

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL
Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7:30 pm Monday 13th 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 8th 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:

K. Bulmer

Dated: 10th June 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 4th July but not yet confirmed. The NPSG were holding exhibitions on 18th and 19th 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**

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