



# GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of the Goring On Thames Parish Council Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7:30pm

### Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting

MoP1: No mailchimp circulating the meeting.

MoP3: Asked for notable outcomes from having the Volunteer Coordinator. The Clerk gave details regarding number of calls and numbers of registered volunteers.

MoP4: Gave details of their involvement with the Goring Primary School and the Governors, and asked that there be a specific meeting with the Cllrs involved with the School topic, CH, BU & DG

### Members Present:

Chairman	Cllr Kevin Bulmer (KB)
Vice Chairman	Cllr John Wills (JW)
Members	Cllr Bryan Urbick (BU)
	Cllr Catherine Hall (CH)
	Cllr Laurie Reavill (LR)
	Cllr David Brooker (DB)
	Cllr Sonia Lofthouse (SL)
	Cllr Matthew Brown (MBo)
	Cllr Mary Bulmer (MBu)

### Officers Present:

Clerk	Laura White (LW)
Assistant Clerk	Samantha Jones (SJ)
Assistant Clerk	Michael Ward (MW)
<b>Public and Press:</b>	Total: 5

### Meeting started 19:33

#### **20.01.1. To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given. (LGA 1972 s85(1))**

None Received. Debbie Gee Absent

#### **20.01.2. Declarations of Interests (LA 2011 s31)**

None Received.

#### **20.01.3. To approve the minutes of previous council meetings**

##### **20.01.3.1. Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**Resolved:** Approved, by majority.

##### **20.01.3.2. Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020**

**Resolved:** Approved, by majority.

#### **20.01.4. Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda**

JW: Said we would arrange a traffic survey in the Wallingford Road – BU, GPC reached out to do that, but best to wait until this is over as the traffic is not at normal levels.

JW: Organising a mirror on the Reading Road.

#### **20.01.5. To receive Chairman's report and announcements**

KB: Welcome to the new Clerk, leading the team, and thanks to the job BU did in the interim.

The council has been doing a lot of work behind the scenes regarding the COVID 19 response, and thank you to the Clerk team, the new Volunteer coordinator and the volunteers.

#### **20.01.6. To receive Clerk's Report**

It was confirmed which member of staff has been furloughed.

##### **20.01.6.1. To formally approve the decisions made whilst meetings were suspended.**

**Resolved:** Approved, by majority.

#### **20.01.7. Property Report (SJ)**

##### **20.01.7.1. To approve spend up to a maximum of £2400 to complete the priority 1 tree maintenance.**

**Resolved:** Approved, by majority.

##### **20.01.7.2. To approve spend up to a maximum of £2300 for ongoing management of the environmental conditions of buildings at both Gardiner and Sheepcot, subsequent to councillor approval of the management agreement.**

It was asked, and confirmed it was the intention, that if the works are carried out during the lockdown, would the building then be "stable" for when the buildings reopened. There will be ongoing works related to keeping on top of the maintenance of the buildings. It was confirmed there were minor amendments still outstanding on the current suppliers report.

**Resolved:** Approved, by majority.

#### **20.01.8. To consider a proposal from the tennis club for a separate toilet to be built within the Tennis Court Pavilion at Sheepcot Recreation Ground (LR)**

**Motion:** Approve the principle of the addition of a toilet to the pavilion, but require to see the drawings prior to the planning application submission.

**Resolved:** Approved, to inform the Tennis Club as per the motion and to explain concern about the appearance of existing proposal, Unanimous.

#### **20.01.9. To receive reports from the representatives of Oxfordshire County Council and South Oxfordshire District Council**

##### **20.01.9.1. County Councillor K Bulmer**

Verbal report given: Lots being done at OCC, with over £1m spent and lots more as the [COVID-19] situation goes on. Public health is very important and this has been shown by the current crisis, and OCC is responsible for PH in this area.

First virtual meeting of OCC has been held. Next one already planned for June.

##### **20.01.9.2. District Councillor M Filipova-Rivers (MFR)**

Verbal report given: Again at SODC lots is going on, and the situation changes daily. Emergency response is being coordinated through the local resilience forum, and councillors are being side-lined for this purpose.

Other services are being supported by a skeleton staff to keep essential services running, and using delegated authority where it can be used, after consultation with councillors.

The community volunteers are supporting the shielded and thanks to the parishes and community groups, special thanks to Goring as one of the better ones

Committee meetings are going to start soon, using the virtual platforms, as meetings go on, these will be improved based on feedback and hopefully will get better public participation as the process is used and meetings are being held

At district and county, there will be shortfalls in funding mainly due to loss of income (leisure centres closed, parking charges suspended etc) and back tracking on previously government proposed funding. But will update on this as data is available.

KB reiterated the funding holes due to the COVID19 crisis response at OCC.

It was asked of MFR if the process for the civil enforcement powers were continuing, with MFR confirming: projects such as these are being paused, but this project has a lot of players, therefore all stakeholders need to push this project at the same time.

**20.01.10. To receive a report on the NP Strategic Project for Goring CE Primary School (BU)**

To organise a meeting with parent governor, BU, DG, & CH and feedback at the July virtual meeting.

**20.01.11. To consider a report on the NP Strategic Project for traffic management, parking and pedestrian safety in the village centre including the purchase of a new planter (DB)**

OCC have sent an email asking as to how GPC would like to go forwards. DB still waiting for a price for the works on the High Street.

The planter will go outside the Goring Grocer, the funds have been received from Simple Human, to agree the Plaque content **Action BU**.

**20.01.12. To receive a report from the police (JW)**

The only notifiable offences are:

23/04 Stolen vehicle

24/04 Dangerous dog

03/05 Shoplifting x2 from Tesco.

**20.01.13. To receive a report on Recreation Grounds Issues (LR)**

Little formal activity, there has been large numbers of people using the recreation facilities, but quiet other than that. Only exercises to be sanctioned by the government is tennis with members of your home.

**20.01.14. To receive a report on White Hill Burial Ground Issues (MBu)**

Thanks to the previous clerk for their efforts and to the Assistant Clerk who has now picked it up.

Grass Cutting – the clippings are not currently removed, and may need additional cuts, BU has indicated there may be budget available for this, but it will need to be monitored over the year.

Hedges – this year will not be cut until October, ask that there is an additional cut earlier in the year going forward.

East Cottage – once the works are finished, KB, MBu and SJ will review the access road and ensure it is put back to original condition.

Flowers – will be redone by green fingers in the next few weeks

Letters – to go out to plot owners, whom are not keeping the memorials tidy as per the regulations.

Bench – requested by the sister of a recently deceased Goring resident, SJ to investigate

**20.01.15. To consider a report regarding planned events in the village (CH)**

All on hold, nothing to report.

**20.01.16. To consider a report on the Conservation Area Appraisal**

On hold – cannot progress at the moment.

**20.01.17. Finance FY 2019/2020**

**20.01.17.1. To approve finalised payment schedules for January, February and March 2020.**

**Resolved:** Approved, by majority.

**20.01.17.2. To note receipts for January, February and March 2020**

**Resolved:** Noted, by majority.

**20.01.17.3. To note the reconciled bank account and reserves balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

**Resolved:** Noted, by majority.

**20.01.17.4. To approve revised budget for 2019/2020**

**Resolved:** Approved, by majority.

**20.01.18. Matters for future discussion.**

Request for more dog waste bins – to date Environmental Health has, who pushed back to county and now that contact line has dies off. Issue to be picked up again. It was suggested to ask where local dogwalkers think there should be bins locations. Discussion on cost of the dog waste emptying, and its incremental costs over the next two years SJ to investigate other suppliers.

As people are now cycling a lot more, it is evident a lot of people are not aware that bicycles should not be using the pavements – suggestion of a map showing where cycles can be used.

Play Equipment – SJ working on some information to bring back to the council.

**20.01.19. To confirm the time and date of the next meeting: Virtual Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020.**

**Meeting closed 20:42**