

MINUTES OF THE GORING ON THAMES PARISH ANNUAL MEETING
Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7.00 pm Monday 8 April 2019

Members of the Parish Council Present:

Chairman	Kevin Bulmer (KB)
Vice Chairman	John Wills (JW)
Members	Lawrie Reavill (LR)
	Catherine Hall (CH)
	Mary Bulmer (MBu)
	Bryan Urbick (BU)
	Debbie Gee (DG)

Officers Present:

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

Approximately 26 members of the public and press

19/1 Chairman's welcome

KB welcomed those present and reminded them of the purpose of a Parish Annual Meeting.

19/2 Minutes of the meeting held on 9 April 2018

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

19/3 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda

None

19/4 Annual Report incorporating District and County Councillor's report and reports from local organisations

Copies of all reports appended to the minutes.

KB ran through his report with other contributions in the order below:

Chairman's report

New Play Equipment (KB pp MBu), KB added that consultations would also include the Conservation Area Officer and that the recent GM consultation demonstrated GPC take such village consultations seriously.

Martin Smith asked that councillors also look at Blewbury, Harwell and Flint House for ideas.

Get Involved Fair, Strategic Project for School, Gardiner Pavilion, Consultation on Recurring George Michael Event, Conservation Area Appraisal, Assistant Clerk (BU)

Planning report (KB pp David Brooker) KB amended the word 'when' in the last paragraph to 'if' and noted SODC only pay CIL twice a year so none was owed.

Railway Action Group report (Ron Bridle pp Ian Haslam) Significant events had happened since Ian's report was written but they could not be discussed at that time, he hoped they would be reported in GENIE during the following week.

Neighbourhood Plan report (David Wilkins) He stated events had moved on since the report; that afternoon the Examiner's Report had been received. DW highlighted the following:

The Examiner said, 'I commend the Draft NDP for being well written, logical, clear, appropriately concise and intelligible to a reasonably intelligent lay reader'.

He was positive about the support for walking, cycling and public transport, for heritage assets and a Conservation Area Appraisal. He was satisfied with the consultation process.

Signed:

B. Urbick
Chair, Parish Council

Dated: 31 May 2022

The Examiner accepted that Goring being in an AONB, was not liable to the same conditions as a community not in an AONB and that it was up to SODC to determine where additional development took place. The 94 houses were approved as an appropriate number for the housing need. This is well below that in the emerging local plan.

He accepted the four sites put forward as appropriate subject to the strict conditions listed for each which he also accepted.

He felt that there was nonetheless sufficient uncertainty of the Plan meeting the number of houses proposed for him to recommend a reserve site (GNP8) on condition that it would be called on only if in five years' time it was evident that the 94 houses would not be completed in the period covered by the Plan. He did not recommend any other changes to the plan.

The next stage was for the Plan to be modified in line with the Examiner's report. SODC then has up to five weeks to decide if it accepts the Plan or not and if it does, then to move to a village referendum, potentially in early July.

MIGGS report (John Boler) He updated that an OCC officer failed to turn up for a recent meeting with him and KB regarding resurfacing of Wallingford Road Pavement, KB is trying to find out why. Item 7 – MIGGS were unsuccessful in a bid for a £10,000 grant. Item 5 – The Government has just announced a national consultation on parking on pavements. KB noted this had been a particularly successful year for MIGGS and GPC regarding the Wallingford Road Pavement widening which had been going since 2013.

Goring on Thames in Bloom report (Stephanie Bridle) She updated that the grant bid to NWR and GWR was unsuccessful, but GiB were negotiating with a German company doing work at the station over support for two new beds.

District Council report (KB)

County Council Report (KB)

Trees - KB noted ongoing maintenance work had taken place and that full surveys were done every three to five years.

Burial Ground (KB) He added there was an ongoing problem with rabbits and potential solutions were being investigated.

Going Forward Buses (KB)

Readibus (KB)

There were no other organisation reports.

19/5 Public Forum

Martin Smith asked for the NWR boundary on the footpath from the railway bridge towards the school to be cleared of overgrowth. KB said GPC remind them each year and would do so again. The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 1952 hrs

Abbreviations (where used)

GENIE	Gap Electronic News & Information Exchange
GiB	Goring on Thames in Bloom
GM	George Michael
GPC	Goring on Thames Parish Council
GWR	Great Western Railway
MIGGS	Mobility Issues Group for Goring and Streatley
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
NWR	Network Rail
OCC	Oxfordshire County Council
RAG	Railway Action Group
SODC	South Oxfordshire District Council