

GORING PARISH COUNCIL

We aim to serve in the best interests of our community

Minutes

of the Parish Annual Meeting, held on Wednesday 20th April 2011 at 7:30pm at Storton Lodge, Goring

Present

Cllr Alan Strong, Chairman of the meeting, and parish councillors , Kevin Bulmer, Peter Mortimer, Laurie Reavill, John Wills and Mathew Brown; also District Councillors Ann Ducker and Pearl Slatter and County Councillor Dave Sexon plus 9 other members of the public.

Peter Clegg, clerk

1 Chairman's welcome.

The Chairman welcomed all present and because he knew that both the District and County Councillors had to attend other Parish Council meetings he invited them to make their reports first thus enabling them to move on to their next meeting.

2 District Councillor's report see Appendix A

3 County Councillor's report see Appendix B

4 The Chairman thanked District Councillors Ann Ducker and Pearl Slatter and County Councillor Dave Sexon for their reports. They then left the meeting to attend another Parish meeting.

5 Minutes of meeting held on 12th April 2010

The minutes, having been displayed on the parish council website, and distributed immediately before the meeting, were approved as presented.

6 Matters arising from those minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes

7 Annual report of the council see Appendix C

The Chairman summarised the annual report and advised the meeting that 7 nominations had been received for the Council in the forthcoming elections in May. Although there were a total of 13 places available he felt that this was too many and he would recommend that The Parish Council ask SODC to reduce the number to 10. He anticipated that the Council would consider dissolving the F&A and E&R Committees and holding Full Council meetings monthly. This would actually enable all the business previously conducted by F&A and E&R to be carried out more efficiently as these two committees only met every other month and sometimes had to refer matters to the Full Council. The Council would also be seeking to co-opt new Councillors in the coming year.

The chairman commended the annual report, which had been published in Goring Gap News in March 2011 and on the parish council's website.

Questions and concerns raised from the audience were:-

(a) Traffic flows through the village and the impact the closure of Whitchurch Bridge will have on Goring.

(b) Public Transport issues were also raised.

(c) The closure of footpaths.

8 Reports from local organisations

David Boyd representing Goring and Streatley Amenity Association reported that the Association had carried a review of the Village Plan and he was pleased to report everything was holding up well.

Norman Radley proposed that a letter of congratulations should be sent to Streatley PC on their successful acquisition of "Gladedale Land". This was unanimously agreed.

Action clerk

9 There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm