

# GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

All Councillors are summoned to a meeting of Council, to be held at the  
Bellême Room, Village Hall, Goring on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 7.30pm  
Public and press are invited to attend

Members are respectfully reminded of the obligation to declare any interests relevant to business to be *conducted at this meeting and of the convention as to withdrawal from the meeting for the relevant item unless the interest is not one that debars the member from speaking thereon.*

## AGENDA – COUNCIL MEETING

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To receive declarations of interests.
3. To consider a recommendation of the interview panel to co-opt Sonia Lofthouse to the council vacancy.
4. Subject to item 2 - to receive declaration of acceptance and any declaration of interests.
5. Public forum: *An opportunity for the public to address the council. With the permission of the chairman, the public may also speak about specific items of business as they arise.*
6. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019.
7. Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.
8. To receive chairman's report and announcements.
9. To note the resignation of all voting members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on 31 May and to consider disbanding the Advisory Committee which has achieved its terms of reference.
10. To receive a report on the NP Strategic Project for Goring CE Primary School (BU)
11. To consider reports on the NP Strategic Project for traffic management, parking and pedestrian safety in the village centre (DB) and a proposal to request grant funding from the OCC Ward Councillor (BU) (Appendices A, A1)
12. To receive a report from County Councillor Kevin Bulmer (Appendix B)
13. To receive a report from District Councillor Maggie Filipova-Rivers
14. To receive a report from the Police. (JW)
15. To receive a report on Recreation Grounds issues including an update on play equipment consultation. (LR /BU) (Appendix C)
16. To receive a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues. (MBu)
17. To receive a report regarding planned events in the village. (CH)

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18. To receive an update on Goring Pre School closure (BU)
19. To receive an update on the 'village audit' (BU)
20. To consider a proposal for rights of access to East Cottage via the burial ground entrance  
(Appendices D, D1)
21. To receive a report on GPC's current policy of replacing streetlamps with LED bulbs (MBr)
22. Parish Finance:
  - 22.1. To approve payments for May 2019. (Appendix E)
  - 22.2. To note receipts for May 2019. (Appendix F)
  - 22.3. To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 31 May 2019 and to approve use of the operational reserve to cover expected cash flow shortages prior to the October precept payment (Appendix G)
  - 22.4. To consider a s.26-29 Local Government and Rating Act 1997 grant of £2,000 a year for a Community Bus Support Group (Appendices H, H1)
23. Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of meetings held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019.
24. Correspondence.
  1. To note an email from John Howell MP regarding Local and Neighbourhood Plans (C1)
25. Matters for future discussion.

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7:30 pm Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**Members Present:**

Vice Chairman	John Wills (JW)
Members	Bryan Urbick (BU)
	Catherine Hall (CH)
	Mary Bulmer (MBu)
	Debbie Gee (DG)
	Matthew Brown (MBr)
	David Brooker (DB)

**Officers Present:**

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

18 members of the public and press

*In the absence of the Chairman the Vice Chairman presided*

- 19/65 To confirm that each councillor has signed a declaration of acceptance of office**  
Confirmed all were signed prior to the meeting
- 19/66 To elect the Chairman for the year ahead**  
One nomination was received: Kevin Bulmer was elected
- 19/67 To receive declaration of Chairman's acceptance of office**  
**Resolved:** That the Chairman may sign the declaration at or before the next council meeting
- 19/68 To receive apologies for absence.**  
Kevin Bulmer (KB) and Lawrie Reavill (LR)
- 19/69 To elect a Vice-Chairman for the year ahead**  
One nomination was received: John Wills was elected
- 19/70 To receive declaration of Vice-Chairman's acceptance of office**  
Received
- 19/71 To confirm all registrations of interests will be completed by Tuesday 4 June 2019**  
Three still to be submitted, KB, MBu, DG
- 19/72 To receive any declarations of interests**  
None
- 19/73 Public Forum**  
Ron Bridle wished to speak to item 28.  
Stephanie Bridle mentioned that the hanging baskets go up in a couple of weeks and reminded GPC that the bridge lamps needed cleaning. CR said he had already asked a contractor to do so.
- 19/74 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019.**  
**Resolved:** That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 19/75 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.**  
None

Signed:

Dated: 2019

- 19/76 To receive chairman's report and announcements.**  
None
- 19/77 To consider a) whether to co-opt into the post-election GPC vacancy and b) if so, agree a process**  
Three applications had been received. Formal interviews were proposed. JW, BU, DG and DB declared an interest and recused themselves from any interview process.  
**Resolved:** That interviews be carried out by KB, CH and MBu with a recommendation for co-option at the next meeting.
- 19/78 To appoint Planning Committee members**  
DB, MBr, JW, CH, BU, MBu, LR, DG were appointed
- 19/79 To appoint Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group members (Advisory Committee) and a council representative**  
Mike Stares, Stephanie Bridle, David Wilkins, Nigel Gilson, Ned Worsley, Tom Rothwell were reappointed. BU was appointed as council representative
- 19/80 To appoint representatives to serve on other bodies:**
- 1 Gap Festival Committee – CH appointed
  - 2 Goring Poor Allotment Charity - KB, MBu, MBr appointed
  - 3 Goring Village Hall Committee – BU appointed
  - 4 Goring Volunteer Trust – DB appointed
  - 5 Lybbe's Alms House Charity – withdrawn from agenda – their constitution has changed, and no GPC representative is required
  - 6 Streatley with Goring Dementia Action Forum – MBr appointed
  - 7 Twinning Association – KB, JW, DG appointed
- 19/81 To receive any reports from representatives on external bodies**  
MBr mentioned the Poor Allotment Charity was meeting later in the week
- 19/82 To consider other councillor's responsibilities and working groups**  
Appendix A refers, changes were:  
NP Strategic Project – High Street, delete LR, insert MBr  
Playground Equipment – add BU  
Additional group – Conservation Area Appraisal – JW, CH, Ned Worsley and Janet Hurst
- 19/83 To receive a report from County Councillor Kevin Bulmer**  
None received
- 19/84 To receive a report from District Councillor Maggie Filipova-Rivers**  
MFR was welcomed to the meeting by JW. She said much was happening and an announcement about a leader would be made later in the week. The Liberal Democrats had 12 councillors, not enough for a majority, so were working closely with others. She hoped to attend GPC meetings, see councillors often, and planned to hold monthly surgeries. GPC's meeting room was offered for use if required.  
DB asked if Civil Enforcement Powers were being pursued and how could it be ensured as a priority. MFR said it was too early to answer but asked DB to send her the details.

- 19/85 To consider the following planning application:**  
**P/18/S2900/FUL: 3 Elmcroft, Goring, RG8 9EU – Erection of 2 dwellings (as amended by further aboriginal information received 2nd October 2018; noise assessment and amended plans received 12th November 2018 and further aboriginal information received 13th December 2018) (GPC previously objected).**  
**Resolved:** That there was no change to the previous objection and comments
- 19/86 To note a report on the Conservation Area Appraisal**  
Appendix C was noted – Ned Worsley added there are two conservation areas in the parish; Goring and Gatehampton, but they had to prioritise, so Goring was the subject of this appraisal.
- 19/87 To receive a report on the Neighbourhood Plan**  
Tom Rothwell said the NP had passed examination, SODC had agreed to go to referendum which was expected on 4<sup>th</sup> July but not yet confirmed. The NPSG were holding exhibitions on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May and a 4-page leaflet was being delivered to all households.
- 19/88 To receive a report on the NP Strategic Project for Goring CE Primary School**  
BU said there was nothing new to report
- 19/89 To receive a report on the NP Strategic Project for traffic management, parking and pedestrian safety in the village centre**  
Appendix D refers. DB said they were struggling to move forwards with the High Street works.
- 19/90 To receive a report from the Police**  
JW had met with the new PCSO who hopes to be in the village a couple of times a week. There had been two burglaries in Fairfield, one in Pennypiece and one at the School. Two assaults in the High Street with drink involved in both. A missing person had been reported. The police intend to visit builders in the area at the end of the month as a crime prevention action following a presence in The Arcade after the last GPC meeting.  
Jim Emerson said an article was coming soon in the GGN with crime prevention advice.
- 19/92 To receive a report on Recreation Grounds issues**  
Appendix E was noted
- 19/93 To consider a proposal for public consultation on play equipment in Gardiner Recreation Ground**  
Appendices F and F1 refer.  
Ron Bridle said that it appears the consultation is only about Gardiner Recreation Ground and no other potential sites, he asked why GPC was wedded to putting 75 meters of equipment next to a road and under trees.  
BU stated GPC had agreed to put forward design proposals for Gardiner but that the consultation would also ask for comments on preferred locations as there had been conflicting reports in previous discussions. He reiterated that the proposal is for a wide consultation with all residents and relevant local groups using examples from an experienced landscape architect.  
CH noted the consultation is part of a staged process and that further funding may be found later. Stephanie Bridle said the last meeting was the first time Gardiner had been mentioned and there was no evidence other options had been considered.  
BU and CH disputed that saying many locations had been considered with the focus moving from Bourdillon to Gardiner some years ago.  
BU noted that prior to any decisions the consultation would run for 8-10 weeks and would then require analysis and discussion prior to submission of a planning application.  
DG noted that discussions had already been held with the sports clubs at Gardiner and the example design amended.

**Resolved:** That the consultation as proposed in Appendix F to include all GPC owned sites be carried out with the detail and format delegated to the Play Equipment Working Group with the Clerk.

- 19/94 To receive a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues**  
MBu said the burial ground looked lovely.
- 19/95 To receive a report regarding planned events in the village**  
CH said the Gap Festival were advertising for supporters.  
JW noted GPC had received information that no official GM fan event is planned for GPCs land in June. BU stated the village hall have a booking for the usual GM event there.
- 19/96 Parish Finance:**
- 1 To approve payments for April 2019.**  
**Resolved:** That the payments be approved
  - 2 To note receipts for April 2019**  
Noted
  - 3 To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 30 April 2019**  
Noted
  - 4 To approve direct debit mandates**  
**Resolved:** That Appendix J be approved
  - 5 To consider virements within the 2019-20 budget**  
**Resolved:** That virements in Appendix K be approved
- 19/97 Financial Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2019**
- 1 To approve the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2019 (balance sheet and income & expenditure)**  
**Resolved:** That Appendices L and L1 be approved
  - 2 To approve the annual governance statement in section 1 of the statutory annual return**  
**Resolved:** That Appendix M be approved
  - 3 To approve the statement of accounts in section 2 of the statutory annual return**  
**Resolved:** That Appendix N be approved
  - 4 To approve a variances report to the external auditors**  
**Resolved:** That Appendix O be approved
  - 5 To note budget variations for 2018-19**  
Appendix P noted
  - 6 To note year end cash and investment reconciliation as at 31 March 2019**  
Appendix Q noted
- 19/98 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of meeting held on 26 March 2019.**  
Minutes received.
- 19/99 Correspondence**
- 1 To consider nominations to the Executive Committee of the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils**

Signed:

Dated: 2019

**Resolved:** That KB be nominated

**19/100 Matters for future discussion**

BU – for next meeting agenda – Village Audit and Goring Pre-School

**19/101 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 motion be approved

**19/102 To consider quotations for consultation and design services for High Street improvements**

It was agreed to try and obtain further quotes

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:40 pm

**Abbreviations (where used):**

CIL	Community Infrastructure Levy	NALC	National Association of Local Councils
GiB	Goring on Thames in Bloom	NP	Neighbourhood Plan
GGN	Goring Gap News	NPSG	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
GM	George Michael	NWR	Network Rail
GPC	Goring on Thames Parish Council	OCC	Oxfordshire County Council
MIGGS	Mobility Issues Group for Goring and Streatley	SODC	South Oxfordshire District Council

1. Proposed High St roadworks

Since our last meeting I have continued to pursue the matter and been in discussion with OCC Highways (OCCH) for guidance as to the expectation of the total costs associated with the production of the design, specification, road safety audit and OCCH formal consultation for the proposed works and interpreted from my conversation with OCH that we should set aside approx. £13000.00 to cover the pre-construction stage cost.

I would propose we agree to budget up to that amount for this part of the process out of the current ear marked reserves of £19564.25.

Planter

Thanks to the Clerk, D Cheeseman and GiB we now have the planter outside Davis Tate, which I think looks great. Looking along the High St I am wondering if another planter outside the Goring Grocer might be worth considering.

2. Installation of posts in the verge adjacent to the Rectory Gardens

In reviewing previous proposals and subsequent comments I believe we should consider a simpler solution and would propose the following:

Two metres from the end of the grass verge, adjacent to the Village Hall, and set in the grass verge, we create approx. 3m x 0.9m flower beds spaced 2m apart up to the opposite end of the verge.

The work to be carried out and maintained by our landscape gardeners.

3. Community Centre car park

Lockable bollards - It has been established that we do not need planning permission but we will need OCC to acknowledge them in the lease.

The Clerk and I are trying to find someone who could install them.

4. Strategic Project related to Traffic congestion and Parking

4.1 Comment as for previous report i.e. Our committee has met and discussed a number of matters but believe that to take matters further we need a meeting with OCCH, see above.

4.2 SODC – Civil Enforcement Powers

Awaiting SODC Officers report.

5.0 General

5.1 I have received verbal and written complaints regarding speeding in the Wallingford Rd, as is normal vehicle drivers ignore the speed limit and flashing sign advising they are approaching a school.

I have sent an e-mail to OCC Highways seeking advice/guidance as to whether any additional speed control could be introduced.

Cllr David Brooker



REPORT – REQUEST GRANT FOR HIGH STREET PROJECT

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Cllr Brooker will be requesting that we approve a budget of £13,000 toward the costs of consulting, design and all the necessary work to get approval for the High Street improvement works that has been developed by the Council over the past years (thank you Cllr Brooker for your persistence in this matter). I support this request but would like to suggest that we seek grant funding to support this expense. As the OCC Ward Councillor granted £15,000 last fiscal year to Woodcote for their new pedestrian crossing and ancillary works, I propose we request funding for our similar project.

I propose that the Council approve that we formally request £10,000 from our OCC Ward Councillor to go toward the costs of consulting, design and approval of the High Street project works.

Cllr Bryan Urbick  
4<sup>th</sup> June 2019

## **REPORT TO GORING DIVISION PARISH COUNCIL MAY 2019 FROM CLLR KEVIN BULMER**

### **GENERAL OCC REPORT**

#### **DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS**

##### **Cherwell**

Remains under Conservative control.

##### **South Oxfordshire**

Moved from Conservative to No Overall Control; Liberal Democrat/Green coalition likely.

##### **Vale of White Horse**

Moved from Conservative to Liberal Democrat control.

##### **West Oxfordshire**

Remains under Conservative control.

#### **SIX RECYCLING CENTRES SET FOR SPRING CLEAN IN MAY**

During May six of OCC's Household Waste Recycling Centres will be closing for two days to carry out a deep clean and essential maintenance at the sites. This is part of the council's planned approach to maintenance, and is designed to keep sites safe, looking clean and fresh and helping improve the customer experience when using these much valued facilities. Only one site will be closed at any one time and all other sites will be open on those days. Residents are asked to plan ahead for these closures, ideally holding on to your waste until the site reopens or if that is not possible visiting one of the neighbouring sites. Site Closure Dates:

- Alkerton - Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th May
- Ardley - Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th May
- Drayton - Thursday 16th & Friday 17th May
- Stanford - Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd May
- Oakley Wood- Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th May
- Redbridge - Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th May

For those residents with permits, please note that these can be used at any of the sites.

#### **MORE THAN 93 PER CENT GET THEIR FIRST CHOICE OF PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR 2019**

More than nine out of ten parents whose children are set to enter the classroom for the first time this September have been offered their first choice of primary school in Oxfordshire. A total of 93.39 per cent of the 7,125 applicants have received their first choice – above all recent national averages across the UK. The consistent high number of first choices achieved in Oxfordshire is due to the county council's careful forward planning to make sure the right numbers of school places exist – since 2010 the council has created more than 10,000 new primary school places. That means that since 2010 the number of primary school places in Oxfordshire has risen by 22 per cent. About a fifth of that has been achieved via the building and opening of new schools and the rest through expansions of existing schools – new buildings, making better use of existing accommodation, or marginal increases in admission numbers. This year's figure of 93.39 per cent for first preference offers compares with the 2018 figure of 92.77 per cent. Although the national average for 2019 will not be published for some time, Oxfordshire remains ahead of the averages for 2018 (91 per cent) and 2017 (90 per cent).

#### **AMBITIOUS NEW OXFORDSHIRE PARTNERSHIP IS BREAKING NEW GROUND**

Residents in Oxfordshire are already benefiting from the impact of an ambitious and innovative new partnership between two councils – with plans being explored to develop closer working over coming months. Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council set up a joint

working partnership in October 2018 – it is one of a very small number of examples of a district and county council sharing staff and services in the whole of the country. The county council's cabinet approved the continuation of the partnership at its meeting on April 23.

## **HENLEY-ON-THAMES REVEALED AS START LOCATION FOR WOMEN'S CYCLING RACE**

Henley-on-Thames will be the start location for stage three of the OVO Energy Women's Tour professional cycling race. Full details of the Oxfordshire route were revealed at a ceremony at the town's Leander Club – home to rowing greats like Sir Steve Redgrave CBE and Rebecca Romero – on Monday 15 April. The famous South Oxfordshire town will host a Big Bike Breakfast on the morning of the race, Wednesday 12 June. Crowds will line the streets, cheering off participants on the 145 kilometre-leg that will finish outside Blenheim Palace in West Oxfordshire. Elite cyclist Sophie Wright announced that Oxfordshire's race section will start from Market Place in the centre of Henley. Oxfordshire's county, city and district councils announced last month that a stage of the OVO Energy Women's Tour, the UK's most prestigious women's cycle race, had been agreed to race through the county for the next three years, in partnership with event organisers SweetSpot Group. From Henley, stage three will traverse the Chilterns via Pishill to Watlington, before returning via the climb of Britwell Hill to Sonning Common and Goring. Crossing the River Thames at Wallingford, the route will pass through Didcot, Harwell and Wantage, crossing the Vale of White Horse to Faringdon, before looping through the West Oxfordshire towns of Burford, Charlbury and finally Woodstock in the closing kilometres. Oxfordshire is expecting economic and health benefits from hosting the prestigious event, with cycling fans expected to visit the county to watch the race, generating additional business for restaurants, bars, hotels, B&Bs and shops.

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

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REPORT – GARDINER PLAY EQUIPMENT CONSULTATION

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You will recall that in previous meetings, concerns were raised about the design and location of the new play equipment/gym trail/gym equipment. And though a meeting was held with representatives from the Bowls Club, the Football Club and the Cricket Club in which they indicated broad support for the new plans, there may be an issue with the positioning of the new cricket nets.

To allow time for the written report to be received (and we will be provided a copy) and further discussions, it is felt prudent to temporarily postpone the consultation until the matter with the cricket nets can be resolved. This may result in another modification to our design, but thought it best to get all the information prior to suggesting any adjustments to the current plan.

Cllr Bryan Urbick  
4<sup>th</sup> June 2019

REPORT – SHARED ACCESS TO BURIAL GROUND

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Though the idea of sharing access to the Burial Ground with a neighbour was raised briefly in the past, it was not pursued. As identified in the attached proposal from the neighbours, the broad concerns were:

- desire to preserve the 'look and feel' of the existing burial ground entrance, approach and drive
- concerns of development of the strip of land owned by East Cottage
- the potential use of a new access for land development in the future

The intent of the neighbours seems to genuinely be to improve the current situation they have in which the owner of one cottage must drive past the other cottage to have access to their property. Therefore, both property owners are working together to provide a solution.

The best way (in my view) to preserve the 'look and feel' of the existing burial ground entrance, approach and drive is to maintain a single access – the alternative of a separate parallel drive would create confusion at the junction and damage the rural feel of the access.

We would ensure that our solicitor includes a clause to renegotiate should there be any planning/development proposals (from the neighbouring landowner as well as ourselves in the unlikely event a Parish Council in the future seeks to develop the land). This should allow concerns of development of the strip of land owned by East Cottage and the potential use of a new access for land development in the future.

All reasonable solicitor costs would be borne by the two neighbours.

After discussions with the neighbours and seeing their formal proposal, I propose that the Council agree to moving forward, subject to contract. I also propose to delegate to the Clerk the authority to liaise with the solicitor for the legal agreement to the same.

Cllr Bryan Urbick  
5<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### **Joint proposal from East Cottage and West Cottage owners to Goring Parish Council**

Last year the Parish Council were informally approached to discuss the possibility of facilitating a new access for East Cottage via the parish burial ground. This had previously been discussed in 2006-07 by the Parish Council with the previous owner of East Cottage (copy letter lodged with Parish Clerk). The current arrangement of a shared drive for East Cottage with West Cottage is not appropriate for 21st century use. Access runs directly in front of West Cottage (within feet of the front door) and does not afford any privacy, security or safety for the occupants.

This formal submission is further to the discussions that took place last year and attempts to address the issues raised. It is understood that these concerns were primarily:

- preservation of the 'look and feel' of the existing burial ground drive approach
- development of the strip of land owned by East Cottage
- the use of a new access for land development in the future

### **Submission**

We, the current owners of East Cottage (Julia Huggins) and West Cottage (Edward and Annabel Christie), are formally asking the Goring Parish Council (GPC) to *grant an Easement to East Cottage (EC) for the use of the existing gateway and drive to the Goring Burial Ground, to pass and repass in order to enter East Cottage.*

In exchange the current owner of East Cottage (Julia Huggins) is prepared to:

- enter into a written agreement (subject to legal advice) with the Parish Council not to develop the strip of land alongside the existing burial ground drive for any other purpose
- formalise the use by the GPC of EC land for the existing western gatepost and grassed verge in front
- permit the building of a wall by GPC on the west side of the gateway to match existing wall on east side
- commit (subject to legal advice) to the new access being used as a drive entrance to East Cottage only, both now and in the future

### **Proposal detail**

1. EC to have access from Reading Road via existing gate entrance and use of driveway to burial ground (agreement to be reached on commensurate cost for ongoing drive maintenance)
2. Legal wording for non-encroachment or development of EC strip of land – EC ownership preserved but agree building of wall across strip to match existing wall on the east side of the gate
3. Legal wording for non-encroachment or development of GPC land beyond reasonable requirement for the burial ground
4. Legal wording to cover proposed erection of wall on EC land. (NB This should be expanded to cover historic erection of gate post on EC land and erosion of EC land from road verge boundary to gate installation)
5. Drive access to be smooth transition from burial ground drive (not abrupt right angle) to provide suitable access for service vehicles and to limit visual impact of drive development from burial ground approach. Drive will need to be delineated from grassed strip to ensure burial overflow (or dog walking) parking does not block EC access
6. The owners of East Cottage and West Cottage would be prepared to pay reasonable legal costs to finalise this legal agreement

This proposal has been discussed and has the full support of our neighbours at North Cottage (Ben and Sarah Prior), who could be potentially impacted by this development.



<b>Goring-on-Thames Parish Council</b>					
<b>Receipts received May 2019</b>					
<b>From</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Amount</b>
TSB	Bank Interest	1190	10/05/2019	DC	£89.44
Reeves Memorials	Memorial - White	1130	07/05/2019	500059	£154.17
Eva de Romarate	Interment - Romarate	1130	13/05/2019	500059	£369.35
Lisa Dean	Memorial - Dean	1130	24/05/2019	Inv 1220	£154.17
SSE	Wayleave Cleeve Road	1140	28/05/2019	500060	£30.00
AB Walker & Son	Interment - Dunne	1130	31/05/2019	Inv 1219	£369.34
ET Sheppard	Memorial - Cheeseman	1130	31/05/2019	Inv 1217	£118.18
ET Sheppard	Memorial - Savage	1130	31/05/2019	Inv 1214	£199.12
				<b>Total:</b>	<b>£1,483.77</b>



**Goring on Thames Parish Council**  
**Monthly Report Bank Account and Reserves Balances**

As at: **31 May 2019**

**Reconciled Bank Account Balances**

Current TSB		£12,491.33
TSB Reserves		£137,079.88
Unpresented Payments		£0.00
Unpresented Receipts		£0.00
VAT Control Account		£2,271.49
<b>Total</b>		<b>£151,842.70</b>

**Earmarked Reserves (Capital and Contingency)**

Operating Reserve Account	R	£53,000.00
Rectory Garden	R	£1,500.00
Ferry Lane Riverbank Repairs	R	£0.00
Ferry Lane Fence	R	£1,000.00
Gardiner Pavilion	R	£0.00
Tree Felling and Replacement	R	£11,050.00
Playground Equipment	C	£13,500.00
MIGGS Pavement Widening	R	£5,000.00
Car Park	R	£1,000.00
Conservation Area Appraisal	R	£0.00
Sheepcot Pavilion Refurbishment	R	£26,302.96
Community Infrastructure Levy	C	£171.00
High Street Strategic Project	C	£19,564.25
Street Lighting Replacements	C	£4,991.67

**Total Revenue Reserves** £98,852.96

**Total Capital Reserves** £38,226.92

**Total Reserves** **£137,079.88**

**General Funds Available** **£14,762.82**

**June 2019****Grant Expenditure budgeted for and paid to date:**

	<b>Budgeted Sum</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
Churches S214(6) LG Act 1972	£50.00	£0.00
Transport s.26-29 LGR Act 1997 (Readibus)	£800.00	£350.00
Goring Gap in Bloom s.137 LG Act 1972	£3,500.00	
The Gap Festival s. 145 LG Act 1972	£4,000.00	£4,000.00
Christmas Trees and Lights s.144 LG Act 1972	£700.00	
Unallocated General Budget	£3,000.00	See below
Macular Society Goring s.137 LG Act 1972		
Be Free Carers s.137 LG Act 1972		
Litter Picking s.137 LG Act 1972		
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>£12,050.00</b>	<b>£4,350.00</b>
Total from unallocated		£0.00
Remaining unallocated	<b>£3,000.00</b>	

Such payments are limited to a set allowance of **£22,386.84** based on an allowance of £8.12 per elector for this year (2757 electors).

**From:** Chris Bertrand

**Sent:** 17 May 2019 12:02

**Subject:** Community Bus Service

Hi Colin

I attach an initial request for grant funding for the community Bus Service. Could this be raised as soon as possible at a Parish Council meeting please? Let me know if there is anything else I need to do. I'm happy to speak to it once its an agenda item if that is thought helpful

Thanks

Chris

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#### COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE

Since Oxfordshire County Council removed the grant from our local bus service it has been maintained by the efforts and finances of one man- Mike Ward.

He has done a remarkable job in keeping the service going but he cannot sustain the inevitable losses for ever.

I am in the process of trying to form a Community Bus Support Group to raise the £15,000 a year that Mike feels would be sufficient to enable him to keep the buses moving.

What is required is a steady reliable source of income and I propose to explore three ways of achieving that

1. Grants from local Parishes that are served by the bus
2. Advertising revenue from advertisements on the outside of the bus
3. A grant from South Oxfordshire County Council

Each of the Parishes will have some sort of village newsletter or central communication system and I would also like to pursue regular bus information appearing in each of these. If the service is only once a week a clear notice saying WEDNESDAY IS OUR BUS DAY for example could be invaluable.

Any other ideas are of course very welcome.

**It would be excellent if Goring Parish Council felt that they could start the ball rolling with a regular annual contribution in the region of £2000**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE  
GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL  
Old Jubilee Fire Station, Red Cross Road, Goring 7.30pm Tuesday 23 April 2019**

**Members Present:**

Chairman                    Matthew Brown (MBr)  
Members                    Bryan Urbick (BU)  
                                  Catherine Hall (CH)  
                                  Mary Bulmer (MBu)  
                                  Debbie Gee (DG)  
                                  John Wills (JW)

**Officers Present:**

Assistant Clerk            Mike Ward (MW)

No members of the public were present

**19/1        To receive apologies for absence.**

Lawrie Reavill (LR)  
David Brooker (DB)

**19/2        To receive any declarations of interests**

None declared

**19/3        Public Forum**

No members of the public were present

**19/4        To approve minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26 March 2019**

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

**19/5        Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda**

None

**19/6        To review the following Applications:**

- 1    P19/S0538/FUL** – Land to rear of Cleeve Cottages Icknield Road Goring RG8 0DG – Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) of application P18/S2308/RM. As clarified by revised drainage strategy received 8 March 2019 and as amended by drawing no 3164-225U to address tree impact concerns. It was noted that the Neighbourhood Plan called for 14 dwellings to be built on this site, whereas planning permission had only been granted for 10. Now that the plan has passed examination it has increased weight and this should be highlighted in the Council’s response.  
**Resolved:** That GPC has **No Objections but with comments:** The plans only allow for 10 homes, yet the emerging neighbourhood plan specifies 14 homes on this site. The plans should be revised accordingly.
  
- 2    P19/S5040/FUL** – Bromsgrove (a.k.a. Broomgrove) Croft Road Goring RG8 9ES – Demolition of existing attached triple garage and replacement with a detached triple garage, proposed railings to the front of the existing dwelling. Erection of a new 5-bed dwelling with linking garage on land to the rear. (As amended by drawings accompanying email from agent received 4 April 2019 removing dormer windows on the south elevation of the triple garage and replacement with roof lights). It was agreed that the comments given in the Parish Council’s previous response should be repeated.

Signed:

D. Brooker

Dated: 28 May 2019

**Resolved:** That GPC has **No Objections but with comments:** should have the condition that the garage must not be used for residential or business purposes.

- 3 P19/S1050/HH** – 21 Clevedeme Goring RG8 9BU – Single storey rear extension with internal alterations. It was noted that the plans include a balcony but it does not appear to be overlooking other properties.

**Resolved:** That GPC has **No Objections**

- 4 P19/S1163/HH** – 3 Lower Bungalows Middle Springs Goring RG8 ODX – Single storey rear extension with driveway and fenestration alterations

**Resolved:** That GPC has **No Objections**

- 5 P19/S1246/FUL** – Unit 4 The Arcade High Street Goring RG8 9AY – Change of use of Unit 4 to Pilates/Yoga Studio (Class D2)

Concern was expressed that clients should not be inappropriately attired considering the open nature of the unit and that the loss of a retail outlet would exacerbate the increasingly dormant appearance of the Arcade. This could undermine the proposed Strategic Project for the Arcade in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.

**Resolved:** That GPC **Objects for the following reasons:** Loss of another retail unit in the Arcade could be in conflict with the proposed Strategic Project in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.

**19/7 To note the following SODC Decisions:**

- 1 P18/S3348/HH** – East Cottage Reading Road Goring RG8 OLL – Installation of Solar PV array in garden (GPC No Objections) **Granted**
- 2 P19/S0505/HH** – 6 Whitehills Green Goring RG8 OEB – Single storey porch extension, part single storey rear kitchen/bedroom extension with internal alterations (GPC No objections) **Granted**

**19/8 To note the following applications for discharge of conditions**

1 P19/S0643/DIS 10 Heron Shaw Goring RG8 OAU - Discharge of condition 3 - materials on application ref P18/S1166/HH. Proposed 2 storey side and single storey rear extension following demolition of attached garage and sun-room.

2 P19/S0790/DIS Primrose Cottage Fairfield Road Goring RG8 OEU - Discharge of condition 4 - tree protection on application P18/S3965/HH. Proposed oak framed garage building using existing access.

3 P19/S0924/DIS 14 Heron Shaw Goring RG8 OAU - Discharge of condition 3 (materials) on application P18/S1322/HH. Proposed addition of a tiled pitched roof over an existing front porch/lounge continued over front of existing attached garage.

4 P19/S0946/DIS 9 Elmcroft Goring RG8 9EU - Discharge of condition 4 (tree protection) on P18/S3518/HH. (Single storey rear and side extension)

Signed:

D. Brooker

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**19/9 To note the outcome of the licensing application for The Swan Hotel, Streatley, West Berkshire Council**  
It was noted that the licensing application as granted was not as bad as it was feared it could be. MBr was thanked for attending the hearing and presenting the case on behalf of the Parish Council.

**19/10 To review planning applications and decisions reported by West Berkshire Council**  
None of interest to GPC received.

**19/11 Affordable Housing:**  
Discussions with SODC concerning receipt by SODC of £111,327.42 for affordable housing not yet held.  
**Resolved:** BU to contact Paula Fox to arrange a meeting – action carried forward.

**19/12 To review CIL status / payments**  
It was noted that an additional levy of £171 had been received in respect of the late payment of CIL against P16/S2687/FUL (Cedar Wood Cottage Elvendon Road).

**19/13 To consider requesting SODC to issue enforcement notices for the following:**  
Apparent business activity at 3 Lockstile Way Goring  
**Resolved:** BU to arrange a meeting with the relevant SODC/OCC officers – action carried forward.

**19/14 To note reports of action by SODC in respect of enforcement notices:**

- 1 **S18/671** Mulberry Croft Limetree Road Goring: Without planning permission the erection of a fence over 1 metre high adjacent to a highway. 'Case closed: not expedient'
- 2 **S18/676** Nuns Acre Boathouse Thames Road Goring: Without planning permission operations to construct a cesspit/septic tank adjacent to the river. Status as at 15.04.19: Site visited 01.04.19. 'Investigation'.
- 3 **S19/47** 1 Springhill Road Goring on Thames RG8 0BY: Fence adjacent to a highway in excess of one metre in height. Status as at 15.04.19: Site visited 26.02.19. 'Monitoring'
- 4 **S19/51** Hartswood Manor Road Goring on Thames RG8 9EN: Without planning permission the material change of use of land obstruction of a footpath and erection of fence. Status as at 15.04.19: Site visited 26.02.19 Letter sent 04.03.19. 'Monitoring'
- 5 **S19/59** Haydown Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DT: Without planning permission the erection of an outbuilding outside the residential curtilage. 'Case closed: not expedient'.
- 6 **S19/161** Land to the rear of dwellings in Long Meadow and Manor Road Goring RG8 9EG: Without planning permission the material change of use of land from agriculture to residential land. Status as at 15.04.19. 'Investigation'.

All were duly noted.

**19/15 Assets of Community Value**

- 1 **Resolved:** That the Parish Council would seek to register The Miller of Mansfield as an Asset of Community Value.
- 2 It was noted that applications to register The Leatherne Bottel, The Catherine Wheel and The John Barleycorn were currently in progress.

**19/16 To consider correspondence received**  
None

**19/17 Matters for future discussion**  
None

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**19/18 Next meeting confirmed as Tuesday 28 May 2019**

MBu offered her apologies for absence as she would not be able to attend the next meeting.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.10 hrs.

**Abbreviations** (where used):

CIL	Community Infrastructure Levy	GPC	Goring on Thames Parish Council
NP	Neighbourhood Plan	OCC	Oxfordshire County Council
SODC	South Oxfordshire District Council		

Signed:

D. Brooker

Dated: 28 May 2019

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**From:** HOWELL, John  
**Sent:** 04 June 2019 17:40  
**Subject:** Planning issues - Neighbourhood Planning

To Town and Parish Councillors

As a result of the change of administration at SODC I have had a number of calls and emails concerning planning issues, specifically the status of Neighbourhood Plans should SODC chose to withdraw its draft Local Plan. For those in the distribution area of the Henley Standard concerns have also been raised in response to a report in last week's edition.

As the Government Champion for Neighbourhood Planning I am alarmed at the suggestions being made that the withdrawal of the Local Plan would render all Neighbourhood Plans null and void. This is not the case and I have set out the situation as it is below which has been verified by officials at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Whether you have a recently made Neighbourhood Plan or are in the process of developing one let me encourage you to continue.

#### **Is there cause for alarm?**

First, the South Oxfordshire Local Plan has not been withdrawn. I think it would be prudent to wait and see what actually happens before people became over-alarmed. I understand that a number of options are being considered.

#### **When can Neighbourhood Plans be prepared?**

Second, it is worth remembering that Neighbourhood Plans can be developed before, at the same time as, or after the local planning authority has produced its local plan. To that extent, the Neighbourhood Plans can exist independently where a Local Plan has not been made or has been withdrawn.

When brought into force, Neighbourhood Plans do of course become part of the development plan for the neighbourhood area. The starting point for decision making is the development plan. Even where a new Local Plan has not been produced, therefore, the Neighbourhood Plan still forms part of that development plan.

#### **How to deal with conflicts**

As the National Planning Policy Framework sets out, permission should not usually be granted where a planning application conflicts with an up-to-date development plan. The question is, therefore, how would the South Oxfordshire Development Plan be regarded?

First, conflicts between policies in the neighbourhood plan and those in the emerging local plan can arise particularly in respect of housing supply policies. Section 38(5) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that the conflict must be resolved in favour of the policy which is contained in the last document to become part of the development plan. In the absence of a new Local Plan, the last document to become part of the development plan is the Neighbourhood Plan and this should have prominence.



In these circumstances, however, you would also have to look at the housing supply figure. This is normally a five-year figure but if certain conditions (outside of arrangements made under the Growth Deal) are met this is reduced to three years.

Those conditions are:

- the neighbourhood plan became part of the development plan, or has been updated, two years or less before the date on which the decision is made;
- the neighbourhood plan contains policies and allocations to meet its identified housing requirement;
- the local planning authority has at least a three year supply of deliverable housing sites, and;
- the local planning authority's housing delivery was at least 45% of that required over the previous three years.

### **Conclusions**

For these reasons, it is most unlikely that any Neighbourhood Plans would not carry full weight as a legitimate part of South Oxfordshire's Development Plan assuming there is a three-year housing land supply for new Plans. This covers the period of two years from the referendum during which period the Local Plan is expected to be in place.

Communities may 'need' to update the Plan when the Local Plan is agreed but we have set out a simpler way of doing this than having to effectively start again from scratch. Any group with a 'made' neighbourhood plan is eligible to apply for a new set of grant and technical support in order to modify their Neighbourhood Plan. There is no legal requirement to update a Neighbourhood Plan, however this would stop it becoming out-of-date against the Local Plan if there are conflicting policies.

In relation to Neighbourhood Plans which have passed their first two years or where there is no three-year housing land supply, the Plans still carry weight. It would be for an Inspector at appeal to decide on the relative weight given to the Plan and other policies which also carry weight.

So, a Neighbourhood Plan can be brought forward before an up-to-date local plan is in place. There would of course need to be discussion to agree the relationship between policies in the neighbourhood plan, the emerging local plan and the adopted development plan which will have taken place during the examination of the Neighbourhood Plan before the Local Plan had been approved.

I hope this is helpful to you. If you have any further queries to please feel free to contact me.

With best wishes  
John

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