

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL
Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7:30 pm Monday 10th February 2020

Members Present:

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

Officers Present:

Assistant Clerk	Mike Ward (MW)
Assistant Clerk	Samantha Jones (SJ)
District Councillor	Maggie Filipova-Rivers (MFR)
Up to 25 members of the public	

20/01 To receive apologies for absence.

Debbie Gee (DG), Sonia Lofthouse (SL)

20/02 To receive declarations of interests

BU declared an interest in the Finance Reports as they were prepared by him as Acting Clerk at present.

20/03 Public Forum

A member of the public requested an update on a previous request made November 2019 regarding the improvement of the children's playgrounds in Goring. BU confirmed this would be addressed in the coming weeks.

There was much discussion about the concerns raised by the public regarding speeding along Wallingford Road near Cleeve crossroads. The concerns included possible provision of traffic calming measures and lower speed restrictions.

Resolved: The Councillors agreed to arrange a speed survey to be carried out to identify what further actions could be pursued. (BU)

20/04 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2019

Resolved: The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

20/05 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda

None.

20/06 To receive Chairman's report and announcements

KB has been away since Christmas so nothing to report.

20/07 To consider a report on the retirement of the previous Parish Clerk

BU thanked Colin Ratcliff for his achievements and accomplishments in his time undertaking the Clerk role and wished him well in his retirement.

Resolved: The report was accepted.

20/08 To consider a report on the temporary appointment of Cllr. Bryan Urbick as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (unpaid) as permitted by s.112 (5) Local Government Act 1972 (KB) and other staff issues.

BU summarised that the previously approved Clerk appointment was subsequently declined by the person it had been offered to due to personal reasons. Samantha Jones was introduced as a new Assistant Clerk and Mike Ward will continue in his role as Assistant Clerk.

Resolved: The report was accepted and Cllr. Bryan Urbick's temporary appointment as Clerk was approved. BU was thanked by MBr for standing in.

Colin Ratcliff will be available to provide support on an ad-hoc consultancy basis.

Parish Council Office opening hours to the public will be revised as follows: Tuesdays 10:00 to 13:00 hrs and Thursdays 10:00 to 13:00 hrs.

20/09 To receive a report from District Councillor Maggie Filipova-Rivers (MFR) (Appendix A)

MFR reported the County Council vote tomorrow on whether they will take over the management of the Local Plan, the Secretary of State will review the decision thereafter. There is a budget to review SODC income generation currently underway as the current financial situation is difficult. SODC are inviting the public to view their plans for their new offices at Crowmarsh Gifford (the previous ones burnt down). Civil parking enforcement is currently missing from the SODC budget for 2020, MFR is following up to understand why it is not included but has been assured by SODC the item is moving along.

20/10 To receive a report from County Councillor Kevin Bulmer

Nothing to report.

20/11 Correspondence:

1. To consider a request for a mirror on Reading Road (C1) – the process for this kind of installation is to be reviewed with Highways – SJ/MW/BU to review.

2. To consider an email regarding winter clearance of the village (C2) – Resolved: Biffa has confirmed via OCC that they will carry out this cleaning.

3. To consider a request to remove / relocate a streetlamp in Thames Road and provide an opinion to OCC on parking issues (C3)

Streetlamp removal / relocation

Resolved: Councillors all agreed they are not in favour of relocating the streetlamp. A member of the public said residents of Thames Road would be pleased with the outcome. The Clerk to advise those who had made the request.

Suspension of parking in OCC – A member of the public requested the building works be granted temporary parking to avoid further issues along that section of road and easing congestion.

Another member of the public said they were against a temporary suspension of parking in case it became permanent. A member of the public reported 10 vehicles have been seen there delivering concrete and that these deliveries were being managed adequately.

Concerns regarding the safety of the pavement caused by damage through the building works was discussed.

Resolved: Councillors all agreed they are not in favour of having a temporary suspension and rejected this proposal.

4. To consider a request for a speed survey on Wallingford Road (C4)

Resolved: The proposal was approved by all Councillors and is to be arranged.

20/12

To review the following planning applications:

1. P20/S0107/HH Luffield House 85A Wallingford Road Goring RG8 0HL: Proposed oak frame two bay car port

Resolved: GPC has no objections

2. P19/S4571/FUL Land Adjacent to Pips Barn Gatehampton Road Goring RG8 9LU Barn for B1 use

The Councillors were concerned that a previous application for a barn conversion into a house had been submitted on the basis there was no requirement for a barn on this site.

Resolved: GPC Objects for the following reasons: It was agreed that one of the councillors would check the planning policy and circulate to the planning committee members the reasons to be included in the response.

- 20/13 To discuss the criteria for dealing with matters that would normally fall outside o GPC's remit (DB)**
It was suggested that BU and MBr consider listing issues on the website so that members of the public could see the current status.
- 20/14 To consider agreement to terms for the sale and purchase of the telephone kiosk outside the post office building, High Street (Appendix C referred)**
Resolved: Proposal to purchase the kiosk was agreed by all Councillors.
- 20/15 To consider a proposal for the scheduling of the next litter pick to be on Saturday 25th April and delegate all finalisation details to Cllr. Lofthouse and the Clerk (BU).**
Resolved: All Councillors agreed the proposal.
- 20/16 To consider a proposal to amend the agreement for the lease of the Paddock to allow the shelter to be raised up to six feet in height (SJ)**
Resolved: All Councillors agreed this proposal. SJ to confirm to the lessees.
- 20/17 To consider a report on IT equipment (BU) (Appendix D referred)**
Resolved: All Councillors agreed the proposal
- 20/18 To consider requesting OCC Highways to introduce double yellow lines for 20m along Lockstile Way from the junction with Wallingford Road (DB)**
Resolved: All Councillors agreed the request should proceed. DB to take forward

Standing Items:

- 20/19 To receive a report on the NP Strategic Project for Goring CE Primary School (BU)**
Nothing to report.
- 20/20 To receive a report on the NP Strategic Project for traffic management, parking and pedestrian safety in the village centre (DB) (Appendix E referred)**
The report was noted.
- 20/21 To receive a report from the Police (JW)**
JW reported he had received two months reports from the Police as follows:
1/12/19 Two bikes stolen
3/12/19 Report of cold callers
8/12/19 Report of cold callers
12/12/19 Vehicle blocking road
16/12/19 Report of Banking protocol
17/12/19 Rogue traders
20/12/19 ASB – youths smoking weed in Orchard car park
28/12/19 Hare coursing
28/12/19 Assault
30/12/19 Burglary
03/01/20 Assault
06/01/20 Burglary (happened in Nov)
24/01/20 Adult protection

- 20/22 To receive a report on the Recreation Grounds (LR)**
 LR reported the Football Club’s proposal for the refit of Sheepcot Pavilion is in progress. Mobile goalposts are being used.
 The Tennis Club confirmed they would like to retain use of their current block but require a toilet to be added. A proposal to formally consider whether this is agreed in principle by GPC for the Tennis Club to submit a planning application will be added to the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.
- 20/23 To receive a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues (MBu)**
 MBu reported the driveway to the burial ground has had a lot of vehicle use and is very muddy due to the building works being carried out at East Cottage. The Parish Council continues to liaise with the owner of East Cottage to monitor the burial ground driveway.
- 20/24 To receive a report regarding planned events in the village (CH)**
 This year’s GAP Festival is starting to be advertised.
- 20/25 To receive a report on the Conservation Area Appraisal (CH/JW)**
 The first survey should be complete by next month.
- 20/26 Parish Finance:**
- 1** To approve payments for December 2019 (Appendix F referred)
Resolved: That the payments be approved.
 - 2** To note receipts for December 2019 (Appendix G referred)
 Duly noted.
 - 3** To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 31 December 2019 (Appendix H referred)
 Duly noted.
 - 4** To consider proposed amendments to the current budget for 2019-20 (BU) (Appendix I referred)
Resolved: That the budget amendments be approved.
 - 5** To consider approval for Cllr. Urbick to have online banking access to GPC’s two TSB bank accounts and to approve that the previous clerk may continue to have access to conduct online banking on GPC’s behalf only if and when requested in writing, until such time as the changeover is effective.
Resolved: That the proposal be approved.
- 20/27 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of meetings held on 26st November 2019 and 17th December 2019**
 Minutes received.
- 20/28 Matters for future discussion**
 LR requested an agenda item for next meeting for the street play zone proposal.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Abbreviations (where used):

CIL	Community Infrastructure Levy
CEP	Civil Enforcement Powers
GPC	Goring on Thames Parish Council
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
OCC	Oxfordshire County Council
SODC	South Oxfordshire District Council