

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

**Members Present:**

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

**Officers Present:**

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

Three members of the public and press

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

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

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

None

**18/205 Public Forum**

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

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

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

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

None

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

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

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

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

No update

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

Appendix A was noted.

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

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

Signed:

J. Wills

Dated: 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018

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

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

**18/219 Correspondence**

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

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

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

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

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

**Resolved:** That the grant be approved

**18/220 Matters for future discussion**

None

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:01 pm.

**Abbreviations (where used):**

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

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

## **GENERAL OCC REPORT**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **SPECIFIC REPORT FOR**

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