

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL
Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7:30 pm Monday 9th September 2019

Members Present:

Chairman	Kevin Bulmer (KB)
Members	Bryan Urbick (BU)
	Matthew Brown (MBr)
	Sonia Lofthouse (SL)
	Catherine Hall (CH)

Officers Present:

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

10 members of the public and press

19/178 To receive apologies for absence.

Debbie Gee (DG), Mary Bulmer (MBu), Lawrie Reavill (LR), David Brooker (DB), John Wills (JW)

19/179 To receive declarations of interests

None

19/180 Public Forum

A resident commented on litter, stating the village needed larger bins or more frequent collections.

BU reported that GPC are discussing options with SODC and the Ward Councillor (MFR) to do a proper audit and for SODC to accept responsibility.

Another resident asked if GPC had considered taking the responsibility from SODC. CR said that had been done in the past but SODC unilaterally took responsibility back and stopped any grants. The larger contractors (i.e. Biffa and Grundon) had not been interested in bidding for GPC's small contract when put out to tender.

Other residents commented on shredded plastic in recycled compost on local fields, it was believed this originated from SODC's waste collections.

A resident asked councillors to reconsider their decision about a beech hedge outside The Rectory Garden which would be difficult to maintain.

Another resident asked councillors to reconsider their decision about cages at the burial ground saying they do not affect mowing. BU and KB explained the issues and sensitivities that would be taken into account when contacting grave owners.

19/181 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 12th August 2019

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

19/182 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda

None.

19/183 To receive Chairman's report and announcements

None

19/184 To receive a report from District Councillor Maggie Filipova-Rivers (MFR)

Appendix A refers.

MFR said the cabinet member for Housing and Environment was available to attend the next GPC meeting if agreed, to discuss civil parking enforcement and recycling bins. KB confirmed he would be welcome and that it should be added to the agenda.

Signed:

K. Bulmer

Dated: 14th October 2019

- 19/185 To receive a report from County Councillor Kevin Bulmer**
KB restated that he is seconding a motion regarding the proposed third bridge at Reading and the lack of cross border co-operation on infrastructure in Oxfordshire.
- 19/186 To consider whether to replace defective 30mph radar signs on Wallingford Road**
Appendix B refers
MW added that the current signs had been there at least 15 years and were not economic to repair.
KB noted that every traffic survey he knew of had shown no speed problem.
BU explained the South Stoke Parish Council had purchased a portable sign which also gathers speed data for approx. £2,000.
MFR stated no applications had yet been received for her discretionary £5,000 grant.
Resolved: To table the issue until after the budget meeting.

Standing Items:

- 19/187 To receive a report on the NP Strategic Project for Goring CE Primary School**
No update since the last meeting
- 19/188 To consider a report on the NP Strategic Project for traffic management, parking and pedestrian safety in the village centre**
Appendix C refers.
Report received.
- 19/189 To receive a report from the Police**
None despite a request to the police.
- 19/190 To receive a report on Recreation Grounds issues**
Appendix D refers.
Resolved: To include the potential croquet lawn request with the wider equipment consultation
- 19/191 To receive a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues**
None
- 19/192 To receive a report regarding planned events in the village**
None
- 19/193 To receive a report on the Conservation Area Appraisal**
CH reported work had been done on mapping and note taking with more to be done in October.
- 19/194 Parish Finance:**
- 1 To approve payments for August 2019**
Resolved: That the payments be approved
 - 2 To note receipts for August 2019**
Noted.
 - 3 To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 31st August 2019**
Noted.
 - 4 To confirm previous decision to receive all CIL monies due to the parish council rather than them be retained by SODC (confirmation requested by SODC).**
Resolved: To confirm the previous decision to receive monies as due.

5 To consider re-appointment of Arrow Accounting as Internal Auditor for 2019-20

Resolved: To re-appoint Arrow Accounting

6 To consider renewal insurance cover is appropriate (year 3 of 3-year agreement) as detailed in attached schedule

Appendix I refers

Resolved: That the insurance is appropriate and to renew

19/195 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of meeting held on 23 July 2019

Minutes received.

19/196 Matters for future discussion

BU asked for a discussion at the next meeting on a proposal received from a resident about a Street Play Zone

19/197 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

19/198 To consider quotes for installation of bollards at the Community Centre Car Park

Resolved: To award the contract to Paul F Carter

19/199 To consider quotes for gas appliances at Sheepcot Pavilion

Postponed – only one quote received to date.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:10 pm

Abbreviations (where used):

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