

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL
Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7:30 pm Monday 10th June 2019

Members Present:

Chairman	Kevin Bulmer (KB)
Vice Chairman	John Wills (JW)
Members	Bryan Urbick (BU)
	Catherine Hall (CH)
	Mary Bulmer (MBu)
	Debbie Gee (DG)
	Matthew Brown (MBr)
	David Brooker (DB)
	Lawrie Reavill (LR)
	Sonia Lofthouse (SL) from minute 19/106

Officers Present:

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

8 members of the public and press

19/103 To receive apologies for absence.

None

19/104 To receive declarations of interests

None

19/105 To consider a recommendation of the interview panel to co-opt Sonia Lofthouse to the council vacancy.

Resolved: That SL be co-opted

19/106 To receive declaration of acceptance and any declaration of interests.

Received and no declarations

19/107 To receive chairman's report and announcements.

Item brought forward

KB mentioned an article in The Telegraph regarding GM and except for one word he thought it was a fairly accurate representation. Some adverse social media comments had been made from a small minority.

19/108 Public Forum

Julia Huggins and Ed Christie were present for item 20 to answer questions if necessary

19/109 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2019.

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

19/110 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.

None

19/111 To receive a report from District Councillor Maggie Filipova-Rivers (MFR)

Item brought forward

KB welcomed Cllr Filipova-Rivers.

MFR said that things were still in flux, SODC were looking to change the Local Plan to reduce new housing figures to a minimum where possible. An extraordinary Cabinet Meeting had been set to

Signed:

K. Bulmer

Dated: 8th July 2019

discuss the result of the NP referendum. The Services Working Group were reviewing policies and were in an intense listening period. Suggestions were welcomed on budget issues and priorities. She had arranged public surgeries and the first was on 17th June between 5pm and 7pm at the parish council office. She wished to partner with parishes as far as possible. KB stated GPC would be concerned about any changes in the Local Plan that might affect NPs. MFR referred to advice that had already been circulated stating any delay should not have an effect.

19/112 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.

Noted. **Resolved:** That the Advisory Committee be disbanded

19/113 To receive a report on the NP Strategic Project for Goring CE Primary School

BU had met with the chair and vice chair of the School Governors and they are considering the next steps required.

19/114 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 and A1 referred.

One of the new bollards in the High Street had been knocked down.

Regarding the proposal for flower beds in the verge outside The Rectory Garden:

Resolved: That the proposal be agreed in principle to be worked up for quotations.

DB mentioned reports of speed issues in Wallingford Road and he was liaising with OCC.

Regarding proposal for grant funding - KB recused himself from the discussion.

Resolved: That an application be made for a grant

19/115 To receive a report from County Councillor Kevin Bulmer

Appendix B referred

19/116 To receive a report from the Police

JW said the PCSO had been in the village nearly every day. He had held a 'have your say' meeting that day and had also issued some parking tickets.

Incidents included:

16/05 Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Icknield Road, Goring. Non injury

17/05 Public Order- Road Rage incident.

25/05 Criminal Damage – Tennis Courts – notice board and window broken.

28/05 Criminal damage - Tennis courts - Railing broken, beer bottles and cigarette butts found.

30/05 Wildlife Crime

03/06 RTC Manor road. Non injury

19/117 To receive a report on Recreation Grounds issues including an update on play equipment consultation.

Appendix C referred. BU stated the consultation was being paused as per the report.

LR noted receipt of a complaint about rubbish disposal at Sheepcot and said he would look at signage. A discussion took place on general litter issues, MFR said SODC were checking daily, recycling bins were being looked at, she has asked to give parishes more control over the service and was seeking ideas.

19/118 To receive a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues

MBu said the burial ground looked immaculate, thanked CR and MW for their efforts and highlighted achievements including: the gates cleaned, driveway cleared, paddock now being

grazed, the grass cutting being done well, old bench refurbished, flowers in tubs, loose gravestones replaced, chalk tailings now going in the skip.
She noted rabbits were still an issue, but the costs of fencing were currently prohibitive.

19/119 To receive a report regarding planned events in the village

CH said the Gap Festival was changing format to be over two weekends. The Goring Gap Boat Club was holding an open day and the Surgery a talk, both on the following Saturday.

19/120 To receive an update on Goring Pre School closure

BU said he had hoped to report a new group would have taken it on, but they were still looking at it. The building is being removed in August.

19/121 To receive an update on the 'village audit'

BU said the group were planning a walk round to check progress. DB wished to recognise the work already done by GPC, for example, new bollards, planter, cleaned and painted lights on the bridge etc.

JW stated there was no Conservation Area Report this month and asked for it to be a standing agenda item.

19/122 To consider a proposal for rights of access to East Cottage via the burial ground entrance

Appendices D and D1 referred.

BU introduced his proposal, KB said he was happy to second as it had answered a lot of his initial concerns. DB said he was fundamentally opposed, that the possibility of a parallel road was irrelevant, he was concerned an agreement would be diluted, didn't think it would be enforceable, that multiple refuse, delivery and construction lorries would use it, and it would cause an obstruction.

BU explained that GPC's solicitors would look after GPC's interests, he believed having two parallel entrances would damage the appearance and that the agreement was the neighbourly thing to do. DG agreed with BU. SL noted she had experience of a shared access driveway and that clear and constructive agreement was useful regarding ownership and conditions.

The applicant confirmed refuse bins were collected from the Reading Road.

MBu said previous problems raised had been resolved but wished a clause to include sensitivity at times of funerals.

LR said that many people live in houses with access by others close to their windows, for example in a terraced row.

Resolved: That the agreement be progressed as proposed in Appendix D.

19/123 To receive a report on GPC's current policy of replacing streetlamps with LED bulbs

MBr had several concerns about LED lighting that he wished to be considered as part of any replacement policy. BU said it was a good time to review and to fine tune GPC's long-term replacement plan.

19/124 Parish Finance:

1 To approve payments for May 2019.

DG had a question on how the unmetered supply for streetlighting was worked out which was answered.

Resolved: That the payments be approved

2 To note receipts for May 2019

Noted

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

Noted.

Resolved: That the use of the operational reserve was authorised.

19/125 To consider a s.26-29 Local Government and Rating Act 1997 grant of £2,000 a year for a Community Bus Support Group

Resolved: That £2,000 be approved initially with a request for a report back on how it has gone before reconsidering repeat grants.

19/126 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of meeting held on 23rd April 2019.

Minutes received.

19/127 Correspondence

1 To note an email from John Howell MP regarding Local and Neighbourhood Plans

Noted

19/128 Matters for future discussion

For a review of any activity over 22-23 June re GM's birthday celebrations

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:11 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