

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL
Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7:30 pm Monday 11th March 2019

Members Present:

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

Officers Present:

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

11 members of the public and press

19/24 To receive apologies for absence.

John Wills (JW) and Debbie Gee (DG)

19/25 To receive any declarations of interests

None

19/26 Public Forum

Tom Rothwell (NPSG) said the Examiner's report is now due at the end of March, a referendum may therefore be mid to late June. KB noted purdah for upcoming elections may have an effect on timing.

19/27 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2019.

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

19/28 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.

- 1 Minute 19/14/5 Internal Auditor's error has been corrected.
- 2 BU said a walkabout the village had taken place with members of GGIB, GPC Cllrs were meeting in the coming week to go through the checklist and would update soon.

19/29 To receive chairman's report and announcements.

KB said that recent street lighting outages were mains supply faults and not due to any GPC owned equipment. MW said most had now been repaired.

19/30 To receive a report on the NP Strategic Project for Goring CE Primary School

BU said the group had been working with three governors who had decided to go forward with a staged approach building on the existing site. At the next GPC meeting he will present a request for use of some of Bourdillon Field as a sports field.

19/31 To consider a report on the NP Strategic Project for traffic management, parking and pedestrian safety in the village centre, including proposals for a planter on the pavement outside Davis Tate, trees and planters set along the verge outside The Rectory Garden and for concrete footings to take lockable bollards to be installed in the Community Centre Car Park.

DB presented Appendices A and A1.

Regarding a planter outside Davis Tate

Resolved: That the proposal for a planter be approved with funds coming from the Strategic Project EMR.

Signed:

K. Bulmer Dated: 8 April 2019

Regarding the proposal about the verge outside The Rectory Garden – some differing views were aired by Cllrs and the public; including recycled hitching rails, small no parking notices, potential destruction of an iconic view, deregulation of civil enforcement powers, permanence of trees, potential pavement heave. DB therefore withdrew the proposal pending further options to be considered.

DB introduced a proposal to replace a damaged concrete bollard outside Glebe Cottage

Resolved: That GPC replace the broken bollard with a similar one (a donation towards the cost has been offered)

Regarding the proposal for installation concrete bases to hold lockable posts in the Community Centre Car Park

Resolved: That the proposal be approved.

19/32 To receive reports from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer.

Appendices B, B1 and B2 were received and noted.

19/33 To receive a report from the Police

None

19/34 To receive reports on Recreation Grounds issues (LR) and on The Rectory Garden

Appendices C and C1 received and noted. LR circulated additional plans and photographs (appended to the minutes).

19/35 To consider a Duty of Care Report from Heritage Tree Services on trees in Gardiner Recreation Ground following inspections recommended by SODC

Appendix D refers.

Resolved: That the higher risk (priority 1) recommendations only be actioned.

19/36 To receive a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues.

MBu reported that moss on the driveway was being dealt with and a new memorial bench had been installed. There was an issue with rabbits digging up the burial ground which despite the Clerks' efforts to fill holes, was getting worse and she asked council for their views on control. It was agreed to investigate a suggestion for using humane control methods.

19/37 To consider a memorial headstone request out of keeping with the regulations and existing styles.

Differing views were held on whether or not the application was outside the regulations or should be allowed. BU noted that should it be allowed the regulations might need amendment, particularly regarding the statuary / relief aspects.

Resolved: To allow the application

19/38 To receive a report regarding planned events in the village.

CH reported that no booking had yet been made for a GM event at Sheepcot. Terms and conditions were sent soon after the last meeting.

19/39 Parish Finance:

1 To approve payments for February 2019

Resolved: That the payments be approved

2 To note receipts for February 2019

Noted

3 To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 28 February 2019

Noted

- 4 To consider a budget adjustments report**
Resolved: That the proposals in Appendix I be approved

- 19/40 To consider adoption of an updated NALC code of conduct and consequent amendments required to Standing Orders and Regulations (proposed and seconded at last meeting).**
Resolved: That the updated code of conduct be adopted by GPC

- 19/41 To ratify John Wills, Catherine Hall (GPC) and Ned Worsley (NPSG) being liaison contacts with SODC for their Conservation Area Appraisal.**
Resolved: That the positions be ratified.

- 19/42 To consider a report on a remote back up system for GPC's IT system**
Resolved: That the proposal in Appendix J be approved

- 19/43 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of meetings held on 22 January 2019.**
Minutes received.

19/44 Correspondence

- 1 To consider a report on resurfacing of the pavement in Wallingford Road / Gatehampton Road following works by Network Rail.**

John Boler said he also had a draft specification for the works but that it would need specialist expertise to progress.

Resolved: That GPC formally apply to OCC for approval of a scheme as described.

19/45 Matters for future discussion

BU – Review of White Hill Burial Ground memorial regulations

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:42 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
NALC	National Association of Local Councils
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