

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

Members Present:

Chairman	Kevin Bulmer (KB)
Members	Bryan Urbick (BU) Debbie Gee (DG) Catherine Hall (CH) Lawrie Reavill (LR) David Brooker (DB) Sonia Lofthouse (SL)

Officers Present:

Assistant Clerk	Mike Ward (MW)
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Up to 12 members of the public

19/256 To receive apologies for absence.

John Wills (JW), Matthew Brown (MBr), Mary Bulmer (MBu)

19/257 To receive declarations of interests

None

19/258 Public Forum

One member of the public requested that files from the old Goring Parish Council website be uploaded to the new website.

One member of the public asked that the Parish Council approve a grant to match fund the £800 recently raised by MIGGS to support the Readibus service for another year.

19/259 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2019

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

19/260 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda

None.

19/261 To receive Chairman's report and announcements

Nothing to report.

19/262 To receive a report from District Councillor Maggie Filipova-Rivers (MFR)

MFR reminded the Council that the deadline for responses to the survey sent out to Clerks & Chairmen concerning Town & Parish forums is 16th December 2019.

Free parking is being offered on some dates in SODC car parks in the run up to Christmas in an effort to attract local shoppers.

MFR thanked the Councillors for the welcome and collaboration she has received since being elected.

19/263 To receive a report from County Councillor Kevin Bulmer

The Pensions Committee has had a meeting with various representatives discussing climate change. A statement will be issued shortly.

19/264 Correspondence:

To consider a request from MIGGS for a match funding grant of £800 for Readibus in the financial year 2020-21 (draft budget provision is £1,800 for transport grants).

Resolved: to be ratified under agenda item 19.4 (Budget).

Signed:

Dated: 9th December 2019

19/265 To review the following planning applications:

- 1. P19/S3011/FUL 3 Elmcroft Goring RG8 9EU** Variation of condition 2 (drawings) – alteration of design of the dwellings on application ref. P19/S2900/FUL

The Councillors considered the plans to be confusing and misleading, the main change seeming to be the loss of a parking place.

Resolved: That GPC Objects for the following reasons: Overdevelopment. This amendment does not satisfactorily address the previous objection to P18/S2900/FUL on the grounds of parking; removing one of the parking spaces implies more on-street parking which merely exacerbates the potential access problems for the neighbours.

- 2. P19/S2950/HH Chalfont Croft Road Goring RG8 9ES** Demolition of existing garage and additions of x2 storey side extension and single storey rear extension, new car port and boundary walls. Revisions to parking surfaces and layout to front of property. (As amended by drawings PL002B, PL003B and PL004C to remove the car port, front boundary walls and alter materials to proposed extensions received on 19/11/2019.)

The Councillors considered that their original concerns had not been addressed at all by the amended plans.

Resolved: That GPC Objects for the following reasons: The amended plans do not address the previous objections.

19/266 To discuss what we might, as villagers, do to pre-empt flooding, alert people, plan, and avoid damage

It was noted the Streatley has a plan and Goring's plan needs to be coordinated with that.

Resolved: That BU review the current situation and report back to the next meeting.

Standing Items:

19/267 To receive a report on the NP Strategic Project for Goring CE Primary School
Nothing to report.

19/268 To consider a report on the NP Strategic Project for traffic management, parking and pedestrian safety in the village centre
Appendix A refers.
One member of the public raised concerns over traffic in the High Street. She was reassured that strenuous efforts have been and continue to be made to get something done about it. KB is to propose a motion to Council in February that all HGVs should be banned from coming through Goring. DB noted that sponsorship for the additional planter in High Street has been secured. The report was noted.

19/269 To receive a report from the Police
No report received.

19/270 To receive a report on Recreation Grounds issues
LR reported that the showers at Sheepcot Pavilion are back in operation. He suggested that cuprinol could be applied to the cover the remaining graffiti on the bench at the Bourdillon Recreation Ground.
LR also noted that we are still awaiting responses from the Sports Clubs before we can go any further forward with plans for the Sheepcot Pavilion. The Tennis Club is considering adding

toilets to their block at the Sheepcot Field. They will need to seek Council's permission before submitting a planning application for this.

19/271 To receive a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues

Nothing to report.

19/272 To receive a report regarding planned events in the village

Nothing to report.

19/273 To receive a report on the Conservation Area Appraisal

CH reported work has started. Once suitable documents have been drawn up, expected to be by the summer 2020, they will then need to be approved by SODC and will be subject to a six-month consultation process. Following that various procedures need to be followed before the Appraisal can be adopted. The whole process is expected to take between 18 months and 2 years.

19/274 Parish Finance:

1 To approved payments for October and November 2019 (Appendices B and C refer)

Resolved: That the payments be approved.

2 To note receipts for October and November 2019 (Appendices D and E refer)

Duly noted.

3 To note receipts for October and November 2019 (Appendix F refers)

Duly noted.

4 To consider a revised budget for 2019-20 and to agree a budget and precept for the financial year 2020-21, as proposed at the last meeting (Appendix G refers)

It was noted that the budget for 2020-21 included £800 provision for the matched funding for Readibus, in accordance with the request from MIGGS.

Resolved: That the revised budget for 2019-20 and the budget and precept for the financial year 2020-21, as proposed at the last meeting, were all approved.

19/275 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of meeting held on 29th October 2019

Minutes received.

19/276 Matters for future discussion

None.

CH asked that thanks to John Boler and MIGGS be recorded for their achievement in getting GWR to employ a team of ten people to provide mobile assistance to those needing help getting on and off trains, including at Goring station. A launch ceremony for this new service had been held at the station on 6th December.

19/277 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 public be so excluded.

1 To consider appointments of new staff.

Resolved: That the new staff be appointed as per the recommendations of the interview panel. BU to arrange contracts and handover dates.

2 To consider a further confidential matter.

Resolved: That the person nominated by the requisite number of Parishioners to receive the Freedom of the Village award be asked if they would accept it.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Abbreviations (where used):

CA	Conservation Area
CIL	Community Infrastructure Levy
CEP	Civil Enforcement Powers
GiB	Goring on Thames in Bloom/Goring Gap 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