

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL
Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7:30 pm Monday 11th November 2019

Members Present:

Chairman	John Wills (JW)
Members	Bryan Urbick (BU) Debbie Gee (DG) Catherine Hall (CH) Lawrie Reavill (LR) David Brooker (DB)

Officers Present:

Assistant Clerk	Mike Ward (MW)
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Up to 5 members of the public

19/231 To receive apologies for absence.

Kevin Bulmer (KB), Matthew Brown (MBr), Sonia Lofthouse (SL), Mary Bulmer (MBu)

19/232 To receive declarations of interests

None

19/233 Public Forum

No issues raised.

19/234 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 14th October 2019

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

19/235 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda

None.

19/236 To receive Chairman's report and announcements

The Chairman advised that The Clerk will be retiring on January 31st but is currently on leave so a more formal announcement will be made when he is present.

He congratulated Goring in Bloom for winning the Gold Award and the National Award for the small town's category. There was a round of applause. BU/MW to send an official letter of appreciation.

19/237 To receive a report from District Councillor Maggie Filipova-Rivers (MFR)

Appendix A refers.

MFR noted that some progress has been made on Civil Enforcement Powers. DB asked if MFR would support KB's proposed motion to council concerning banning HGV's from Goring.

19/238 To receive a report from County Councillor Kevin Bulmer

Appendix B refers. Nothing further to report.

19/239 Correspondence:

None received.

19/240 To consider a appointing a Councillor to coordinate the village litter picks

It was clarified that the requirement is for someone to liaise with SODC to get the appropriate equipment; make sure there is appropriate publicity for the events (twice a year) and to arrange collection of the rubbish afterwards.

Signed:

Dated: 9th December 2019

Resolved: That DG be appointed and to liaise with Maureen Whitcher.

19/241 To consider additional dog waste bins

Item deferred to next meeting.

19/242 To consider options for legionella control at the sports pavilions

Resolved: To appoint SMS Environmental Ltd to do this work, subject to the charge being no more than £550 plus VAT for the current year.

19/243 To consider a servicing agreement for water pumps at Gardiner Pavilion

It was noted that if this servicing was not done correctly, the pumps could be damaged costing up to £9,000 to replace them.

Resolved: To appoint WRM Plumbing & Heating Ltd to do this work, subject to the charge being no more than £200 plus VAT for the current year.

19/244 To consider offering a 3 or 5 year lease for the Paddock at Whitehill Burial Ground to the current tenant Jonathan Steward

Resolved: To offer a 3 year lease.

Standing Items:

19/245 To receive a report on the NP Strategic Project for Goring CE Primary School

Awaiting school to confirm next steps; expected within the next six months.

19/246 To consider a report on the NP Strategic Project for traffic management, parking and pedestrian safety in the village centre

Appendix C refers.

The order has been placed with Glanvilles to develop the High Street improvement plans. There was some discussion over potential sponsorship of an additional planter in High Street.

Resolved: DB to pursue the matter further.

19/247 To receive a report from the Police

07/10/2019 Theft of garden furniture

10/10/2019 Criminal damage at Flint House Police Rehabilitation Centre

14/10/2019 Neighbourly dispute – two assaults

21/10/2019 Playground criminal damage

3/11/2010 Drug offences

19/248 To receive a report on Recreation Grounds issues

LR reported that there had been graffiti at the Bourdillon Recreation Ground. Although repairs had been initiated, concern was expressed that this might not be sufficient. MW was asked to check.

The revised date for replacement of the Sheepcot Pavilion boilers is the week commencing 25th November.

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.

A member of the public questioned what was happening about the children's play areas. BU confirmed that the 8 week consultation was expected to be opened in December.

19/249 To receive a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues

It was noted with thanks that Greenfingers had re-planted the tubs.

- 19/250 To receive a report regarding planned events in the village**
CH reported that preparations for next year's Goring Gap Festival are well under way. They are requesting £4,000 assistance from the Parish Council. This will be considered as part of the process of finalising the budget for approval at the next meeting.
- 19/251 To receive a report on the Conservation Area Appraisal**
CH reported that three different people are now working on it, but it is a lengthy process due to the huge amount of work involved.
- 19/252 Parish Finance:**
- 1 Reports for October and November will be available at the next meeting**
 - 2 To consider a draft budget for 2020-21**
No comments; to be approved at the next meeting. BU requested Goring In Bloom to send details of what assistance they would need now that they have confirmed they will be entering the national finals next year.
- 19/253 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of meeting held on 24th September 2019**
Minutes received.
- 19/254 Matters for future discussion**
None.
- 19/255 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.**
None.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Abbreviations (where used):

CA	Conservation Area
CIL	Community Infrastructure Levy
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