

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:

K. Bulmer

Dated: 11 February 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.

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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

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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):

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