”.

Councillors highlighted the many activities and options available for tourism and leisure activities on the River Thames. A number raised concern regarding access from rural areas, slipways access, overgrown vegetation on the banks of the river and the need for more and improved moorings.

RESOLVED: That Council asks officers to investigate opportunities to better promote the River Thames

for tourism and leisure activities for all residents especially young people in the district.

C. Motion proposed by Councillor Anna Badcock, seconded by Councillor Nigel Champken-Woods: “That Council recognises the important contribution made by our local health services and requests that the leader writes to the Clinical Commissioning Group to re-state our support for continued joint working with the district council”.

With the consent of Council, the mover and seconder of the original motion accepted amended wording to include reference to joint working with the county council. Councillors noted that an improved working relationship between the sectors could assist with a better understanding of the needs of residents.

D. RESOLVED: That Council recognises the important contribution made by our local health services and requests that the leader writes to the Clinical Commissioning Group to re-state our support for continued joint working with the district council and county council.

Motion proposed by Councillor Ian Snowdon, with the agreement of Council in the absence of Councillor Paul Harrison, seconded by Councillor Toby Newman: “That Council asks officers

to investigate opportunities for adopting new digital communication channels to provide residents with regular updates as part of the council's long term technology strategy. Officers are asked to consider the scope for joint working with a range of partners, such as parish councils and Oxfordshire County Council, to develop an integrated approach to provision of community information across the district".

RESOLVED: That Council asks officers to investigate opportunities for adopting new digital communication channels to provide residents with regular updates as part of the council's long term technology strategy. Officers are asked to consider the scope for joint working with a range of partners, such as parish councils and Oxfordshire County Council, to develop an integrated approach to provision of community information across the district.

E. Motion proposed by Councillor Bill Service, seconded by Councillor Lynn Lloyd: "That Council recognises the important contribution made by our local police force and requests that the leader writes to the police and crime commissioner to re-state our support for continued joint working with the district council on community safety issues for our residents"

Councillors noted the important initiatives introduced as a result of joint working on the Community Safety Partnership including Pub Watch and Drink Watch.

RESOLVED: That Council recognises the important contribution made by our local police force and requests that the leader writes to the police and crime commissioner to re-state our support for continued joint working with the district council on community safety issues for our residents.

F. Motion proposed by Councillor Toby Newman, seconded by Councillor David NimmoSmith: "That Council agrees the principle that all major planning applications should consider options to facilitate cycle hire schemes where appropriate and asks officers to consider whether it is feasible to bring forward the formal planning policies that would be necessary to achieve this".

Councillors highlighted the need to encourage more cycling as part of a sustainable transport policy with associated health benefits.

RESOLVED: That Council agrees the principle that all major planning applications should consider options to facilitate cycle hire schemes where appropriate and asks officers to consider whether it is feasible to bring forward the formal planning policies that would be necessary to achieve this.

G. Motion proposed by Councillor Caroline Newton, seconded by Councillor David Dodds: "That Council asks the leader to write to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to urge the Government to intensify pressure on manufacturers to reduce the production of non-recyclable plastic"

Whilst supporting the motion a number of councillors raised the following points: \* problems arose with discarded plastics which impact on the environment and wildlife;

- \* non-recyclable plastics are incinerated to provide energy;
- \* there remains public confusion regarding which plastics are recyclable

RESOLVED: That Council asks the leader to write to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to urge the Government to intensify pressure on manufacturers to reduce the production of non-recyclable plastic.

### **Business Awards launch**

Our Economic Development Team launched the first-ever South and Vale Business Awards on 31 October at Cornerstone.

The launch and networking event explained how you can nominate successful businesses in our region for one or more of the seven award categories.

You can register to find out more information on the awards on the SO Business website <http://www.so-business.co.uk/svba/awards-events-promotion/>

For more information on the work the team do to help businesses in our district email Economic Development at:

[economic.development@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:economic.development@southandvale.gov.uk) or call 01235 422213.

### **New online services from Thames Valley Police**

If you need to get in touch with Thames Valley Police to find out about, or assist with, ongoing cases, or to contact an officer or department directly, you can now do so online by using their new contact form. If you want to speak to someone by phone then please call 101.

To report a crime or missing person you should use this report form at:

<https://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=2636&e=67&o=9492&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.thamesvalley.police.uk%2Fcontact%2Fcontact-us%2F&a=0>

### **Proposed changes to Housing Allocations Policy**

We have opened a consultation on South and Vale's Housing Allocations Policy, which sets out how we will assess applications to join the housing register and how to allocate social housing within the districts.

You can read a summary of the proposed changes here

[https://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=2636&e=69&o=9492&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dropbox.com%2Fs%2Fyeh7m2ffj846523%2Fsummary\\_of\\_proposed\\_changes.final2.pdf%3Fdl%3D0&a=0](https://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=2636&e=69&o=9492&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dropbox.com%2Fs%2Fyeh7m2ffj846523%2Fsummary_of_proposed_changes.final2.pdf%3Fdl%3D0&a=0)

and the full policy is available here:

[https://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=2636&e=69&o=9492&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dropbox.com%2Fs%2Fz3q8ddbzkrrarkum%2FHAP\\_DRAFT\\_final.pdf%3Fdl%3D0&a=0](https://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=2636&e=69&o=9492&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dropbox.com%2Fs%2Fz3q8ddbzkrrarkum%2FHAP_DRAFT_final.pdf%3Fdl%3D0&a=0)

You can submit your comments online until 5pm on 26 November at:

<https://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=2636&e=69&o=9492&url=https%3A%2F%2Fsurvey.southandvale.gov.uk%2Fs%2FHAP2018%2F&a=0>

If you have any further queries on the consultation, please contact the Community Engagement Team on 01235 422600.

### **Gigabit scheme**

Let your local businesses and residents know that they can apply for the government's gigabit scheme that supports communities to achieve a better broadband connection.

The scheme is designed for small and medium businesses to access up to £3,000 worth of vouchers to upgrade their internet connection.

Groups of residents can also apply for a voucher of up to £500 for each domestic connection - as long as a local business is involved in the scheme and is the main beneficiary.

Businesses and residents can check their eligibility via [gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/](http://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/)

**Modern slavery awareness**

As part of Anti-Slavery Day on 18 October, the Community Safety Team have been distributing more of our modern slavery stickers in our public toilets to help raise awareness of the issue. The stickers provide a free helpline number for anyone who may be trapped in modern slavery.

For more information please see our Modern Slavery guidance, this will help you recognise possible signs of modern slavery that you may come across in your day to day work.

It also sets out what you should do if you suspect that someone is being exploited.

**Purple Tuesday - accessible shopping day**

Please help spread the word to local retailers that Purple Tuesday is taking place on Tuesday 13 November. This special day aims to encourage shops across the country to make shopping more inclusive and accessible for disabled customers.

You can find out more information about Purple Tuesday and let your local independent shops know, they can get some guidance on how to make their property more accessible by going to [purpletuesday.org.uk](http://purpletuesday.org.uk).

**Waste and Recycling****Reporting missed bin collections**

Some councillors have asked for a reminder on how people should report missed bins.

If a resident needs to report a missed bin they should contact Biffa:

- online by visiting [southoxon.gov.uk/missedbins](http://southoxon.gov.uk/missedbins) before midnight on the next working day after the collection was due
- by calling 03000 610610 before 5pm on the next working day.

Crews will only return to collect a missed bin if it was originally put out before 7am on the scheduled collection day.

There are some occasions when crews can't collect a bin – for example, if the bin was not put out in time. If a resident has put the wrong items in their recycling, or the bin was too heavy or overflowing, then the crew will place a tag on the bin to explain why it wasn't collected and will attempt to collect it on the next scheduled collection.

If there are repeat problems at a property or a specific area, Biffa will investigate. If a collection is missed at the same property on a number of occasions, and the issue is not resolved by Biffa, residents should email [waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk) and we will investigate.

**Reminder; Cooking oil recycling**

We've just introduced a new cooking oil recycling service for residents as part of our food waste collections.

After cooking and once it has cooled, any leftover oil can be poured into a plastic bottle no bigger than one litre in size. The bottle and its contents can then be placed into the kerbside food waste caddy, along with other food waste, and put out for the weekly collection. For those who don't want to use a plastic bottle, oil can also be poured straight into the caddy along with other food waste.

One litre of cooking oil can generate enough electricity to make 240 cups of tea!

Report by :-



**Kevin Bulmer**

*District Councillor*

*Goring & South Stoke Ward*

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## Recreation Issues - December 2018 Update

### Sheepcot Recreation Ground

We are awaiting a response from the footballers following their offer to clean and paint the inside of the pavilion. The Clerk has organized a supply of paint.

### Gardiner Recreation Ground

Cllr. Mary Bulmer has completed investigations into possible wooden based exercise equipment, and a proposal for an installation in the south-east corner and the Gardiner Field will be submitted to the December GPC meeting.

### Rectory Garden

Following the approval in principle at an earlier GPC meeting for minor changes to the Rectory Garden, members of the Goring in Bloom team have given suggestions and advice on an appropriate specification for a low-maintenance installation. A detailed proposal will be made at the December GPC meeting.

### Bourdillon Field

Nothing to report.

Lawrie Reavill

3.12.2018

### Proposal

That the following improvements be made to the Rectory Garden to make it more “user friendly”:

1. The wording of the notice board is revised to be more inviting and less prohibitive
2. Additional seating permitted, with the community allowed to sponsor memorial benches.
3. Bulbs to be planted at the periphery of the garden and between the tress, and near the entrance to make the garden more colourful and attractive.

The purpose of these improvements is to bring this valuable facility more in line with the intentions of the donor, to provide for the community a place for exercise and recreation.

**GPC Gym Trails - Dec 2018**

**Proposal from play area workgroup**

- 1) Monkey bars.
- 2) Two log steps
- 3) Balance beam
- 4) Two log step
- 5) Log Traverse
- 6) Pull up Bars
- 7) Sit up beams
- 8) Scramble net.
- 9) 120m2 Geo Membrane for grass saver
- 10) 120m2 Safer Grass Tile
- 11) Delivery etc

Get Quotes from :

Playtime by Fawns  
Action Play and Leisure  
Schoolscapes  
Muddy Plimsolls-



<b>Goring-on-Thames Parish Council</b>					
<b>Receipts received November 2018</b>					
<b>From</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Amount</b>
TSB	Bank Interest	1190	10/11/2018	DC	£30.42
Gatehampton Trust	Donation for defibrillator	1132	05/11/2018	DC	£1,250.00
SSE	Electric Sheepcot Credit	2260	16/11/2018	DC	£10.02
SSE	Gas Sheepcot Credit	2260	19/11/2018	DC	£107.70
Scott Griffiths	Licence Gardiner	1141	19/11/2018	Inv 1179/84	£25.66
Royal Mail	Car Park permits to 5/2/19	1135	16/11/2018	Inv 1183	£1,508.78
ET Sheppard	Memorial - White	1130	30/11/2018	Inv 1186	£115.52
AB Walker	Memorial - Carter	1130	30/11/2018	Inv 1188	£118.18
				<b>Total:</b>	<b>£3,166.28</b>

**Goring on Thames Parish Council**  
**Monthly Report Bank Account and Reserves Balances**

As at: **30 November 2018**

**Reconciled Bank Account Balances**

Current TSB		£33,682.52
TSB Reserves		£97,207.96
Unpresented Payments		£0.00
Unpresented Receipts		£0.00
VAT Control Account		£2,192.55
<b>Total</b>		<b>£133,083.03</b>

**Earmarked Reserves (Capital and Contingency)**

Operating Reserve Account	R	£51,000.00
Rectory Garden	R	£1,500.00
Ferry Lane Riverbank Repairs	R	£0.00
Ferry Lane Fence	R	£1,000.00
Tree Felling and Replacement	R	£11,050.00
Playground Equipment	C	£13,500.00
MIGGS Pavement Widening	R	£5,000.00
Car Park	R	£1,000.00
Conservation Area Appraisal	R	£6,000.00
Sheepcot Pavilion Refurbishment	R	£6,302.96
Community Infrastructure Levy	C	£855.00

**Total Revenue Reserves** £82,852.96

**Total Capital Reserves** £14,355.00

**Total Reserves** **£97,207.96**

**General Funds Available** **£35,875.07**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE  
GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

**Old Jubilee Fire Station, Red Cross Road, Goring 7.30pm Tuesday 23 October 2018**

**Members Present:**

Chairman	David Brooker (DB)
Members	John Wills (JW)
	Matthew Brown (MBr)
	Mary Bulmer (MBu)
	Debbie Gee (DG)
	Catherine Hall (CH)
	Lawrie Reavill (LR)

**Officers Present:**

Assistant Clerk	Mike Ward (MW)
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No members of the public were present

**18/128 To receive apologies for absence.**

Bryan Urbick

**18/129 To receive any declarations of interests**

DG and JW declared an interest in P18/S3157/LB, since they are both friends of the property owners.

**18/130 Public Forum**

No members of the public were present.

**18/131 To approve minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25 September 2018**

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

**18/132 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda**

None

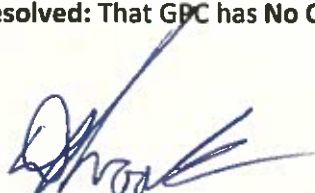
**18/133 To review the following Applications:**

- 1 P18/S2588/HH – Rookley 14B Summerfield Rise Goring RG8 ODS – Single storey side extension to form new Garden and Dining Room. Demolition of existing single detached garage and construction of single storey side and front extensions to form new Utility Room, Garage and Bedroom, and associated internal alterations (amended plans received on 01 October 2018).  
**Resolved:** That GPC has **No Objections****
- 2 P18/S3103/FUL – Brownies Patch Bridleway Goring RG8 OHS: Erect a wooden shed to store gardening equipment.  
**Resolved:** That GPC has **No Objections****
- 3 P18/S3157/LB – Wey Cottage 2 Manor Road Goring RG8 9DP – Join two fireplaces together so that only one chimney will be used. Replace existing wood burner with one that shows fire each side. No change to the surrounds.**

JW and DG declared interests in the application, being friends of the applicant, and did not participate in the discussion.

**Resolved:** That GPC has **No Objections**

Signed:



D. Brooker

Dated: 27 November 2018

**18/134 To note the following SODC Decisions:**

P18/S2844/HH – 26 Elvendon Road Goring RG8 ODU - Replacement of UPVC conservatory with a single storey extension to the rear, alterations and refurbishments to the existing bungalow, and construction of a new porch to east side. Enlargement of parking area to front. (GPC No Objections) **Granted**

Decision was noted.

**18/135 Appeal decisions:**

None to report.

**18/136 To review planning applications and decisions reported by West Berkshire District Council**

None discussed.

**18/137 To review CIL status / payments**

It was noted that CIL has been received by SODC in respect of application P18/S2687/FUL of which Goring-on-Thames Parish Council's share is £855, which is expected to be paid over by 28/10/2018.

**18/138 To note enforcement notices and reports of actions received from SODC:**

It was noted that an enforcement notice SE18/67 has been served at Haydown Elvendon Road Goring concerning access onto classified road without planning permission, and erection of fence in excess of 1m adj highway.

It was also noted that although enforcement notice SE18/458 had been resolved, the Council had not yet been advised of the outcome of enforcement notices SE18/456 and SE18/457.

**18/138 To consider correspondence received**

None

**18/139 Matters for future discussion**

None

**18/140 Next meeting confirmed as Tuesday 27 November 2018**

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19.40 hrs.

**Abbreviations (where used):**

APP	Approval
CIL	Community Infrastructure Levy
GPC	Goring on Thames Parish Council
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
NSV	No Strong Views
OBJ	Objection(s)
OCC	Oxfordshire County Council
SODC	South Oxfordshire District Council

Signed:

 D. Brooker

Dated: 27 November 2018

**December 2018****Grant Expenditure budgeted for and paid to date:**

	<b>Budgeted Sum</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
Churches S214(6) LG Act 1972	£50.00	£0.00
Transport s.26-29 LGR Act 1997 (Readibus)	£800.00	£700.00
Goring Gap in Bloom s.137 LG Act 1972	£1,500.00	£905.01
The Gap Festival s. 145 LG Act 1972	£4,000.00	£4,000.00
Christmas Trees and Lights s.144 LG Act 1972	£825.00	£105.00
Unallocated General Budget	£720.00	See below
Macular Society Goring s.137 LG Act 1972		£300.00
Be Free Carers s.137 LG Act 1972		£100.00
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>£7,895.00</b>	<b>£6,110.01</b>
Total from unallocated		£400.00
Remaining unallocated	<b>£320.00</b>	

S.137 Payments are limited to a set allowance of **£20,899.74** based on an allowance of £7.86 per elector for this year (2659 electors).



# **Floatability**

## **Community Interest Company**

### **Business Description for Goring-on-Thames Parish Council**

**Directors:** William Howard, Laura Viney, Giles Viney, Jo Price  
The Company Number is 11436515

Registered Address: 4 Old Field  
Little Milton  
Oxfordshire  
OX44 7PY

We are a not-for-profit Community Interest Company. We aim to provide access to the river for disabled people or people with mental health difficulties or special needs. We feel that this is important to improve health and well-being for those who are often unable to access the river; the river itself being a key component in those who live locally.

Two of the directors have a close connection with being disabled as both have enduring and pervasive mental health conditions. They have felt limited due to the lack of social activities disabled people can benefit from in a safe, supporting, non-judgmental and caring environment. This lack can lead to being isolated. We wanted to change this. There is also a lack of activities which promote such a well-being and peace of the mind, body and spirit as boat trips in areas of outstanding natural beauty can provide.

Floatability provides skippered river boat leisure trips on the Thames for disabled adults and children who are members of the general public. It is aimed at people who reside in the West Berkshire, South Oxfordshire, and Oxfordshire areas. We hope to transform the lives of children and adults through providing a place to socialize, providing a hobby and also a chance to reap the benefits of “eco-therapy”. They will provide predominantly nature tours in the Goring on Thames stretch of the river, with some fishing included. It will be a Community Interest Company (C.I.C.), embedding the business into the community so that any surplus revenue and the assets will always be for the benefit of the business and also the local community. Its outlook is community based offering affordable trips to local people and visitors to the local area. From the field research it is clear that there is a need for the boat in the area, as most of the organizations have not heard of such a service and are keen to recommend it to their clients. The Service is affordable, on an interesting stretch of the river and has toilet and parking facilities with a fully accessible site. With a fully qualified skipper, marine engineer and CRB checked Volunteer, we will ensure the safety of the passengers and the maintenance of the boat. We will undertake risk

assessments and safety briefings and be fully insured. We will also comply with the legal requirements of the river.

The business has no capital from which to start up and so will be relying solely on funds raised through grants and sponsors. The total amount the business will need to raise is

The cost of the boat	£22,310
Helm steering / Batteries / Installation	£750
Folding Bench Seating	£2,150
Helmsman Seat	£208
Storage Cover	£1,275
Bimini Cover	£1,475
The Engine, Suzuki DF40ATL	£3500
Life Jackets	£500
Start up costs	£350
Delivery	£150
<b>Giving a total of</b>	<b>£32,458 to raise.</b>

### **What we are offering**

Our trips are as follows :

- a) 3 hours long nature trip, space for 8 passengers including carers who go free, with time for lunch or refreshments included. Price £125 for the boat.
- b) 3 hour long fishing trip including bait, rod hire and tuition. Space for 3 fishermen including carers who go free. Time for lunch included. Price £130 for the boat.
- c) '1 hour Wednesday' 1 hour nature trip designed for those with special needs but open to all. Space for 8 passengers including carers, who go free. Price £80 for the boat.
- d) A Day experience – 6 hours long fishing or nature tour stopping for lunch at a riverside bistro /cafe. 3 spaces for fishing tours and 8 spaces for nature tours. Price £210 for the boat. May Include a small discount at the cafe.

Our packages include nature spotting checklist, free fishing rod hire and tuition, photographic memento and Floatability key chain, free parking if embarking from the Rowing Club and potentially low cost transport arranged for those in Oxfordshire.

We also found from our field research that charities who cater for those with special needs require their clients to be returned by early afternoon and that the price for this market is also quite high. Therefore we devised the 1 hour Wednesday trips which will solve the above problems and enable those with special needs to benefit from the river trips. It is part of our aim to offer bespoke services to charities that need them, such as endeavoring to operate with local groups for those charities that want

to integrate their clients with those without disabilities.

The number of trips we can offer is unlimited at the moment and we have two pick up points. One in Goring Gap Boat Club at Lower Basildon and the other at Hobbs's land near to the Mill Stream in Goring on Thames.

### **Factors that help people to choose which business to buy from**

- We will offer a service specifically designed for people with disabilities, in terms of our ethos, human resources and equipment
- We are motivated by own personal experiences and those of others with lived experiences of disabilities
- Our boat is designed to be fully accessible
- We will respond to the individual needs of our customers through prior assessments of individual needs to ensure that we have the right facilities on the day of their trip
- Our trips are skippered by an experienced boats-man who is very knowledgeable about the local area.
- We have a thorough and professional approach to health and safety and will work with safety agencies to ensure ongoing safety of our clients
- Our professional website and promotional material along with our marketing techniques will be eye catching and informative.
- We are developing links and collecting testimonials from organizations that support people with disabilities and ensuring that our project is relevant and beneficial
- Our good local network within the surrounding area means we are in contact with specialist organizations which may be open to using our service.
- We operate from an established and reputable boat club which has a good footing in the community.
- There is lots of parking at the site which is itself accessible.
- The boat is closer to the water providing a more intimate connection with nature.
- The price is affordable, the trips are long and include time for lunch and socializing with other people.

### **Provisional Sales / Recommendations**

We have a good local network of organizations that we have been consulting with throughout the development of our project and we hope to continue working with these organizations to promote us or potentially recommend our services to their clients. We have a plethora of organizations in the local area which we can approach to improve our network. We are working with the charity KEEN to provide a program of trips throughout the space of one year with the aim of integrating their clients with other groups of people without disabilities, so that they might make friends or join the non disabled group. This will increase the impact of our project significantly.

There is a substantial interest from local organizations about the river trips. Some have agreed to recommend the service to their clients and most have not heard of any such service in the area which shows there is a clearly identifiable need for the service. The fact that there are others trying to set up in a nearby town also highlights this gap in the market. There are also multiple charities nearby which are for disabled people and those with mental health difficulties. The river trips are quite popular at the moment and there is a trend for fishing in adults. We can see this by the number of boat hire business in the local area. And also the number of fishing spots increasing in recent years.

Our advertising strategy will be to target specifically the people with disabilities and sell the potential therapeutic benefits of our services as well their accessibility. We will position our service alongside mainstream services which are currently inaccessible to people with disabilities.

We will provide a rich experience on any trip with us, not least because we are accessible. We hope to promote the social aspect of the trips, set in an inclusive, non-judgemental environment. Additionally, clients will get to observe how a skipper handles a boat and how locks work.

### **Emergency planning and safeguarding**

Our trips will be fully risk assessed and insured. In addition to this we listen and work with charities and organizations who are recommending the service to make sure we can meet their bespoke needs in this respect. Perhaps providing information so they are able to risk assess, perhaps meeting their requirements – as an example one special needs charity requires a hoist to get immobile clients safely into the boat, something we are looking at for the future.

We will have policies in place to ensure the safety of those on board. These will be guidelines on behavior and the responsibilities of ourselves and carers and will be agreed prior to the trips.

There will be a mandatory life jacket policy for all on board. We will have life rings on the boat.

The skipper is first aid at sea trained. Medical help can be quickly sourced by those at nearby locks or the skipper would moor at the bank and direct medical services to the boat. He has extensive knowledge of the local area in which we will be operating. We have policies in place to safeguard children and vulnerable adults and our staff and volunteers are DBS checked. Parents or carers of children under 16 will be required to be on the boat, although more than one child can be supervised by one parent / carer. Vulnerable adults will require a carer familiar to them to be accepted on a boat trip. These may include people with certain mental health conditions, or those with special needs. Referrals may be required for vulnerable adults or children to be accepted on board.

### **Yearly Running Costs of the Floatability (seven months of the year)**

Loo Hire	896
Insurance	600
License	90
Maintenance	35
Advertising	200
Office Costs	200
CRB/ DBS check	100
Petrol	280
Mooring	100
Engine Service	410
TOTAL	2,911

NB. We will undertake the maintenance ourselves

In the winter months the business will have not many outgoings. We aim to make enough profit in the seven operational months to keep the business afloat and profitable.

### **How we will reach the community of Goring-on-Thames**

We are operating from Goring Gap Boat Club and hope to meet the needs of the elderly community by providing boat trips to those who have become disabled through ill health. We understand that there is a large population of elderly people in Goring-on-Thames, in fact one group stated that there is over 80% higher than the national average of over people over 65 yrs. Having spoken to MIGGS (Mobility Issues Group for Goring and Streatley) and also to the Patients Participation Group and the Lunch Club at the community center, we are keen to meet the needs of both those with mobility issues and those with mental health or special needs issues who reside in the parish.

### **What help we need.**

We would like to as for help to cover the cost of the Helmsman seat £208 and also the Helm Steering/ Batteries and Installation £750. A total of £958.

### **The community of Goring-on-Thames.**

We have contacted various disability organizations in Goring in an attempt to discover the statistics for disability in the area. We discovered that there are at least four groups which help people with disabilities as part of their services. There is a keen interest in the project and many will recommend our services to their clients.

Goring-on-Thames has a population of about 3000. It is thought that over 80% of those are over 65 yrs. We also know that the statistics of those with disabilities increases with age, with mobility being the most prevalent. In fact, it affects 45% of adults over state pension age ([www.gov.uk/government/publications/disability-facts-and-figures/disability-facts-and-figures](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disability-facts-and-figures/disability-facts-and-figures)). So the area is highly likely to have a high population of people who could make use of our service from a physical mobility

viewpoint.

Some general statistics also show that those with mental health difficulties are also prevalent in our society. The Adult Psychiatric Morbidity Survey 2014 shows that 1 in 6 adults are likely to report an experience of a common mental health problem every week. ([www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/fundamental-facts-about-mental-health-2016](http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/fundamental-facts-about-mental-health-2016)). Many people suffer with isolation not just due to a physical disability but also due to their mental health. Our aim is to offer a fun experience where they can meet people with and without disabilities to help people engage in the community.

It is difficult to find data on those with special needs as a disability.

## **Conclusion**

We would greatly appreciate any help that Goring-on-thames parish council is able to offer us. We hope that it will be a project for the community of Goring to embrace. We would like to reiterate that it is a not for profit organization and that all the assets and profits remain locked into the community for the community.

We have two fund raising activities for late next year that could bring in potentially £9,000. We have applied for a Tesco Bags of Help grant and also a grant from the Gatehampton Trust so far. We will be applying for an award for all and also South Oxfordshire District Council grants. We have asked Streatley parish council for the same amount of grant to go towards the cost of the boat. We aim to be operational and trading by June / July 2019.

**From:** Jonathan Steward  
**Sent:** 01 December 2018 09:04  
**To:** Clerk, Goring Parish Council <clerk@goringparishcouncil.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Grazing

After our meeting I just thought I would send you an email making clear my intentions for the use of your paddock at the cemetery in Goring, I will if rented the land repair any existing structures and fencing and improve the pasture and the appearance of the pasture and use the land for raising sheep and lambing, there will also be rare breed sheep on it, the local people are more than welcome to bring their children to look at the lambs in the spring.

Regards  
Jon Steward

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Wording similar to that used on previous lease of The Paddock for approval:

The area of ground is known as "The Paddock" situated north of White Hill Burial Ground. The agreement will commence from \*\*\*. The Tenant agrees with the Landlord as follows:

1. To pay the rent and water contribution in the manner aforesaid.
2. To use the land for the purpose of grazing sheep.
3. Not erect a shelter of more than thirty-six (36) square feet in area and a height of four (4) feet.
4. To fence against the escape or straying of the animals.
5. To graze the entire Paddock regularly over the year or to cut for hay.
6. To use the land in a proper and husband-like manner.
7. Not to underlet or part with possession of the Paddock or any part thereof.
8. To be respectful of any burials or service which may be held in the adjoining Burial Ground and visitors thereto.

It is further agreed that should either party wish to terminate this agreement they may do so by giving not less than two calendar months' notice in writing to take effect on the date of this agreement. The annual rent will be £\*\*\* per annum and £\*\*\* per annum water charge subject to an annual Retail Prices Index increase. However, should the Council find its water usage increases the Council reserves the right to increase the water usage fee. Initially the agreement will be for 12 months.

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To review fees for a lease:

Previous rates – as at August 2017 (not yet reviewed in 2018)

White Hill Burial Ground Paddock Rent

Rent £10.46 plus VAT

Contribution to Water Rates £41.86 (no VAT)

Colin Ratcliff, Clerk  
3/12/2018