

MINUTES OF THE GORING ON THAMES PARISH ANNUAL MEETING
Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7.00 pm Monday 9 April 2018

Members of the Parish Council Present:

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

Officers Present:

Clerk	Colin Ratcliff (CR)
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Approx. 19 members of the public and press

18/1 Chairman's welcome

KB welcomed those present

18/2 Minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2017

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

18/3 Matters arising from those minutes

None

18/4 Annual Report incorporating District and County Councillor's report and reports from Local Organisations

Copies of all reports appended to the minutes

KB ran through his report with other contributions in the order below:

Chairman's report

Planning report – given by DB

Railway Action Group report – given by Ron Bridle, he hoped that the consultation, which was four years overdue, would possibly take place later this year. There was a RAG meeting due to take place at the end of April.

EB asked about the comment on tinting metalwork – did this mean painting? RB said it was NWR's wording, RAG did not believe it would be effective as the colour depended on viewpoint; maintenance would also be an issue.

Neighbourhood Plan report

MIGGS report – given by John Boler

Goring Gap in Bloom report – given by Stephanie Bridle

Design Guide report – given by CH

Precept

The Rectory Garden

Signed:

K. Bulmer Dated: 8 April 2019

Trees

Gardiner Recreation Ground and Pavilion

Burial Ground

Going Forward Buses

Readibus

School Lights – Stephanie Bridle asked who would be adjusting them. EB said that GPC was managing the process.

Special Projects

Weir – Jim Emerson asked what the appeal had cost so far. KB stated he did not know off the top of his head but that some had been covered by private donations; the amount would be in the accounts.

County Council report – KB stated the council had been overwhelmed with potholes. The cost to repair all roads to standard would be £450m; OCC's budget is £3m and that the problem needed Government action to resolve properly. As an example, last January 1,700 reports were filed, this January 7,000.

Regarding Carillion he said the immediate effects were mitigated, e.g. school meals, but building works affected were still being assessed.

District Council report

There were no other organisation reports.

18/5 Public Forum

Ned Worsley congratulated GPC on the new website but asked when the back records would all be updated. CR said as soon as practicable but if any item was requested he could supply it. KB said GPC had recently advertised for an Assistant Clerk.

Ron Bridle asked about Strategic Projects: The school and traffic projects were moving but what about the Village Centre?

KB said there were a number of projects relating to the roads and that CIL funding was required to progress. The Village Centre was a longer term project, GPC do not own the centre sites and are taking projects one at a time initially.

Martin Smith asked if any progress had been made on Youth Club funds donated for teenagers' recreation facilities. KB said it was wrapped up with the school NPSP and playground options are still being considered, it had not been forgotten and the funds were ring fenced.

John Boler asked if there was any news on Unitary Councils. KB said there was only speculation and it would possibly come back onto the burner at some point but that depended on Government.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2045 hrs.

Abbreviations (where used):

GPC	Goring on Thames Parish Council
MIGGS	Mobility Issues Group for Goring and Streatley
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
NPSG	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
NPSP	Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Project
NWR	Network Rail
OCC	Oxfordshire County Council
RAG	Railway Action Group
SODC	South Oxfordshire District Council