

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 8:00 pm Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**Members Present:**

Chairman	Kevin Bulmer (KB)
Vice Chairman	John Wills (JW)
Members	Bryan Urbick (BU)
	Lawrie Reavill (LR)
	Catherine Hall (CH)
	Mary Bulmer (MBu)
	Debbie Gee (DG)

**Officers Present:**

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

13 members of the public and press

**19/46 To receive apologies for absence.**

David Brooker (DB) and Matthew Brown (MBr)

**19/47 To receive any declarations of interests**

None

**19/48 Public Forum**

None

**19/49 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019.**

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

**19/50 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.**

None

**19/51 To receive chairman's report and announcements.**

None

**19/52 To consider reports on the NP Strategic Project for Goring CE Primary School**

Appendices A and A1 refer. John Boler asked if the proposal needed approval from the Charity Commissioners, BU said there was some doubt but that it would be checked.

**Resolved:** That the proposal in Appendix A be approved subject to an arrangement for public use outside school hours.

**19/53 To receive a report on the NP Strategic Project for traffic management, parking and pedestrian safety in the village centre**

None.

KB noted that if the NP is passed CIL should generate additional funding for projects.

**19/54 To receive reports from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer.**

Nothing further to add following reports presented at the Parish Annual Meeting

**19/55 To receive a report from the Police**

JW reported a number of recent offences; in March, a burglary in White Hills Green and a car stolen, a shed burglary in Cleeve Down and a burglary in The Birches. In April, Two burglaries in Red Cross Road and Maple Court. BU said he couldn't remember hearing of that many before and

Signed:

J.Wills

Dated: 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019

asked what GPC could do, KB asked what the police are doing. DG said there had been numerous reports on social media of 'Nottingham Knockers' in the area which had been reported to the police.

**19/56 To consider a report on Recreation Grounds issues.**

Appendix B refers.

There were no objections to Robins' use of mobile goal posts.

Regarding flood lights there was concern the proposal for lights on the pavilion roof would be blinding and inadequate for the intended purpose, the angle would be too shallow to be useful and any lights should be downward facing. LR offered to talk to the club about why the current system is unreliable and try and come up with a solution in discussion with the Football Association if necessary.

A discussion took place about potential solutions to dog faeces on recreation grounds, including a reported increase in problems at Gardiner in addition to Sheepcot. It was agreed LR would talk further with the Robins and bring back proposals to council that may include improved signage.

**19/57 To consider reports on Play Equipment in Gardiner Recreation Ground**

Appendices C, C1 and C2 refer.

A number of comments were received about the location on the Gardiner of some of the equipment, in particular that within the direct line of sight of the cricket pitch. Suggestions were made that it would be worth discussion with the cricket club prior to any wider consultation. JW noted a number of comments during the previous week on social media calling for more equipment for older children. Stephanie Bridle asked that the SE corner be considered as there used to be play equipment in that location, BU stated that had already been considered and discounted by the architect. The 'gym equipment' was however suggested for that corner. It was agreed to hold further discussion with the cricket club and architect to bring back to the next meeting.

**19/58 To receive a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues including an update on rabbit control.**

BU reported the challenge was that rabbit control would be no good without fencing which would be expensive. He was awaiting a proposal for costs.

**19/59 To receive a report regarding planned events in the village.**

KB stated the GM group had not accepted the offer of Sheepcot and reports from social media are that they are planning a 'pop-up picnic'. He was disappointed the village's support for an event had been thrown back in its face. It was agreed that BU would draft a note to Terry Daniels about the issue.

**19/60 Parish Finance:**

**1 To approve payments for March 2019**

**Resolved:** That the payments be approved

**2 To note receipts for March 2019**

Noted

**3 To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 31 March 2019**

Noted

**19/61 To consider a proposal for a replacement Freedom of Goring Awards Board**

Appendix G refers.

**Resolved:** That the proposal for a new, larger board be approved.

**19/62 To consider the following planning application:**

**P19/S0336/FUL - The Boathouse High Street Goring RG8 9AB Demolition of existing fire damaged dwelling and boathouse. Application for replacement dwelling out of the floodplain (as amended by drawings received on 20 March 2019).**

**Resolved:** That GPC has no objections to the application.

**19/63 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2019.**

Minutes received.

**19/64 Matters for future discussion**

BU – To receive / consider an update on issues and support groups relating to the potential closure of Goring Pre-School.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2101 hrs

**Abbreviations (where used):**

CIL	Community Infrastructure Levy
GiB	Goring on Thames 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
SODC	South Oxfordshire District Council