

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 11th February 2019 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 meeting held on 10th December 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 receive a report on the NP Strategic Project for traffic management, parking and pedestrian safety in the village centre (DB)
9. To receive a report from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer. (Appendix A)
10. To receive a report from the Police. (JW)
11. To consider reports on Recreation Grounds issues, including a proposal regarding plans and consultation for new play equipment in Gardiner Recreation Ground (LR / BU)
(Appendices B, B1)
12. To receive a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues. (MBu)
13. To consider a report regarding planned events in the village including a proposal regarding the outcome of the George Michael Event Consultation. (BU / CH) (Appendix C)
14. Parish Finance:
 - 14.1. To approve payments for December 2018 and January 2019 (Appendices D, D1)
 - 14.2. To note receipts for December 2018 and January 2019 (Appendices E, E1)
 - 14.3. To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 31st January 2019.
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- 14.4. To consider budget amendments / virements for the current financial year (Appendix G)
- 14.5. To receive a report from the internal auditor for 2018-19 (Appendix H)
15. To review Standing Orders and Governance Documents numbered 1 to 8 on the council's website <https://www.goringparishcouncil.gov.uk/documents/governing-documents/> including consideration of an updated Code of Conduct (Appendix I)
16. To note a report from John Boler on the Wallingford Road pavement widening (Appendix J)
17. Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of meetings held on 27 November and 18 December 2018.
18. Correspondence.
 1. To consider a survey request from OCC regarding devolvment of services (C1)
 2. To consider a request for an additional salt bin at the junction of Elvendon Road and Wallingford Road (C2)
 3. To consider a s.137 Local Government Act 1972 grant request of approx. £150 for litter picking in the village (C3, 3A)
 4. To consider a s.137 Local Government Act 1972 grant request of up to £200 by Home Start Southern Oxfordshire for their home-visiting volunteer service. (C4, 3A)
19. Matters for future discussion.
20. 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.
21. To consider staff pay from 1 April 2019
22. To consider quotes for new playground equipment in Gardiner Recreation Ground
23. To consider tenders for grass cutting and grave digging

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL
Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7:30 pm Monday 10th December 2018

Members Present:

Vice Chairman	John Wills (JW)
Members	Bryan Urbick (BU)
	Lawrie Reavill (LR)
	Catherine Hall (CH)
	David Brooker (DB)
	Debbie Gee (DG)
	Mary Bulmer (MBu) (from 1931)
	Matthew Brown (MBr) (from 1931)

Officers Present:

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

Six members of the public and press

- 18/225** In the absence of the Chairman, JW as Vice Chairman took the chair
- 18/226 To receive apologies for absence.**
Apologies for absence were received from Kevin Bulmer (KB)
- 18/227 To receive any declarations of interests**
JW declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 16.1
- 18/228 Public Forum**
Peter Neville asked whether GPC had a view on the draft SODC Plan published the previous Thursday. Ned Worsley stated the NPSG had not met since publication.
- 18/229 To approve minutes of the meetings held on 12th and 22nd November 2018.**
Resolved: That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 18/230 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.**
None
- 18/231 To receive chairman's report and announcements.**
JW had spoken to KB who had nothing to report. He reminded there was no meeting in January 2019.
- 18/232 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.**
Item 16.3 brought forward:
John Boler reported on the current status of attempts to get OCC to move forwards on proposals for widening of the Wallingford Road pavement. It was proposed and
Resolved: That GPC write again to OCC reiterating some of John Boler's points.
- 18/233 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**

Signed:

Dated: 2019

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.

Item 16.4 brought forward:

Resolved: That GPC would take over formal responsibility as requested.

18/234 To receive a report on the NP Strategic Project for Goring CE Primary School

No update

18/235 To note a report on the NP Strategic Project for traffic management, parking and pedestrian safety in the village centre

Appendix A was noted.

18/236 To receive a report from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer.

Appendix B was noted.

18/237 To receive a report from the Police

JW reported our PCSO was still off work. It was proposed and

Resolved: That a note of good wishes be sent.

There had been an attempted shed burglary in Battle Road and action was being taken against fraud phone scammers in Elmcroft.

18/238 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.

Appendices C and C1 referred.

MBu presented a proposal for new equipment in Gardiner using funds earmarked from the Youth Club. The sports clubs had been consulted. The age group targeted was 8+.

JW clarified the proposal was just to obtain quotes for further consideration.

BU suggested a wider consultation was required.

Resolved: That the proposal be amended to include a wider consultation but that quotes be obtained on the suggested items in the meantime.

Rectory Garden: There was no seconder for LR's proposal for improvements to The Rectory Garden, so the motion failed. Comments made included there being insufficient detail and that a fuller plan was needed, and that previous decisions were to not allow other memorial benches in the Garden.

18/239 To receive a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues.

MBu reported the gate damaged by a vehicle had been fixed; the Greenfingers' planting looked nice; that another memorial bench request may be made but that there was currently no obvious site, and that some hedges needed tidying.

18/240 To receive a report regarding planned events in the village

CH stated the GM consultation was under way. BU said about 500 responses had been received so far, closing date was 5 January.

18/241 Parish Finance:

1 To approve payments for November 2018

Jim Emerson asked about legal fees having been paid of £6620.41 in respect of the Weir Appeal. He noted that the report to the Weir Committee of 31st July said there may be a 'small final invoice'. He disputed this was a small invoice.

BU said he had been told it was a small amount but when it came through was higher than expected, originally about £13,000, and he fought to get it down to this. He reiterated that his report explained why it was good value.

JW noted the final bill was less than half the original.

Jim Emerson said that it reinforced his view that the appeal was somewhat out of control when lawyers got involved.

Resolved: That the payments be approved

2 To note receipts for November 2018

Noted

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

Noted

Ned Worsley noted that should the NP be adopted, there was an action that stated a conservation area appraisal could be done by local people. BU said that SODC had told him it must be funded but he would be happy to explore the possibility.

18/242 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of the meeting held on 23rd October 2018.

Minutes received.

18/243 Correspondence

1 To consider a s.19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 grant request of £958 from Floatability

JW had already declared an interest and took no part in the discussion, it was agreed that BU chair this item.

BU noted there was £320 left in the budget, there was an error in the report that 80% in Goring are over 65 years old, he was concerned this was not a completely funded plan yet.

Resolved: That the grant request was not approved.

2 To consider a request to rent The Paddock at White Hill Burial Ground including a review of the fees.

Resolved: That the request be approved, the wording of terms was approved and that annual rent should be £12.50 with £41.86 towards water costs.

3 See minute 18/232

4 See minute 18/233

18/244 Matters for future discussion

MBr asked if there were views on the Swan Car Park – MW noted it was on the agenda for the next Planning Committee meeting.

MBr has suggestions for IT backups to an external provider – for the next meeting.

DG noted there were lots of cigarette ends in Manor Road by the Free Church – possibly from local business employees, CR would pass onto our litter picker.

18/245 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 public and press should be temporarily excluded.

18/246 To consider quotes received for aerial tree inspections at Gardiner Recreation Ground.

Three quotes were considered:

Resolved: That the work be awarded to Heritage Tree Services Ltd at the price of £1,045.00

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:28 pm.

Abbreviations (where used):

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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
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
SODC	South Oxfordshire District Council
TVP	Thames Valley Police

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REPORT TO GORING DIVISION PARISH COUNCIL FEBRUARY 2019 FROM CLLR KEVIN BULMER

GENERAL OCC REPORT

BUDGET

1. COMMUNITIES TO BE OFFERED HELP WITH YOUTH SERVICES

Young people and their families in Oxfordshire are now set to benefit from improved community-run youth services if county councillors agree grant funding when they set the council's budget next week. Youth groups will be invited to bid in to a £1m fund over two years, with encouragement to find match-funding from their local communities. Feedback from residents points to strong support for improving community-run youth services, and this money would help existing projects expand and new ones get off the ground. By offering start-up funding, the council has already helped many community-run groups provide support for young children and families, and it is hoped the same could happen for youth services. Community-run youth services would complement the work of the county council's Children's Services department, which targets its resources at children at risk of abuse and neglect. This proposal has been made possible by better than expected Council Tax collection following growth in Oxfordshire.

2. COUNTY COUNCIL TO INVEST IN SCHOOLS, TRANSPORT AND STREETLIGHTING

Residents of Oxfordshire will see highway improvements, new school buildings and energy-efficient streetlighting thanks to a £1 billion investment over the next ten years as part of the county council's budget. However, the county council is also warning that funding pressure on services remains as demand for social care for vulnerable children and adults continues grow and continued financial prudence is required to meet those demands.

Transport schemes across the county are set for funding approval so the county council can improve journeys for drivers, pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users. Nearly £20m will be invested to increase the provision of school places for children with special needs in the county, including rebuilding Northfield School in Oxford with more pupil places.

Capital funding is for large one-off projects such as highway repairs or building work to assist the council meet its obligations, such as creating extra school places - as opposed to the normal revenue budget which covers funding for the costs of day-to-day services. Most of the funding for capital programme is made up of government funding and developer contributions, which cannot be used for any other purpose.

The proposed capital programme includes government funding through the Oxfordshire Growth Deal, agreed by all Oxfordshire councils. Elsewhere in the Capital Programme a £41m street lighting improvement programme continues to be part of the investment plan, with traditional lanterns to be replaced with more energy efficient LED lighting, saving money in the long-run. The ten-year capital programme is part of the council's proposed budget for next year, which has been put forward following public consultation. The proposals will be put before all councillors on 12 February 2019.

Pressure on funding for day-to-day council services continues as the council increases funding for to support of Oxfordshire's most vulnerable children and adults. There is also uncertainty about future government funding, which is making budget planning harder.

To make sure the growing number of children at risk of abuse and neglect are protected, the children's social care budget has increased annually. It was £46m in 2011 and is forecast to be £95m in 2022/23 – more than doubling in ten years.

The council's budget for adult social care could increase by £5m in 2019/20, with further annual increases reaching nearly £6m by 2022/23 to increase support for the growing number of older and disabled people.

Meanwhile planned redesign of the council around the changing needs of residents and communities will maintain or improve services, with investment in digital technology enabling us to save money in the process.

OCC is now reviewing the digital technology needed to make the council run more effectively and efficiently, including improving customer service by making it easier to access services online. The council has identified savings of £50m from changing the way services are delivered and has already started implementing these changes, including improving online 'self-service' HR and finance systems used by staff. As part of the partnership with Cherwell District Council, legal services for the two councils are being joined up.

OXFORDSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY SURVEY IS LAUNCHED

People living, working and studying in Oxfordshire are being encouraged to help set the future direction of the county's health and wellbeing strategy. A draft strategy has been developed by Oxfordshire's Health and Wellbeing Board – the partnership between local NHS services, local councils and Healthwatch Oxfordshire. The board's joint working approach aims to improve everyone's health and wellbeing, but especially of those people who have health problems or are in difficult circumstances due to age or vulnerability. The strategy outlines the actions the board is proposing to take, but it now wants further input from the wider public. Feedback from previous public engagement, especially around the health and wellbeing of children and young people and older people was used in developing the document. The survey document and draft strategy is available at:

<https://consult.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/consult.ti/HealthWellbeing/consultationHome>

CASH BOOST FOR FUTURE OF TRANSPORT IN OXFORDSHIRE

Oxfordshire's road users could see a technological revolution take place in the coming years that could involve important traffic information being used to help them to get around more easily thanks to a successful bid for £1.25m of Government funding. The cash, which has been through the national GovTech Catalyst initiative towards work to transform the existing Oxfordshire traffic management system – ready for the Government's hoped-for introduction of connected vehicles by 2021 as well as other new mobility options, such as electric vehicles. Many people think of the new wave of transport in terms of cars. However, connected vehicles – anything that can be linked up via the internet to a wider system – could mean vans, buses, lorries, motor or pedal cycles. Even wheelchairs could take advantage of new technology to get around more easily. Everyone stands to benefit. Oxfordshire's money will pay for researching how data – of which there is lots and from varied sources – could be used to help manage traffic in the future.

MORE THAN 40,000 ROAD DEFECTS REPAIRED IN OXFORDSHIRE SINCE LAST WINTER

OCC's highways teams are out daily relentlessly resurfacing roads and pavements. They have been able to more work than last year thanks to the county council putting in extra cash over and above the normal budget in response to the problems caused during the last cold spell. Since January 2018 the council has repaired 40,117 defects. That's an average of 3,652 repairs

a month which is quite colossal compared to what was needed during the same time period the year before – a total of 34,677 defects were repaired between Jan-Dec 2017. Due to severe weather last winter, pothole fixing peaked between February and May with nearly 18,000 being repaired. The county council this year invested an extra £10m in road repairs which has resulted in extra major resurfacing projects being completed as well as smaller, but no less important, repairs being completed across Oxfordshire.

WATCHDOG SAYS OXON HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SERVICES MORE JOINED UP

Significant work has been done to join up services across Oxfordshire that is already demonstrating improved outcomes for people, according to a follow-up review by the national regulator for health and social care published on Wednesday, January 9. The Care Quality Commission (CQC) found key improvements had been made eight months into an 18-month action plan that was agreed by Oxfordshire health and social care organisations after an initial review by the CQC in November 2017. Following the first review, a key priority for system leaders has been to work more closely together to plan and deliver health and social care services, particularly for older people.

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Recreation Issues - February 2019 Update

Sheepcot Recreation Ground

The footballers who offered to clean and paint the inside of the pavilion have taken delivery of the paint. Doing the job now awaits more clement weather.

Gardiner Recreation Ground

GPC agreed a proposal by Cllr. Mary Bulmer for the installation of wooden based exercise equipment in the south-east corner of the Gardiner Field. Quotations are to be discussed at the end of the meeting. It was agreed to conduct a public consultation.

Remedial work has been done on some of the trees, with the removal of dead branches.

Rectory Garden

Following the request for more detail of the proposal submitted at the December meeting for minor changes to the Rectory Garden, a verbal report will be given with suggestions for future plans to encourage the use of the garden.

Bourdillon Field

Nothing to report.

Lawrie Reavill

03.02.2019

REPORT – GARDINER RECREATION GROUND PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT CONSULTATION & BEYOND

At the last meeting I agree to work with Colin to put together a consultation on the playground equipment for the Gardiner Rec. In order to do a thorough, meaningful consultation, we need to have a proper layout drawn to show which equipment and how it would be situated. We will also need to have that detail (and more) for the planning application.

Drawings and full, detailed proposal

I contacted Anthony Stiff Associates, landscape architects (who were involved with the South Stoke playground, locally based, with understanding of how to work in Conservation Areas and AONBs – he is locally recognised by SODC and is on the SODC Design Panel). He agreed that for a budget of £600-£800 he would be able to draw the plan as we propose, using the specific pieces and to position them where we suggest. This would be a one-off fee, but only be for the drawings/plans and not a lot of re-working or changes. He proposed that it may be better if they could take on the project, put together some ideas incorporating the work that has been done as is relevant, get materials ready for consultation, then make amendments as needed, and prepare materials for planning including Design & Access Statement and making any necessary amendments raised by the Planning Officer if needed. We could also include the desire, as indicated in our emerging Neighbourhood Plan, to ensure that we have equipment for older children and tends. This would require a budget for their fees (not including planning application fees and out-of-pocket expenses) of £2,500.

I would propose that we commission Anthony Stiff & Associates to do the full project. We found in South Stoke, that by paying a professional landscape architect that we actually saved money from what suppliers originally proposed. This, in my view, will be money well-spent and will provide a well thought-out proposal to present to our village and the final result will be something of which we will all be proud.

Budget : £2,600

Consultation

After full drawings, I propose 8 weeks, to encourage wide range involvement. Households in the parish and all groups that use the Gardiner Rec, neighbours, as well as all potential stakeholders (ie school, parent association, scouts, sports groups, church youth groups, etc). As it will be a community asset, it is best to consult with the widest group possible.

Budget: Materials (copies, posters, etc), distribution to households and groups £450

Planning application

Budget: £350

Though I appreciate that there is frustration that this has taken so long to come to fruition, and I commend Cllr M Bulmer for really getting this from 'general idea' to some specific ideas of specific equipment, because we need to have detailed materials for a proper consultation and then planning application, I propose that we engage a professional to put together the final detail and help us to deliver. As we on the Planning Committee are well aware, proper plans and D&A statements are so very helpful for us when we consider planning applications. I would suggest that we should do nothing less for a proposal that we put forward. Though it will add 2 -3 weeks to the 6-18 week process, I think that slight delay is worth it.

I propose that we pursue the matter (as discussed) with AS&Assoc, and put aside a budget of £3,400 for it.

Cllr Bryan Urbick
5th February 2019

CONSULTATION SUMMARY REPORT

Regarding support of the idea of a George Michael birthday celebration event (probably in the month of June) organised by his fans, at an appropriate location in Goring.

The Goring-on-Thames Parish Council has been asked by a George Michael fan group to have a 'George Michael birthday weekend' event somewhere in Goring in June 2019. As there have been supporters of this idea, there have also been some concerns raised about this becoming an annual event. The Parish Council determined it was best to consult on the matter prior to making a decision.

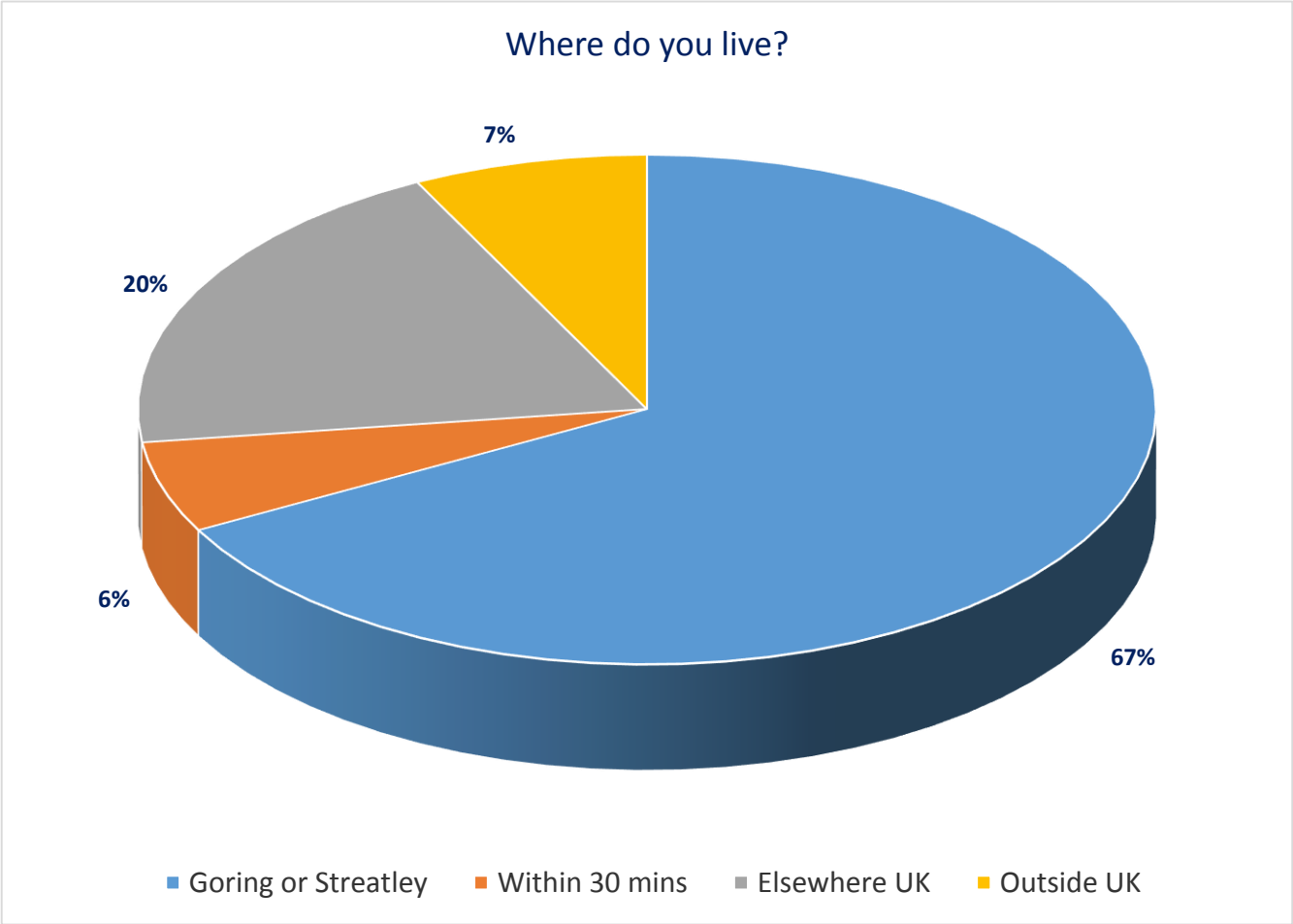
Views were sought with an on-line questionnaire, as well as a duplicate of the on-line questionnaire being provided to all homes in Goring-on-Thames parish as well as on-line and at the GPC offices. As well as the questionnaire being delivered to all Goring homes, it was also advertised in the Goring Gap News, the GPC website and Genie.

The consultation period was from 14th November 2018 until 5th January 2019.

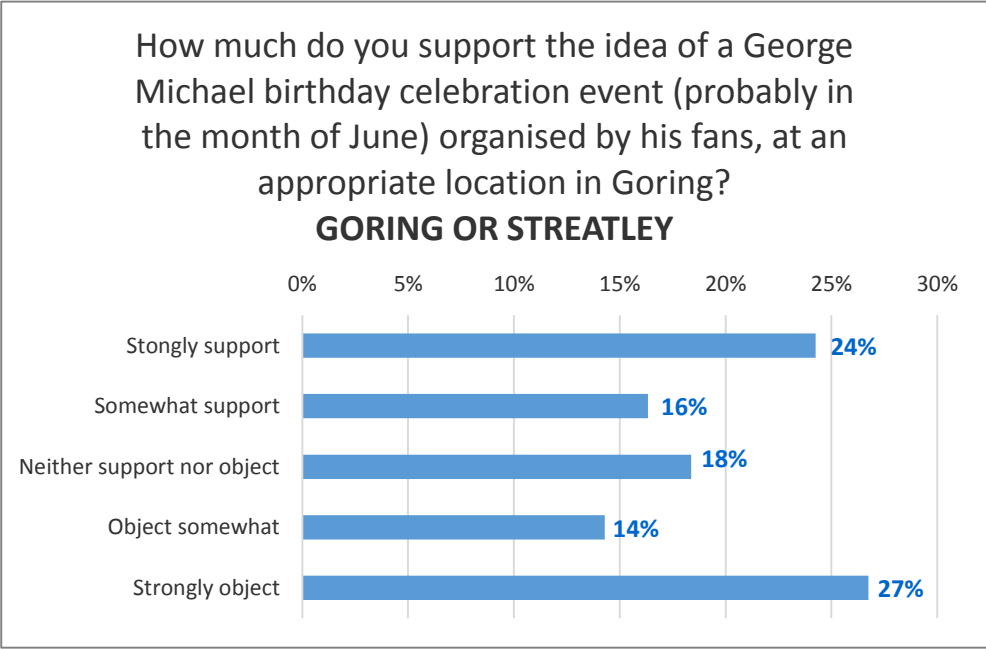
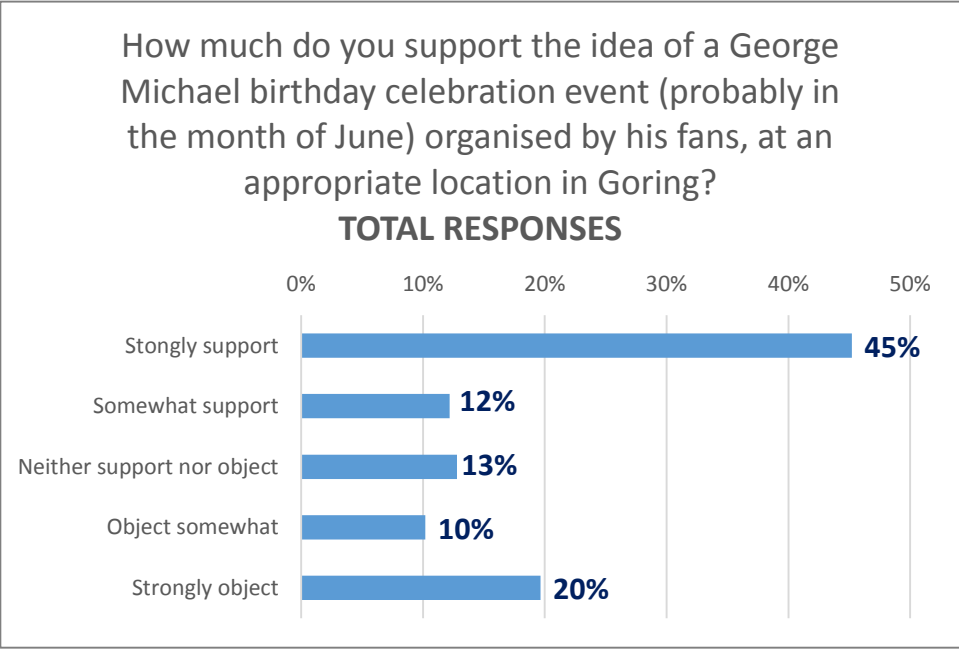
The summary results of the consultation is provided in the following pages. Detail of responses are available electronically from the Clerk (clerk@goringparishcouncil.gov.uk).

Cllr Bryan Urbick

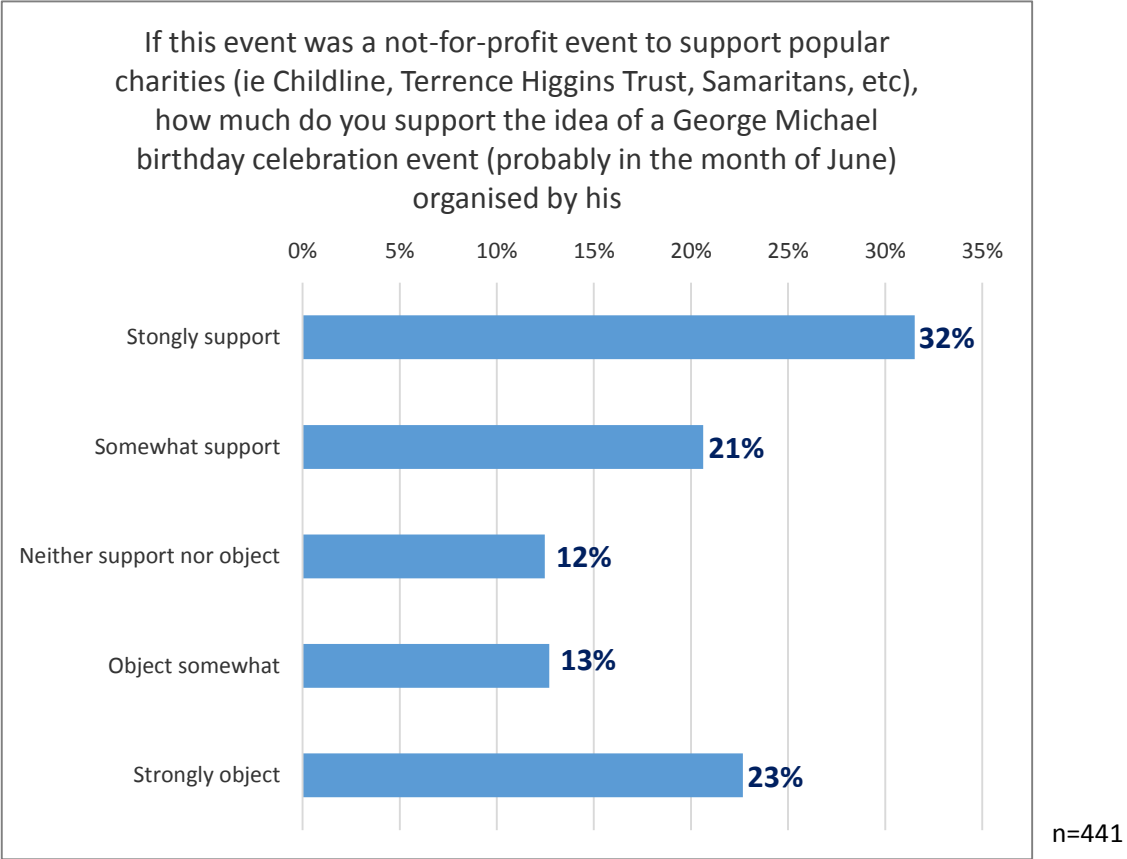
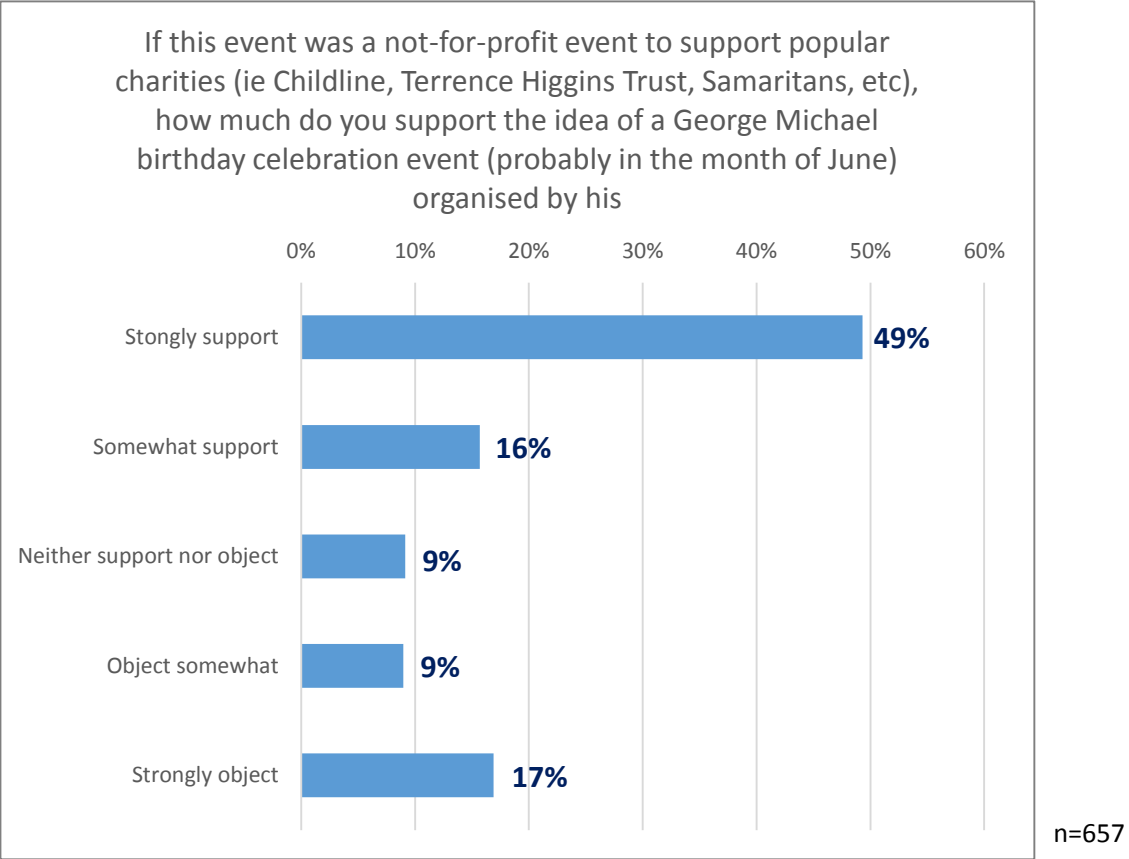
There was a good response to the consultation. There were a total of 657 responses to the survey questions, with two-thirds of the responses from Goring & Streatley (these were confirmed with names and post codes, those who did not include a name and post code are not included in the analyses of the survey responses). There were some responses of comments only, and these are included in the section reporting on comments made.



When considering the general support of the idea of a fan-organised George Michael birthday celebration event (probably in the month of June), the total sample was supportive. The views were strongly polarised when considering those who reside in Goring or Streatley. If this is looked at statistically, there is no significance between those who support (either strongly or somewhat) and those who oppose (either somewhat or strongly).

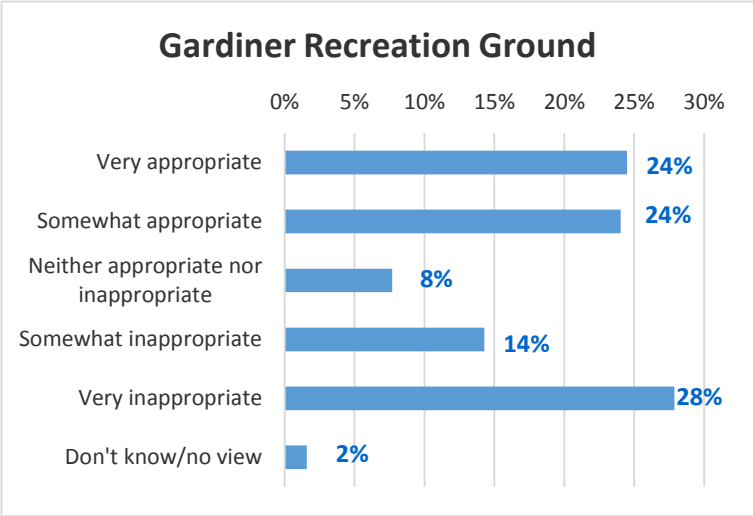


This changes, though, if the event would be in support of charity/ies. Support among the TOTAL RESPONSES increased. GORING & STREATLEY responses were also more favourable, increasing to 53% support with only 36% objecting, thus eliminating the polarisation of views. If the event was to go ahead, then it is recommended to ensure that it is in support of popular charity/ies.

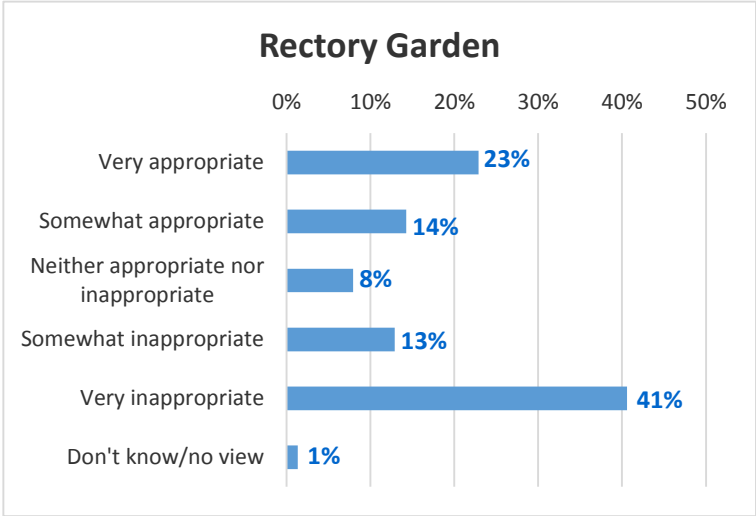


The views of respondents from GORING OR STREATLEY on appropriateness of location for such an event, if it was to be permitted by the Parish Council, were also quite polarised. GARDINER RECREATION GROUND is the least contentious. RECTORY GARDEN AND BOURDILLON FIELD were both strongly felt to be inappropriate.

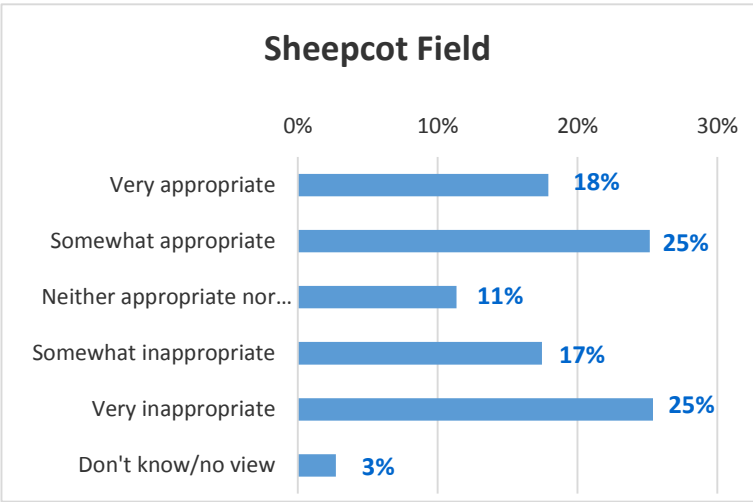
NOTE: Only Parish Council managed/owned locations were considered in this consultation. And though the results from the TOTAL SAMPLE were slightly more favourable for the RECTORY GARDEN (see Appendix for detail of TOTAL RESPONSES), in this matter it is (in my view) that the local responses should have the greatest weight.



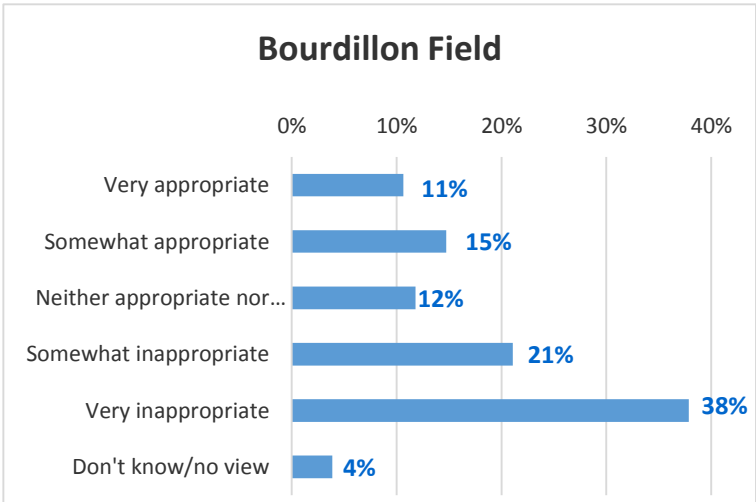
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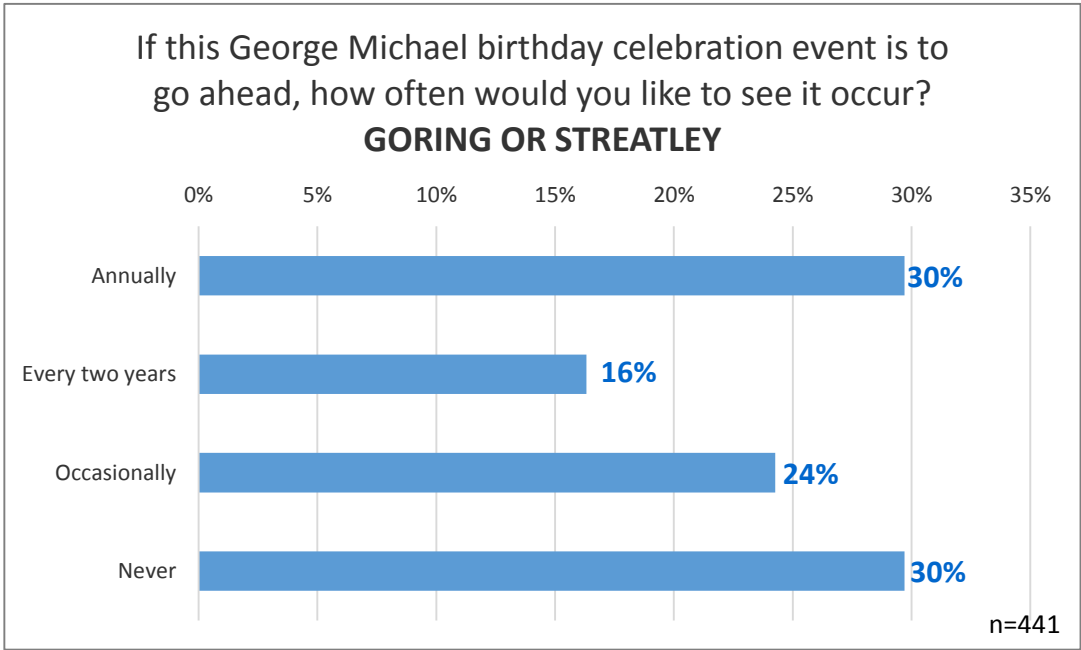
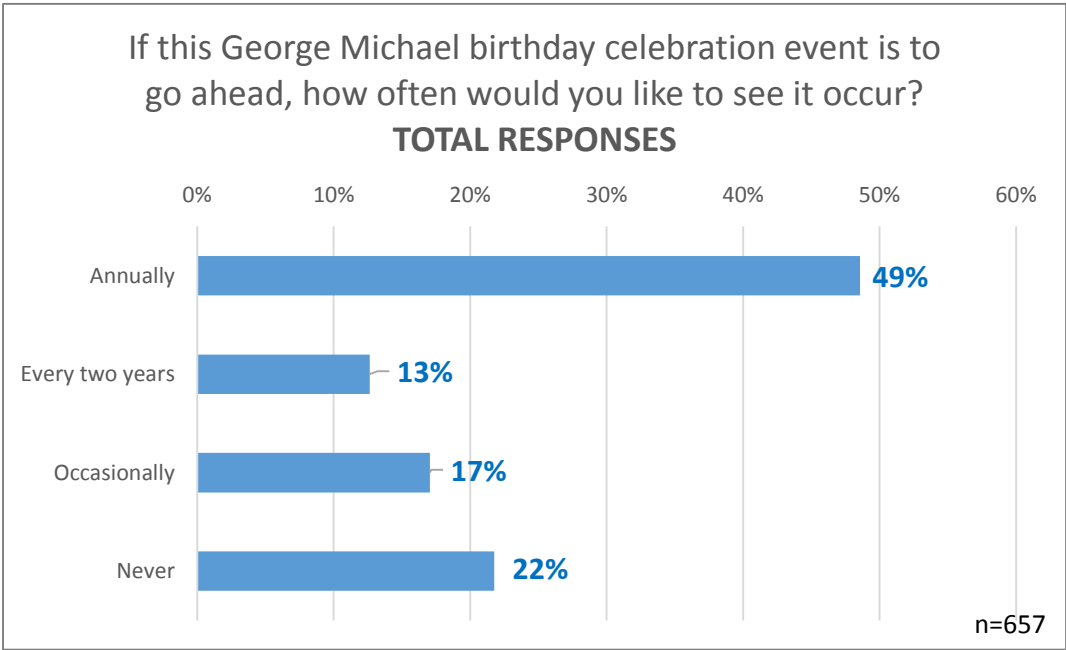


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When considering frequency of the event, the TOTAL RESPONSES were in favour of it being held annually. The views of GORING OR STREATLY were again quite polarised, though it is clear that most would prefer the event to be less frequently than each year. If the event is to go ahead, it is recommended that it be no more frequently than every two years.



When considering the comments, the views – particularly of those in GORING OR STREATLEY – were very polarised.

There were many – positive and negative to the potential event – who felt that ‘George Michael would have liked/disliked it’ – these have been discounted because it is now not possible to learn what he would/would not have liked. Also, some felt that ‘the family wouldn’t/doesn’t want it’, and that is also not true (the family has requested no more tributes outside GM’s homes, but that is not the same).

In the main, those who supported the event:

- Generally good for the village
- Good for local businesses (shops, pubs, guesthouses/B&Bs, etc)
- Encourages people to visit Goring; good to have regular events; good for tourism
- Previous events have been fine; nice/respectful fans
- Raises money for good causes
 - GM supported good causes and (if event benefits charity/ies) is in-keeping with his attitude/approach/support.
- Shows Goring in a positive light/as a positive place/positive publicity
- It’s only one day/one weekend; no harm; people can choose to leave for the day if they don’t want to be affected; it’s only a bit of fun

Many of the supporters did feel, though, that there should be some restrictions/limitations

- Not every year
- Make sure the music isn't too loud; doesn't go too late; is properly managed
- Clean-up is done by the fans
- Self-supporting (no costs to the Parish Council – ie policing, clean-up, parking/traffic management, etc)
- Manage traffic/parking/roads
- Nearby residents should be warned/notified in advance
- Ensure that the proceeds go to the charity/ies
 - There were a few suggestions that local charities should be chosen over bigger/national charities
- Local residents given some priority (priority tickets, access to the event)
- If it continued, it should be re-evaluated in 5-10 years to see if still relevant
- Suggestions to alternate with Gap Festival/Regatta

Those who were against the event:

- Generally disruptive to local residents
- Loud music/too loud/too much noise
- Crowds/congestion
 - Pavements
 - Roads
 - Parking
 - Public toilets
- Litter
- Drunkenness
- Provides no benefit to the village/Goring; it will ruin village life, don't want village reduced to 'where GM lived'
- GM was quiet/unassuming and gave to charity quietly - and an event is counter to the way he was; GM wasn't involved in village life; let him rest in peace; doesn't honour why GM lived here; GM didn't do anything for the village but live here; Goring wasn't his primary home
- Goring doesn't have the infrastructure/facilities; the village can't cope
- Distasteful to make money from GM's death
- The village has already paid sufficient homage; it's time to move on
- Previous events were very disruptive/inappropriate; too loud; parking problems
- If we do this for GM, why not honour other local famous people (ie Bomber Harris, Oscar Wilde, Samuel Saunders); others who have lived here are more deserving

From those who were against the event, if it goes ahead:

- Manage noise, crowds, parking, ensure it doesn't go late, be near toilets
- There needs to be proper planning (including transport and other logistics) and open and transparent consultation with residents, particularly those located close to the chosen venue
- Ensure it is environmentally appropriate (ie no balloons released, no litter, plastic free, etc)
- Should only be a show/tribute act (not a day-long party)
- No a regular occurrence – just one more; perhaps on milestone birthdays like every 5 or 10 years

Where do we go from here?

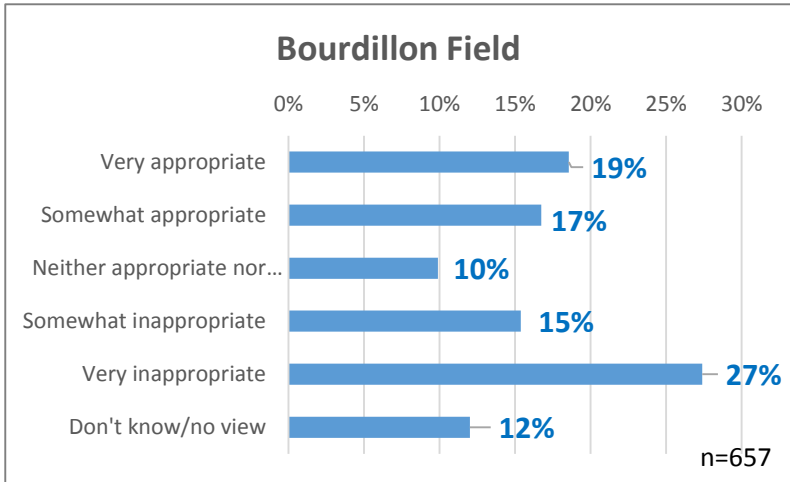
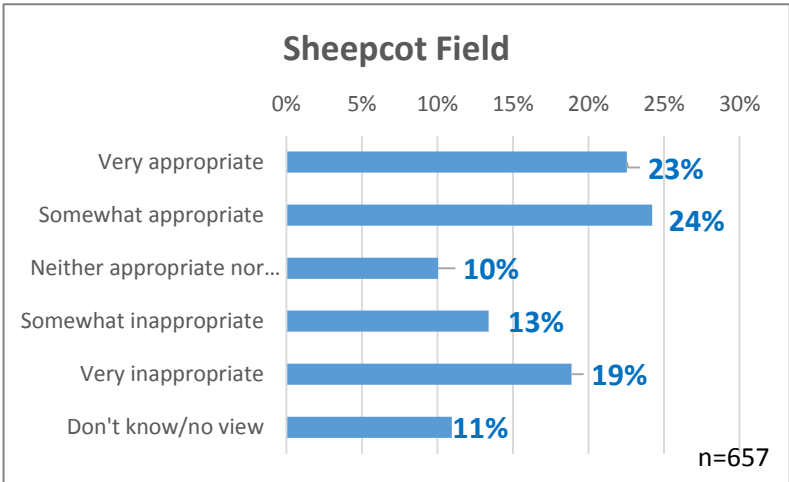
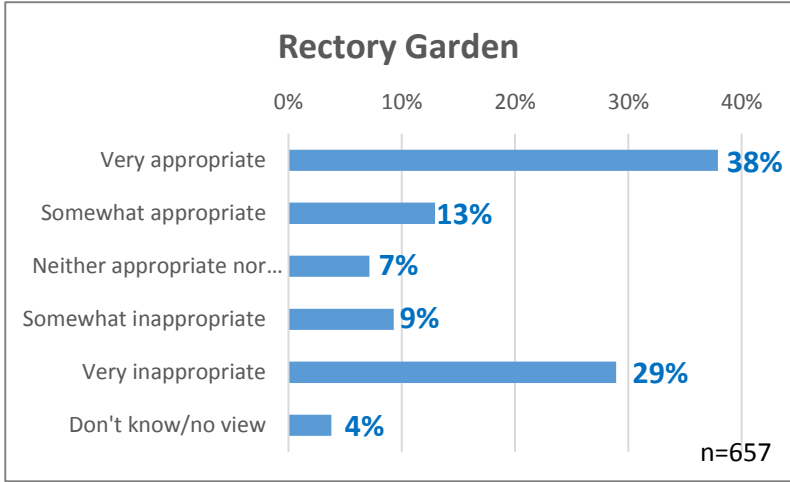
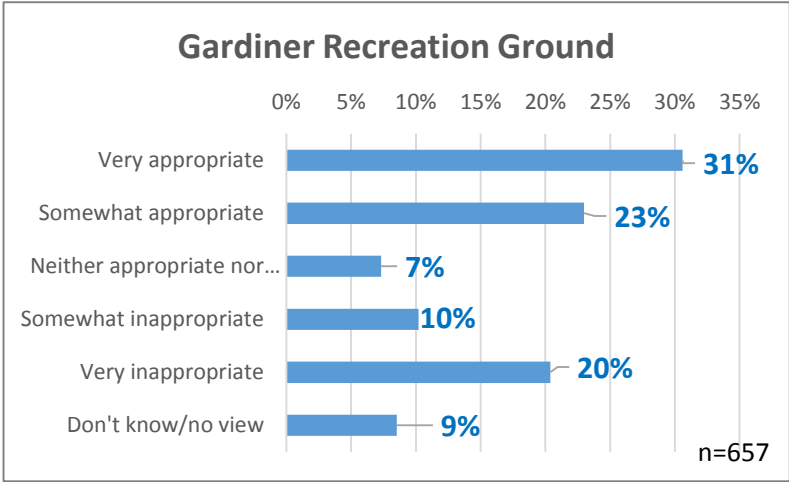
The residents are split about having such an event – with about 40% supportive and 40% objecting, and 20% neutral. If the event supports charity/ies, though, the support exceeds 50%. To disallow an event supporting charity/ies would go against the majority of local residents' views. Saying this, the frequency, location and structure of the event should be considered carefully.

Based on the consultation results it is proposed:

- GPC allow the fans to conduct an event
 - Within a strict time limit (ie no more than 8-10 hours in a day; no later than 7 or 8pm - TBD)
 - Strict monitoring and limits to noise
 - Coordination of parking, police, etc (organised by the sponsoring fans)
 - Provision of portable toilet facilities (to be provided by the sponsoring fans at their cost)
 - All insurance, licensing, etc to be organised and funded by sponsoring fans
 - All necessary clean-up, repair/'making good' to the field to be guaranteed and funded by the sponsoring fans
 - Not more than biennially (every two years)
- Gardiner Recreation Ground to be the only site allowed for this type of event – and since biennially should alternate with the GAP Festival to be least problematic for the sports' groups using the field.
- As this is not for local charities, nor is it being promoted by a local organisation, the full, non-resident commercial rate for Gardiner to be applied.

Appendix

Please rate each on appropriateness for this event (Very appropriate, Somewhat appropriate, Neither appropriate nor inappropriate, Somewhat inappropriate, Very inappropriate). TOTAL RESPONSES



Goring-on-Thames Parish Council						
Accounts for payment December 2018						
Payee	Description			Amount	Date	Ref
Current Account						
ADS Signs	Replace No Mooring Signs Ferry Road	2600		£ 210.00	01/12/2018	BACS192/18
BGG Garden & Tree Care	Litter picking October	3560		£ 588.00	07/12/2018	BACS196/18
Colin Ratcliff	Salary October	2310	£ 1,429.38			
Colin Ratcliff	Car Allowance	2110	£20.00	£ 1,449.38	31/12/2018	BACS201/18
Goring Hardware	Batteries and lights	3330		£ 51.41	07/12/2018	BACS193/18
HMRC	PAYE & NI November	2310		£ 845.29	07/12/2018	BACS189/18
J M Krzak	Cleaning December	2310		£ 258.89	31/12/2018	BACS200/18
M & C Landscapes	Grave Digging October	3210		£ 423.84	27/12/2018	BACS199/18
Mike Ward	Salary 21/11 - 21/12	2310		£ 439.02	31/12/2018	BACS202/18
Orin Tetzner-Harris	Consultation Delivery	2300		£ 125.00	07/12/2018	BACS197/18
SSE	Street Lights Maintenance November	3420		£ 1,065.91	07/12/2018	BACS195/18
SSE	New LED Lantern	3420		£ 454.70	18/12/2018	BACS198/18
Stephen Napper	Gate at WHBG	3120		£ 827.58	01/12/2018	BACS190/18
Swift Office Stuff	Office supplies	var		£ 53.56	07/12/2018	BACS194/18
The Tree Barn	Christmas trees High Street	3330		£ 126.00	01/12/2018	BACS191/18
Direct Debits/Standing Orders						
Castle Water	Water Gardiner Pavilion	2260		404.79	14/12/2018	DD
Castle Water	Water Gardiner Sprinkler	2260		£ 17.37	28/12/2018	DD
Castle Water	Water Sheepcot Pavilion	2260		£ 8.45	28/12/2018	DD
Castle Water	Water OJFS	2260		£ 10.79	28/12/2018	DD
Mainstream Digital	Phone	2240		£ 54.65	14/12/2018	DD
Mainstream Digital	Broadband	2240		£ 54.00	14/12/2018	DD
NEST	Pension Contributions	2310		£ 90.22	31/12/2018	DD
SODC	Business rates	2290	£ 53.00			
SODC	Business rates	2290	£ 91.00	£ 144.00	03/12/2018	DD
SSE	Street lights unmetered electricity	3420		£ 352.95	21/12/2018	DD
Total:				£ 8,055.80		

Goring-on-Thames Parish Council						
Accounts for payment January 2019						
Payee	Description			Amount	Date	Ref
Current Account						
BGG Garden & Tree Care	Litter picking December	3560		£ 470.40	24/01/2019	BACS 3/19
Colin Ratcliff	Salary January	2310	£ 1,429.18			
Colin Ratcliff	Car Allowance	2110	£20.00	£ 1,449.18	31/01/2019	BACS 12/19
Colin Ratcliff	Expenses	var		£ 368.13	23/01/2019	BACS 8/19
Crosscut	Tree works (November)	3525		£ 1,368.00	23/01/2019	BACS 6/19
Crosscut	Tree works (December)	3525		£ 480.00	23/01/2019	BACS 5/19
Goring Village Hall	Room bookings	2540		£ 483.00	24/01/2019	BACS 4/19
HMRC	PAYE & NI December	2310		£ 860.69	07/01/2019	BACS203/18
J M Krzak	Cleaning January	2310		£ 251.82	31/01/2019	BACS 10/19
Mike Ward	Salary 22/12 to 22/1	2310		£ 371.08	31/01/2019	BACS 11/19
SODC	Dog waste bins 1/10 to 31/12/18	3560		£ 122.90	31/01/2019	BACS 9/19
SSE	Street Lights Maintenance December	3420		£ 1,065.91	23/01/2019	BACS 1/19
SSE	Street Light Quarterly rechargeable repairs	3420		£ 1,192.56	23/01/2019	BACS 2/19
Direct Debits/Standing Orders						
Castle Water	Water Gardiner Pavilion	2260		£ 404.79	14/01/2019	DD
Castle Water	Water Gardiner Sprinkler	2260		£ 17.37	28/01/2019	DD
Castle Water	Water Sheepcot Pavilion	2260		£ 8.45	28/01/2019	DD
Castle Water	Water OJFS	2260		£ 10.79	28/01/2019	DD
Mainstream Digital	Phone	2240		£ 0.26	14/01/2019	DD
NEST	Pension Contributions	2310		£ 90.22	31/01/2019	DD
SODC	Business rates	2290	£ 53.00			
SODC	Business rates	2290	£ 91.00	£ 144.00	02/01/2019	DD
SSE	Street lights unmetered electricity	3420		£ 331.32	20/01/2019	DD
Xerox Finance	Quarterly Lease Copier / Printer	2210		£ 90.58	02/01/2019	DD
Neighbourhood Plan						
Tom Rothwell	Expenses	4908		£ 332.26	23/01/2019	BACS 7/19
David Wilkins	Insurance Renewal	4908		£ 201.60	31/01/2019	BACS 14/19
	Total:			£ 10,115.31		

Goring-on-Thames Parish Council					
Receipts received December 2018					
From	Description	Code	Date	Ref	Amount
TSB	Bank Interest	1190	10/12/2018	DC	£79.56
Jonathan Steward	Rent The Paddock	1140	17/12/2018	Inv 1194	£54.36
Hairy Legs	Sheepcot 12 May 2019	1143	17/12/2018	Inv 1190	£160.58
Reeves Memorials	Memorial - Giles	1130	12/12/2018	Inv 1192	£64.22
Goring Village Hall	Delivery of flyers 50% contribution	2300	10/12/2018	Inv 1193	£62.50
Goring Gap News	Donation	1132	11/12/2018	DC	£650.00
				Total:	£1,071.22

Goring-on-Thames Parish Council					
Receipts received January 2019					
From	Description	Code	Date	Ref	Amount
TSB	Bank Interest	1190	10/01/2019	DC	£82.20
Howard Chadwick	Interment Perry	1130	07/01/2019	Inv 1195	£369.34
Running Reborn	Gardiner rent	1141	19/01/2019	Inv 1198	£53.52
Southern 50 Challenge	Use of Gardiner	1141	09/01/2019	Inv 1199	£13.38
Howard Chadwick	Interment - Elsey	1130	11/01/2019	Inv 1197	£1,070.55
HMRC	VAT refund	105	11/01/2019	DC	£2,671.59
Goring CE School	Primary Schools Cross Country	1143	14/01/2019	500053	£64.22
Clare Blomeley	Interment - Blomeley	1130	17/01/2019	500054	£128.47
Howard Chadwick	Interment - Ward	1130	16/01/2019	Inv 1200	£1,070.55
				Total:	£5,523.82

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

As at: **31 January 2019**

Reconciled Bank Account Balances

Current TSB	£22,106.45
TSB Reserves	£97,207.96
Unpresented Payments	£0.00
Unpresented Receipts	£0.00
VAT Control Account	£884.30
Total	£120,198.71

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 **£22,990.75**

Goring on Thames Parish Council

Budget 2018-19 End of Year

As we approach the end of the financial year, I have some virement requests to cover unexpected or increased costs – virement to come from underspent budgets. In addition, councillors are asked to authorise expenditure from ear-marked reserves as per the last item.

Postage, copies & printing:

£100 from defibrillator

Telephone & Internet:

£50 from defibrillator

Office equipment, software etc (Increased website costs and new laptop):

£500 from Neighbourhood Plan

Street Lighting (unexpectedly high repair costs):

£1250 from grass weeding, strimming etc (unused due to hot summer)

High Street Strategic Project (installation of bollards)

£855 to be spent from CIL reserves

£1000 from Conservation Area Appraisal reserves (SODC have now taken on the appraisal)

Colin Ratcliff

Clerk / RFO

4/2/2019

**Internal Audit Report
Goring Parish Council
Oxfordshire.**

**Internal Audit Final Report
2018-19**

14th January 2019

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Introduction

An internal audit review of Goring Parish Council's Financial controls for 2018/19 has been undertaken by Arrow Accounting. The work covered was a key control review of the systems in place for ensuring an adequate level of Governance and Financial control. Previous recommendations were followed-up.

Scope of the Internal Audit

The review included the following:-

- o Bookkeeping Arrangements.
- o Payments in relation to Financial Regulations.
- o Review of Internal Controls.
- o Budgetary Controls.
- o Expected Income fully received and properly recorded.
- o Petty Cash levels and payments supported and approved.
- o Payroll Controls, salaries & fees.
- o Asset Controls.
- o Bank Reconciliations.
- o Accounting Statements.
- o Trust Funds (If applicable).
- o Review and completeness of audit action plans.
- o Review of External Audit recommendations made in the previous year.
- o Review of Section 1 of the Annual Return and the Financial Statements.
- o Compliance with the Transparency Act.
- o Auditors Summary.



Findings, recommendations and action plan

Process	Annual Return Section	Findings	Recommendations	Action Planned
Bookkeeping Arrangements	A	Appropriate books of account have been properly kept throughout the year. Well maintained with sound audit trails.	None	N/A
Councils Financial Regulations have been met in regard to expenditure.	B	<p>The Councils Financial Regulations have been met in that appropriate authorisations have been given for each level of expenditure.</p> <p>Payments were supported by Invoices, expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.</p>	<p>Please forward a copy of these when reviewed in March.</p> <p>None</p>	N/A
Review of Internal Controls.	C	The Council has assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	I would recommend using the template I have forwarded to the Clerk.	

Process	Annual Return Section	Findings	Recommendations	Action Planned
Budgetary Controls (Precept requirement)	D	The Annual precept requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process.	None	N/A
Budgetary Controls (Budget monitoring)		Progress against the Budget was not regularly monitored.	None	N/A
The final Outturn is in line with expectations.		The Final Outturn was materially in line with expectations.	None	N/A
Income controls	E	Expected Income was fully received and properly recorded.	None	N/A
Petty cash controls	F	Petty cash is not held by the Parish.	None	N/A

Process	Annual Return Section	Findings	Recommendations	Action Planned
Payroll controls	G	Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with council approvals. PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.	None	N/A
Asset Controls	H	The Asset register has correctly recorded all material Assets. The correct basis of valuation has been applied.	None	N/A
Asset Controls	H	Additions in the year have been correctly recorded within the Cash Book and Register	None	N/A
Asset Controls	H	All appropriate Deeds and Titles have been established and shown on the Register.	None	N/A

Process	Annual Return Section	Findings	Recommendations	Action Planned
Bank Reconciliations	I	Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out.	None	N/A
Accounting Statements	J	Correct accounting basis used and reconciled to the Cash Book. Income & Expenditure	None .	N/A
Trust Funds (If applicable)	K	The Parish Council does operate as a Trustee for three external bodies. Returns are filed.	None	N/A

Process	Criteria	Findings	Recommendations	Action Planned
Review of Internal audit action plan has been considered and actioned?	Good Practice	No Recommendations made in the previous year 2017/18.		

Process	Criteria	Findings	Recommendations	Action Planned
External Audit recommendations have been considered and actioned.	Good Practice	Recommendations made in the previous year 2017/18. Report not produced at the date of this report.	Please forward this report when received	N/A
Qualifications made, if any have been addressed in 2018/19.		There were no qualifications to address.	None	N/A

Process	Criteria	Findings	Recommendations	Action Planned
Accounting Statements agreed and reconciled to the Annual Return	<p>Section 1 of the Annual Return</p> <p>Part 1 of the Annual return is complete and accurate and reconciles to the statement of accounts.</p>	The accounting statements in this annual return present fairly the financial position of the council and its income and expenditure.	None	N/A

Process	Criteria	Findings	Recommendations	Action Planned
Compliance with the Transparency Act. Not a Requirement for this Council. However it shows good governance.	1) Expenditure over £100 is recorded on the Council Web-Site and with all information requirements.	Compliant	None	N/A
	2) Annual Return published on the Web-Site.	Compliant	None	N/A
	3) Explanation of significant variances.	Compliant	None	N/A
	4) Explanation of difference between Box 7 & 8 if applicable.	Compliant	None	N/A
	5) Annual Governance Statement recorded.	Compliant	None	N/A

Process	Criteria	Findings	Recommendations	Action Planned
Compliance with the Transparency Act. (Contd)	1) Internal Audit Report Published.	Compliant	None	N/A
	2) A List of Councillors responsibilities.	Compliant	None	N/A
	3) Details of Public Land and Building Assets.	Compliant	None	N/A
	4) Minutes & Agendas	Compliant	None	N/A

Internal Auditors Summary Report

Goring Parish Council has an electorate in the region of 2,659, and the precept for 2018/19 was set at £112,178.

Overall, the Council has sound arrangements in place to satisfy itself that its systems of internal financial control are both adequate and effective. There are approval and authorisation controls and there is a clear audit and management trail for financial transactions.

Phil Hood
Arrow Accounting
(Internal Audit)
14th January 2019



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Introduction

NALC's template code of conduct is attached. A member's mandatory obligations relating to prescribed disclosable pecuniary interests are incorporated in the NALC template code of conduct. If a parish council adopts the NALC template, its members are also required to register disclosable pecuniary interests within 28 days of adoption of the code.

Useful reminders

The function of adopting, revising or replacing a code of conduct must be discharged by full council (s.28(13) of the Localism 2011 Act). A parish council must publicise its adoption (and in future any revision or replacement) of a code of conduct in such manner as it considers is likely to bring the adoption, revision or replacement of the code of conduct to the attention of persons who live in its area (s. 28(12) of the Localism Act 2011).

Whilst members of a parish council may provide written notification of interests (including disclosable pecuniary interests) to the Monitoring Officer, most Monitoring Officers are likely to prepare a standard register of interests form for members of parish councils to complete. Members of parish councils should liaise directly with the Monitoring Officer about providing written notifications about their interests.

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NALC template code of conduct for parish councils

Introduction

Pursuant to section 27 of the Localism Act 2011, X [Parish/Town/Village/Community/Neighbourhood] Council ('the Council') has adopted this Code of Conduct to promote and maintain high standards of behaviour by its members and co-opted members whenever they conduct the business of the Council, including the business of the office to which they were elected or appointed, or when they claim to act or give the impression of acting as a representative of the Council.

This Code of Conduct is based on the principles of selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty, and leadership.

Definitions

For the purposes of this Code, a 'co-opted member' is a person who is not a member of the Council but who is either a member of any committee or sub-committee of the Council, or a member of, and represents the Council on any joint committee or joint sub-committee of the Council, and who is entitled to vote on any question that falls to be decided at any meeting of that committee or sub-committee.

For the purposes of this Code, a 'meeting' is a meeting of the Council, any of its committees, sub-committees, joint committees or joint sub-committees.

For the purposes of this Code, and unless otherwise expressed, a reference to a member of the Council includes a co-opted member of the Council.

Member obligations

When a member of the Council acts, claims to act or gives the impression of acting as a representative of the Council, he/she has the following obligations.

1. He/she shall behave in such a way that a reasonable person would regard as respectful.
2. He/she shall not act in a way which a reasonable person would regard as bullying or intimidatory.

3. He/she shall not seek to improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person.
4. He/she shall use the resources of the Council in accordance with its requirements.
5. He/she shall not disclose information which is confidential or where disclosure is prohibited by law.

Registration of interests

6. Within 28 days of this Code being adopted by the Council, or the member's election or the co-opted member's appointment (where that is later), he/she shall register with the Monitoring Officer the interests which fall within the categories set out in Appendices A and B.
7. Upon the re-election of a member or the re-appointment of a co-opted member, he/she shall within 28 days re-register with the Monitoring Officer any interests in Appendices A and B.
8. A member shall register with the Monitoring Officer any change to interests or new interests in Appendices A and B within 28 days of becoming aware of it.
9. A member need only declare the existence but not the details of any interest which the Monitoring Officer agrees is a 'sensitive interest'. A sensitive interest is one which, if disclosed on a public register, could lead the member or a person connected with the member to be subject to violence or intimidation.

Declaration of interests at meetings

10. Where a matter arises at a meeting which relates to an interest in Appendix A the member shall not participate in a discussion or vote on the matter. He/she only has to declare what his/her interest is if it is not already entered in the member's register of interests or if he/she has not notified the Monitoring Officer of it.
11. Where a matter arises at a meeting which relates to an interest in Appendix A which is a sensitive interest, the member shall not participate in a discussion or vote on the matter. If it is a sensitive interest which has not already been disclosed to the Monitoring Officer, the member shall disclose he/she has an interest but not the nature of it.

12. Where a matter arises at a meeting which relates to an interest in Appendix B, the member shall not vote on the matter. He/she may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting.
13. A member only has to declare his/her interest in Appendix B if it is not already entered in his/her register of interests or he/she has not notified the Monitoring Officer of it or if he/she speaks on the matter. If he/she holds an interest in Appendix B which is a sensitive interest not already disclosed to the Monitoring Officer, he/she shall declare the interest but not the nature of the interest.
14. Where a matter arises at a meeting which relates to a financial interest of a friend, relative or close associate (other than an interest of a person in Appendix A), the member shall disclose the nature of the interest and not vote on the matter. He/she may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting. If it is a 'sensitive interest' the member shall declare the interest but not the nature of the interest.

Dispensations

15. On a written request made to the Council's proper officer, the Council may grant a member a dispensation to participate in a discussion and vote on a matter at a meeting even if he/she has an interest in Appendices A and B if the Council believes that the number of members otherwise prohibited from taking part in the meeting would impede the transaction of the business; or it is in the interests of the inhabitants in the Council's area to allow the member to take part or it is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation.

Appendix A

Interests described in the table below.

Subject	Description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain by the member or by his/her spouse or civil partner or by the person with whom the member is living as if they were spouses/civil partners.
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the Council) made to the member during the 12 month period ending on the latest date referred to in paragraph 6 above for expenses incurred by him/her in carrying out his/her duties as a member, or towards his/her election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract made between the member or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the member is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (or a firm in which such person is a partner, or an incorporated body of which such person is a director* or a body that such person has a beneficial interest in the securities of*) and the Council — (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land	Any beneficial interest in land held by the member or by his/her spouse or civil partner or by the person with whom the member is living as if they were spouses/civil partner which is within the area of the Council. 'Land' excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not give the member or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the member is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (alone or jointly with another) a right to occupy or to receive income.

Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) held by the member or by his/her spouse or civil partner or by the person with whom the member is living as if they were spouses/civil partners to occupy land in the area of the Council for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to the member's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the Council; and (b) the tenant is a body that the member, or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the member is living as if they were spouses/civil partners is a partner of or a director* of or has a beneficial interest in the securities* of.
Securities	Any beneficial interest held by the member or by his/her spouse or civil partner or by the person with whom the member is living as if they were spouses/civil partners in securities* of a body where— (a) that body (to the member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the Council; and (b) either— (i) the total nominal value of the securities* exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the member, or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the member is living as if they were spouses/civil partners has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

* 'director' includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

* 'securities' means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

Appendix B

An interest which relates to or is likely to affect:

- (i) any body of which the member is in a position of general control or management and to which he/she is appointed or nominated by the Council;
- (ii) any body—
 - (a) exercising functions of a public nature;
 - (b) directed to charitable purposes; or
 - (c) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union)of which the member of the Council is a member or in a position of general control or management;
- (iii) any gifts or hospitality worth more than an estimated value of £50 which the member has received by virtue of his or her office.

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Wallingford Road pavement progress report

- 1 OCC Highways has given Network Rail permission to remove the rusty bullnose rail attached to the railway boundary fence between High Street and the station booking office. This will enable Network Rail to complete the erection of a new palisade, which will be aligned where possible to facilitate widening of the pavement. Work on the fence was halted in June 2016 when MIGGS pointed out that Network Rail's contractors were not following its stated alignment plan.
- 2 Network Rail contractors began removing excess vegetation from the street side of the fence on 14 January. On the track side, only vegetation that was accessible without additional safety equipment and track possession was removed.
- 3 Network Rail has confirmed that the main work of fence replacement will begin on Monday 18 February and is expected to be completed by Friday 1 March 2019.
- 4 At the point where the railway embankment is steepest, opposite Station House, Network Rail intends to retain some of the existing fence supports and integrate them into its new palisade.
- 5 The finished standard of pavement surfacing intended by Network Rail is not clear at this stage. Nor is it clear whether OCCH will be directly involved in resurfacing.
MIGGS proposes that, when Network Rail completes its work, we meet jointly with representatives of the Council to review the state of the pavement and consider whether further action be recommended.
- 6 The width of pavement will be 1100mm at its narrowest, opposite Station House, widening on either side to 1300-1500mm. OCCH pointed out that the pavement on the railway bridge is also 1100mm wide.
- 7 It is understood that OCCH intends to cut back the overgrown vegetation on the east side of the road, outside Station House but the timing of this has yet to be established.
- 8 Work was also carried out to replace the crash barrier "elbow" on the corner of High Street and Wallingford Road. Preliminary work was done overnight on 18/19 December and the new section of barrier was installed by 21 January. The change has added about twelve inches to the effective width of pavement at what is Goring's busiest traffic junction. MIGGS wrote to thank OCCH for the work and for completing a little job that would make a big difference.

Background

Following an on-site meeting of representatives of the council, MIGGS, OCCH and Network Rail on 11 January Network Rail stated that it could not countenance costly work to reinforce the railway embankment but it would do its best within the constraints of the site to meet the wishes of MIGGS and the council to facilitate pavement widening.

In the opinion of MIGGS the pavement upgrade represents a partial success for local action in that it will provide a good, short-term solution to a previously intractable railway-highway interface problem.

Separately, OCC has developed a long-term plan for road realignment and a full width pavement costing around £200,000 but is not able to commit such a large sum in present circumstances.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL
Old Jubilee Fire Station, Red Cross Road, Goring 7.30pm Tuesday 27 November 2018**

Members Present:

Chairman	David Brooker (DB)
Members	John Wills (JW)
	Bryan Urbick (BU)
	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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Two members of the public were present

18/141 To receive apologies for absence.

None

18/142 To receive any declarations of interests

None

18/143 Public Forum

Two members of the public were present but did not have any comments

18/144 To approve minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23 October 2018

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

18/145 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda

None

18/146 To review the following Applications:

- 1 P18/S2900/FUL** – 3 Elmcroft Goring – Erection of 2 dwellings: Amendment (no. 1) Additional Aboricultural information received on 02/10/2018.

Resolved: That GPC **Objects** for the following reasons:

With reference to the statement in the email from the Agent, 'as far as I know they [the Parish Council] do not have qualified planners on board and clearly may be swayed by pressure from friends and parishioners rather than looking at the case on pure planning merits', two members of the Planning Committee have run their own chartered architects and planning consultancies. One member has been Senior Planning Technician in the Planning Dept at the GLC then with Project Development at Thames Water, and one member also sits on the SODC / Vale Design Review Panel. Furthermore under our Code of Conduct as Parish Councillors we must Declare an Interest if we are unable to give an impartial opinion, including having any friendship with anyone connected to the proposals. We do not accept that we are unduly swayed by the opinion of neighbours either as we have to and are fully capable of assessing proposals ourselves in the context of planning policy and guidance.

Signed:

D. Brooker

Dated: 18 December 2018

We do not object to the principle of intensification of the plot for suitable housing, if it can be shown to satisfy the SODC Planning Policies and Guidance particularly the Design Guide 2016. However, although the proposals show adequate car parking and access for vehicle manoeuvres such that it satisfies the standard requirements of the OCC Highways Authority, it does so at huge detriment to adjoining neighbours. The applicants propose to locate parking spaces for their retained dwelling immediately outside and in very close proximity to the main sitting room windows of their neighbour at 2 Elmcroft. We believe this is un-neighbourly in the extreme, and as such is a planning matter not a highways matter. We concur with one of the neighbour's comments that SOLP policy H4 gives detailed guidance for back development and given the shared driveway the proposed plans are unsatisfactory in many respects but principally that of access. On these grounds we reiterate our objection to this application.

- 2 **P18/S3348/HH** – East Cottage Reading Road Goring RG8 0LL: Installation of Solar PV array in the garden.
Resolved: That GPC has **No Objections**
- 3 **P18/S3518/HH** – 9 Elmcroft Goring RG8 9EU – Single storey side rear and side extension.
Resolved: That GPC has **No Objections**
- 4 **P18/S3792/HH** – 3 Whitehills Green Goring RG8 0EB – Single storey rear extension and first floor side extension.
Resolved: That GPC has **No Objections**
- 5 **P18/S3810/HH** – 33 Milldown Road Goring RG8 0BA – Single storey side rear and side extension.
Resolved: That GPC has **No Objections**

18/147 To note the following SODC Decisions:

- 1 P18/S2070/LB – Gatehampton Viaduct Goring RG8 9LU – Repairs and Maintenance. (GPC No Objections but with comments) **Granted**
- 2 P18/S2102/FUL – Dormers Croft Road Goring RG8 9ES – Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and detached garage and replacement with single detached dwelling with integral garage. (GPC No objections) **Granted**
- 3 P18/S2963/HH – Grange Lodge Grange Close Goring RG8 9DY – Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension (as amended). (GPC No objections) **Granted**
- 4 P18/S2588/HH – Rookley 14B Summerfield Rise Goring - Single storey side extension to form new Garden Room. Demolition of existing single detached garage and construction of single storey rear, side and front extensions to form new Dining Room, Utility Room, Garage and Bedroom, and associated internal alterations. (GPC No objections) **Granted**
- 5 P18/S3101/FUL – Brownies Patch Bridleway Goring RG8 0HS - Erect a wooden shed to store gardening equipment. (GPC No objections) **Granted**
- 6 P18/S3157/LB – Wey Cottage 2 Manor Road Goring RG8 9DP – Join two fireplaces together so that only one chimney will be used. (GPC No objections) **Granted**

18/148 To note the following application for discharge of conditions:

P18/S3811/DIS – Land to rear of Cleeve Cottages Icknield Road Goring: Discharge of conditions 7 – surface water drainage and 11 – construction traffic management

18/149 To note the withdrawal of the following application:

P18/S3051/N5A – Lloyds Bank High Street Goring RG8 9AT – Conversion of vacant A2 shop to ground floor flat and A2 shop

18/150 To review planning applications and decisions reported by West Berkshire District Council

17/00186 COMIND and 17/00187/LBC2 – The Grotto, Lower Basildon, Reading – Conversion and refurbishment of existing listed residential building into 60 bedroom boutique hotel and private members club including Coach House extension, detached spa facility with outdoor swimming pool and enabling development in the form of 7 detached lodge units and 2 x 4 bedroom family houses.

Members felt that it was good that the site was being developed rather than being left to deteriorate further.

Resolved: That GPC has **No Comments**.

18/151 Affordable Housing:

To note receipt by SODC of £111,327.42 towards affordable housing for the District Council to use towards the provision of affordable housing in South Oxfordshire

Members noted that it was unlikely that any of this considerable sum of money would benefit Goring.

Resolved: That DB, DG and BU would discuss this with SODC.

18/152 To review CIL status / payments

It was noted that CIL of £855 has been received by GPC in respect of application P18/S2687/FUL Cedar Wood Cottage Elvendon Road (15% of £5,700).

18/153 To consider requesting SODC to issues enforcement notices for the following:

- 1 Apparent business activity at 3 Lockstile Way

Resolved: To approach SODC seeking advice as to whether the vehicle movement and associated business activity is a matter of concern.

- 2 Construction of large wooden building with concrete base in the grounds of Bloomsbury Lodge Little Croft Road Goring

It was noted that this construction is not within the Conservation Area, so may be permitted development.

Resolved: that members of the Planning Committee would inspect the site and it would be considered at the next Planning Committee Meeting.

18/154 To note enforcement notices and reports of actions received from SODC:

- 1 S18/456 9 Lockstile Way Goring: Without planning permission cladding of part of external front wall. SODC reports site visited 16/08/2018. Closed: reason 'not expedient'.

Signed:

D. Brooker

Dated: 18 December 2018

- 2 S18/457 1 Maple Court Goring: Without planning permission erection of single storey rear extension. SODC reports site visited 31/08/2018. Still under investigation.
- 3 S18/530 18 Cleeve Down Goring: Alleged breach of condition 2 of P17/S2535/FUL. Removal of banking, construction of retaining wall and removal of existing landscape features. SODC reports site visited 04/10/2018, 18/10/2018. Still under investigation.
- 4 S18/671 Mulberry Croft Limetree Road Goring: Without planning permission the erection of a fence over 1 metre high adjacent to a highway. SODC reports under investigation.
- 5 S18/676 Nuns Acre Boathouse Thames Road Goring: Without planning permission operations to construct a cesspit/septic tank adjacent to the river. SODC reports under investigation.

All were duly noted

18/155 To consider correspondence received

None

18/156 Matters for future discussion

It was noted that reports are circulating concerning a revised proposal for the expansion of The Swan Hotel's car park to serve the hotel and enlarged restaurant. The formal application is not yet on the West Berkshire Planning website. This proposal will be discussed at the next Planning Committee Meeting.

18/157 Next meeting confirmed as Tuesday 18 December 2018

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.03 hrs.

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Signed:

D. Brooker

Dated: 18 December 2018

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	Catherine Hall (CH)
	Lawrie Reavill (LR)

Officers Present:

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

18/158 To receive apologies for absence.

Mary Bulmer (MBu)
Debbie Gee (DG)

18/159 To receive any declarations of interests

None

18/160 Public Forum

No members of the public or press were present

18/161 To approve minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27 November 2018

Resolved: That subject to an amendment to item 18/153 the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

18/162 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda

None

18/163 To review the following Applications:

- 1 P18/S3821/HH** – 46 Springhill Road Goring RG8 0DA – Demolition and replacement of a side enclosure and the replacement of the garage and porch roofs with a tiled, pitched roof.
Resolved: That GPC has **No Objections**
- 2 P18/S3936/HH** – Haydown Elevendon Road Goring – Creation of an access and erection of a fence in excess of 1 metre in height adjacent to the highway (retrospective).
It was noted that subsequent to this application being included in the agenda, SODC had advised that the enforcement notice to which this application relates would be upheld and the application had been rejected.
- 3 P18/S3965/HH** – Primrose Cottage Fairfield Road Goring RG8 0EU – Proposed oak framed garage building using existing access.
There was some discussion over the size of the garage relative to the cottage, but the committee felt that if it was a residential building they would be likely to approve it.
Resolved: That GPC has **No Objections**

Signed:

D. Brooker

Dated: 22 January 2019

- 4 **P18/S3988/HH** – 6 Whitehills Green Goring RG8 0EB – Single storey front, side and rear extensions.
Resolved: That GPC has **No Objections**

- 5 **P18/S4000/HH** – 17 Valley Close Goring RG8 0AN – Improve the existing layout and accommodation, by rebuilding the existing bay window, add a new window to cloakroom and a new open canopy to the side elevation above the side door entrance.
Resolved: That GPC has **No Objections**

- 6 **P18/S4046/HH** – 25 Cleeve Down Goring RG8 0HA – Single storey rear extension and internal works.
Resolved: That GPC has **No Objections**

- 7 **P18/S4063/HH** – 1 Maple Court Goring RG8 9BQ – Single storey rear extension with balcony roof.
Resolved: That GPC **Objects** to this application for the following reasons:
The double door access to, and provision of a balcony area, is not in keeping with the conservation area.

- 8 **P18/S4101/HH** – 61 Wallingford Road Goring RG8 0HL – Single storey front and side extensions.
Resolved: That GPC has **No Objections**

18/164 To note the following SODC Decisions:

- 1 P18/S3017/FUL – Fairfield River Lane Goring RG8 9EE – Replacement of the existing bungalow at Fairfield, River Lane, Goring with a new 1.5 storey house (GPC No Objections) **Granted**

- 2 P18/S3518/HH – 9 Elmcroft Goring RG8 9EU – Single storey rear and side extension (GPC No Objections) **Granted**

18/165 To note the following application for discharge of conditions:

None received.

18/166 To review planning applications and decisions reported by West Berkshire District Council

18/0295/FUL – The Swan at Streatley High Street Streatley RG8 9HR – Formation of overflow car parking area and associate landscaping.

Members noted that car parking in Streatley and Goring is already a problem, and could become worse still if this proposal was not approved. They also noted that Streatley Parish Council is in support of the application.

Resolved: That GPC has **No Comments**.

18/167 Affordable Housing:

Discussions with SODC not yet held; item deferred to next meeting.

18/168 To review CIL status / payments

It was noted that CIL of £33,121.09 has been assessed against application P18/S3017/HH Fairfield River Lane Goring RG8 9EE.

Signed:

D. Brooker

Dated: 22 January 2019

18/169 To consider requesting SODC to issue enforcement notices for the following:

- 1 Apparent business activity at 3 Lockstile Way

CH felt that the response from the SODC Enforcement Officer to our enquiry was not satisfactory.

Resolved: BU and CH to approach OCC seeking advice as to whether the vehicle movement and associated business activity is a matter that they ought to look into.

- 2 Construction of large wooden building with concrete base in the grounds of Bloomsbury Lodge Little Croft Road Goring

Members of the Planning Committee had not yet been able to inspect the site, so item deferred until next meeting.

18/170 To note enforcement notices and reports of actions received from SODC:

- 1 S18/457 1 Maple Court Goring: Without planning permission erection of single storey rear extension. Letter sent. Planning application has been submitted (P18/S4063/HH)
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All were duly noted

18/171 To consider correspondence received

None

18/172 Matters for future discussion

None

18/173 Next meeting confirmed as Tuesday 22 January 2019

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.20 hrs.

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Signed:

D. Brooker

Dated: 22 January 2019

From: Sutton, Rose - Communities

Sent: 31 January 2019 10:17

Subject: Oxfordshire CC | Town & Parish Council Survey | OXTOG Development

Dear Town / Parish Councillor(s),

At Oxfordshire County Council, we are looking to refresh and broaden our approach to community-led highway services through the [Oxfordshire Together \(OXTOG\)](#) initiative.

As part of this, we are working with parish and town councils – individually or in clusters – to understand what is a priority for their community and how we can enable and support better delivery of these. We appreciate each locality is different, but something which many have worked with us on is to undertake grass cutting. We are keen to understand and explore how we can work with and empower communities to have greater control and influences over the work within their area and explore what may be possible for local communities to do, or do more of directly - only if desired.

To ensure that OXTOG meets your needs, we need to better understand what your community is most interested in influencing, being involved with or directly doing for yourselves. This is not about undertaking work that we deliver, but about how your community can add to and undertake more, on top of what we provide.

We have created a short online survey for you to have your say and would appreciate it if you could raise this subject at your next Town or Parish Council meeting.

The survey will close on **Friday 01 March** at which point a thorough review will take place and proposed next steps will follow.

What will happen once we have the results?

We will analyse the results from all surveys and will report back to you on both the findings and recommendations by the end of March identifying the main things that communities would like to see as part of the offer. Our focus will then be on trying to make those a reality and develop a process that communities can use to get work done in their area.

At this stage, we cannot guarantee what will or won't be part of our offer and the examples provided in the survey are purely for us to gain an understanding of the level of interest and potentially undertake some pilots to test ideas and different way of working with you locally.

As we wait for survey responses to be returned, we will work with our insurance, legal and health and safety teams to develop a clear view of what is and isn't acceptable for communities to undertake themselves. While we don't want to slow communities down with red tape and bureaucracy, we need to ensure that anyone working on the highway is kept safe and the travelling public are not put at risk.

Kind regards

Rose Sutton

Technical Officer | Service Improvement

Communities | Oxfordshire County Council | County Hall | New Road | Oxford | OX1 1ND |

Oxfordshire CC | Town & Parish Council Survey

**Please note that this will be sent out via email as an electronic survey and responses should be submitted via that method.*

Highways Services

1. Please provide us the following information to allow us to follow up with you about the survey results
 - ☐ Your name
 - ☐ Town or Parish Council
 - ☐ Email Address
 - ☐ Phone Number
2. Does your community already undertake any work itself on the public highway?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Don't know
3. If yes to Q2, what type of work is your community involved in?
 - ☐ Vegetation clearing – siding and grass cutting
 - ☐ Clearing snow and gritting of footways
 - ☐ Clearing of snow and gritting of roads
 - ☐ Clearing and maintenance of drainage 'grips'¹
 - ☐ Sign cleaning
 - ☐ Footway clearance
 - ☐ Fingerpost/sign replacement/repair
 - ☐ Public Rights of Way maintenance & inspection
 - ☐ Anything else?
4. If yes to Q2, who is this work currently undertaken by?
 - ☐ Paid employees
 - ☐ Contractors
 - ☐ Volunteers
 - ☐ A mixture of individuals
 - ☐ Other (please specify)
5. Would your community be interested in undertaking other work beyond the work currently funded and delivered by Oxfordshire Highways (and/or in addition to any work you currently undertake, as set out in Q3)
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Not currently, but maybe in the future
6. If yes or maybe to Q5, what type of work would you be interested in undertaking?
 - ☐ Highways 'super user' – a trained volunteer who can inspect potholes and order works directly from OCC's highways contractor
 - ☐ Vegetation clearing – siding and grass cutting
 - ☐ Clearing snow and gritting of footways [not roads]
 - ☐ Clearing and maintenance of drainage 'grips'
 - ☐ Sign cleaning
 - ☐ Footway clearance
 - ☐ Fingerpost/sign replacement/repair

¹ A grip is a shallow channel in the Highway verge to direct water off the carriageway

Oxfordshire CC | Town & Parish Council Survey

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- ☐ Public Rights of Way maintenance & inspection
 - ☐ Commissioning small improvement works direct from OCC approved Highways contractors
 - ☐ Other (please specify)
7. Would you consider undertaking work via the following methods (please tick all that apply)
- ☐ Using community volunteers
 - ☐ Using local contractors
 - ☐ Using direct paid staff (e.g. currently employed handyperson)
 - ☐ Buying in additional services from Oxfordshire CC
 - ☐ None of the above
 - ☐ Other (please specify)
8. Do you currently hold community events that tend to have any kind of impact on the highway, whether that be cones to prevent parking, directional or warning signs, or marshals directing traffic as an example?
- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Not currently, but maybe in the future
9. If yes to Q8, who is this work currently undertaken by?
- ☐ Paid employees
 - ☐ Contractors
 - ☐ Volunteers
 - ☐ A mixture of individuals
 - ☐ Other (please specify)
10. If yes to Q8 do you currently (please tick all that apply)
- ☐ Organise your own signing and traffic management for the event?
 - ☐ Use your own temporary road signs and cones?
11. Would you like to make any further comments to support your answers and help inform our review?

Community Safety

12. Would your community be interested in working in partnership (as volunteers) to complete home safety visits, with full training and support from Fire and Rescue Prevention teams? Focused on the vulnerable residents that live near you.
- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Not currently, but maybe in the future
13. Do you have a Community Emergency Plan to pre-plan to help in preparations and response to local emergencies, e.g. power outage or adverse weather?
- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No

From: Jo Cammell
Sent: 04 February 2019 09:30
To: clerk@goringparishcouncil.gov.uk
Subject: Salt bin question

Dear Goring Parish Council,

I would like to inquire about obtaining a salt bin for the junction of Elvendon Road / Wallingford Road. This is always treacherous and icy during freezing conditions. Can we apply through the Parish Council or should it go through SODC?

Many thanks

Jo Cammell

Note from Clerk:

These bins are supplied by OCC but GPC would have to fund – in 2018 the cost was £250 for a new salt bin.

From: Maureen Whitcher

Date: 4 February 2019 at 18:35:13 GMT

To: clerk@goringpc.org

Subject: Request for financing costs of village litter picks

Dear Colin,

I would be grateful if the Council could help me finance future litter picks as I am fed up having to pay for most of the expenditure myself. It is a community event after all which up until 2008 was organised by the Council. The Goring in Bloom organisation would like this event to carry on as the judges apparently are always impressed that villagers are willing to clean up our footpaths and hedgerows and the main village blackspots. However, lately we have been getting 60 to 70 volunteers turning up to litter pick and as a result my expenditure has increased.

We always provide homemade cakes baked by myself or my willing friends as both an inducement and a thank you to all the volunteers and it is nice for them to have a hot drink and a piece of cake when they come back from picking up wet dirty litter and dog poo bags! The children all enjoy a glass of squash and a piece of cake too.

The Parish Council has always been willing to let me organise the Spring and Autumn litter picks from the Council Office but now that there is no longer an external key to the main meeting room, volunteers have to walk through the office to use the loo, wash their hands and get to the refreshments which I lay out in the meeting room. This is obviously not an ideal situation. The WI did kindly pay for the hire of the Bellême Room when the Great British Tidy Up was first held as a national event. Last Spring, the Goring Gap News kindly sponsored the hall hire but Paul Bradstock advised me that I couldn't rely on the GGN being able to finance this on a regular basis.

I have now prepared quotes covering the potential expenditure for each litter pick and would be grateful if the Council would consider financing this:

Bellême Room hire: £33 (This room is not always available in March, April and Sept.)

Community Centre:

Kitchen/dining room: £27 (Generally available on Saturdays.)

Spare gloves, sacks: £10 (SODC cannot always provide sufficient numbers.)

20 posters: £17 (to include ink, laminating and suitable paper for this.)

You have kindly helped with some of this in the past, Colin.

Refreshments:

Drinks, napkins: £19 (Based on 60 volunteers.)

Cakes: £18 (Based on ingredients for tray bakes/ simple round cakes if I

make them or friends help out. Again based on 60.)

Cost of drinks/cakes

if provided by the WI: £60 (Subject to the WI having enough helpers.)

Total Approx. £150

Notes:

When the Council first asked for volunteers to organise the litter picks, I used to invoice the Council after each event with the cost of refreshments and sundries. This stopped when a past Chairman considered the village litter picks to be unnecessary.

If there was an external key to the Council meeting room and the space in front of the building could be kept free on the morning of the litter pick, (so that equipment could be distributed outside) the cost of hiring another place could be avoided. The WI however are unable to prepare refreshments from the council kitchen.

I do not know whether the Gardiner Pavilion is available for use on Saturday mornings in March, April and September.

The Summer litter pick prior to the judges' visit to the village is carried out by a handful of us over a two-day period and I don't have to spend any money on this.

If you need any further information, please let me know.

Best wishes

Maureen

Comments by CR, Clerk.

1. There is an external key to the meeting room doors, but they are hard to open.
2. There are no suitable facilities for food storage or preparation at GPC's offices
3. Gardiner Pavilion is likely to be used by the football and cricket clubs on Saturdays.



February 2019**Grant Expenditure budgeted for and paid to date:**

	Budgeted Sum	Amount Paid
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	£147.84
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
Total to date	£7,895.00	£6,152.85
Total from unallocated		£400.00
Remaining unallocated	£320.00	

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).

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Support and friendship
for families

Home-Start
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Goring-on-Thames Parish Council
Mr Colin Ratcliff
Old Jubilee Fire Station
Red Cross Road
Goring
Oxon
RG8 9HG

15th January 2019

Dear Mr Ratcliff,

Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire request for Parish Council support

This year we will be celebrating our thirtieth year of providing support for families experiencing stressful or crises situations in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse.

Whether it's through our volunteer home-visiting service, our parent support groups or our support work with Armed Forces families, we've helped thousands to give their children the best possible start in life.

We are currently trying to recruit more volunteers for our home-visiting scheme to help even more families in the area with pre-school children who are experiencing difficulties. Please find our flyer enclosed.

Our charity is solely dependent on kind donations and fundraising from our wonderful volunteers and from trusts and parish councils such as yours.

If you feel you would be able to support Home-Start, and we do understand budgets are tight, we would be very appreciative. We are still seeing an increase in the number of families being referred and we would very much like to offer our services to all of our families who need a volunteer or who would like to attend our groups, so any help would be gratefully received.

If you need any further information about the work that we do, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you and best wishes,

Rhiannon McCobb
Senior Organiser

From: Faye Golding-King
Sent: 25 January 2019 07:36
To: clerk@goringparishcouncil.gov.uk
Subject: Parish Council Support

Dear Colin,

Thank you for your email regarding our request for consideration for a grant from Goring-on-Thames Parish Council and thank you for including the grants policy too.

The purpose of the grant is that it will support our schemes work with vulnerable families via our home-visiting volunteer service. Funding will contribute to the training and supervision of volunteers and out-of-pocket expenses in the Goring area.

Any help would be most gratefully received, but any amount up to £200 would be very welcome.

In terms of other sources of funding, we do receive some funding from South Oxfordshire District Council and other town and parish councils across Southern Oxfordshire.

We think the grant would benefit Goring as we currently offer support to families in Goring, meeting the needs of members of your community and we believe providing a positive impact. In the last year, we have been able to offer support to two families in the area. We also have two volunteers who live in Goring delivering this support. The grant would enable us to support more families and recruit more volunteers in the area.

I hope that this email answers your questions and we will await the parish council's decision.

Best wishes,

Faye

Faye Golding-King

Funding & Marketing Co-Ordinator
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