

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL
Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7:30 pm Monday 8th July 2019

Members Present:

Chairman	Kevin Bulmer (KB)
Vice Chairman	John Wills (JW)
Members	Bryan Urbick (BU)
	Catherine Hall (CH)
	Mary Bulmer (MBu)
	Matthew Brown (MBr)
	Lawrie Reavill (LR)

Officers Present:

Assistant Clerk	Mike Ward (MW)
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9 members of the public and press

19/129 To receive apologies for absence.

Debbie Gee (DG)
David Brooker (DB)

19/130 To receive declarations of interests

None

19/131 Public Forum

Ned Worsley asked if the article in the Henley Standard implying that only the Gardiner Recreation ground was being considered for the play equipment was incorrect. BU confirmed that all open spaces were to be considered.

19/132 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2019

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

19/133 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda

None.

19/134 To receive Chairman's report and announcements

KB announced the result of the Neighbourhood Plan referendum: 67% in favour, 33% against, with a turnout of 50%. He offered congratulations to the former NP Committee members who surely did not expect it to take four years. The plan is technically now in force.

19/135 To receive a report from District Councillor Maggie Filipova-Rivers (MF)

MF reported that SODC would be reviewing the Neighbourhood Plan on Wednesday evening in order to make the necessary recommendation to full council for adoption on 18th July.

The Local Plan option 3 (recommendation by scrutiny) has been revised and would be presented to full council also on 18th July.

Various proposals are being worked on for the Council's climate and ecological response to be a cross-cutting theme.

The Councillor grant scheme (£5,000 each) has been approved, with the only change being that applicants will need to state the tangible impact on the community that would result from them receiving a grant.

Signed:

K. Bulmer

Dated: 12th August 2019

- 19/136 To receive a report from County Councillor Kevin Bulmer**
KB reported that the County has agreed to go carbon neutral. There will be a full council meeting on 9th July at which working with the District Councils to have a common recycling policy will be discussed.
- 19/137 To consider appointing Sonia Lofthouse to the Planning Committee**
Resolved: That Councillor Sonia Lofthouse be appointed as a member of the Planning Committee.
- 19/138 To receive a report on the NP Strategic Project for Goring CE Primary School**
DG, CH and BU are to meet with the School Governors in the coming weeks.
- 19/139 To consider reports on the NP Strategic Project for traffic management, parking and pedestrian safety in the village centre**
Now that the Neighbourhood Plan has been approved there should be CIL money available for these schemes.
- 19/140 To receive a report from the Police**
JW reported that he had been advised of the following incidents:
16/06 Fraud
18/06 Drugs seizure
20/06 Criminal damage of church window (not specified which church)
29/06 Fraud, and criminal damage of car in Manor Road
06/07 Serious assault on Hermes lorry driver in Lockstile Way
Stephanie Bridle reported there was evidence of drug taking nearby the Sheepcot Pavilion. JW to feed this back to the police.
- 19/141 To receive a report on Recreation Grounds issues**
LR asked for members' views on whether notices should be placed by the bins stating 'for incidental waste only, not domestic rubbish'; whether more bins are necessary; and whether they need emptying more frequently.
MBr felt that more notices would be unlikely to have much effect. KB asked MF if she could get any help from the District Council. MF responded that she had already approached the officers and was told that incidents should be reported to Biffa; SODC provides a basic service only, Parish Councils could do more if they wished; and there is no budget for recycling bins. KB suggested involving the SODC experts on the ground to get them to address the problems. One issue that does not seem to have been considered is the number of tourists attracted to places such as Goring which exacerbates the problem, but is not allowed for in the same 'basic service' that every community gets.
LR reported that the football club is still asking for floodlights at Sheepcot but had not come up with a professional proposal, which he had requested.
LR also stated that he would be arranging a meeting with Sports Clubs reps to assess the needs for the next four years. BU, MBr and MBu agreed to help.
- 19/142 To receive a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues**
MBu reported that there was an issue with too much clutter surrounding some of the graves, including cages placed there presumably to protect plants and flowers from rabbit damage. This made it look untidy and difficult to keep as a lawn burial ground. She proposed that the review of rules and regulations she was undertaking with BU be presented to the next meeting for approval. Then CR and MW would be asked by the Council to produce appropriate notices advising that action would be taken to ensure these rules and regulations were complied with, together with articles in Goring Gap News and Genie.

19/143 To receive a report regarding planned events in the village including a review of the weekend of 22-23 June 2019

CH said there was no official report yet concerning next year's Gap Festival but it was understood there would not be marquee and events would be staged over two weekends using existing facilities.

No issues had been reported over the weekend of 22-23 June; Stephanie Bridle reported that she gave some of the visiting George Michael fans Biffa bags and they did a good job tidying up any rubbish.

19/144 To receive a report on the Conservation Area Appraisal

The SODC Conservation Officer has this as part of her work plan for September, and will work on it with volunteers Ned Worsley and Janet Hurst.

19/145 Parish Finance:

1 To approve payments to 26th June 2019

Approved.

2 To note receipts for 26th June 2019

Noted.

3 To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 26th June 2019

Noted.

4 To review income and expenditure against budget as of 26th June 2019

Noted.

5 To consider annual review of fees and charges

BU reported that the proposal was for an increase of 3% in line with RPI.

Resolved: That the fees and charges be increased as per Appendix E presented at the meeting.

19/146 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of meeting held on 28th May 2019

Minutes received.

19/147 Matters for future discussion

CH reported that a company called Gigaclear was asking Parish Councils if they wished to express an interest in their services. KB asked CH/MBr to investigate and report back at the next meeting. LR asked that Neighbourhood Plan celebrations be included as an agenda item for the next meeting.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:20 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