

GORING PARISH COUNCIL

We aim to serve in the best interests of our community

Minutes of the Parish Annual Meeting, held on Wednesday 18th April 2012 at 7:30pm at Storton Lodge, Goring

Present

Cllr Alan Strong, Chairman of the meeting, and Parish Councillors, Kevin Bulmer, Mathew Brown, John Wills, Laurie Reavill, also District Councillors Ann Ducker and Pearl Slatter, and County Councillor Dave Sexon plus 11 members of the public.

Peter Clegg, Clerk

1. Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed all present and said he would add another item to the Agenda at the end of the meeting to allow the public to speak should they wish to do so.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 20th April 2011.

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

3. Matters arising from those minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3. Annual report of the council – Appendix A

The Chairman summarised the annual report mentioning Sheepcot Pavilion, Allotments, Jubilee Celebrations, Icknield Place Development, Affordable homes, and allocation of additional housing. He also answered questions raised.

The Chairman commended the annual report which had been displayed on the parish council's noticeboards and website.

5. District Councillor's report -Appendix B

6. County Councillors report - Appendix C.

Alan Strong (Chairman):

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Date 17/04/201

A number of concerns were raised about the closure of Whitchurch Bridge, Youth Services, overgrown hedges restricting pathways and the Library.

7. Reports from Local Organisations

Mike Cornfield representing Goring Youth Club reported that they had over 60 members providing a whole range of exciting activities and he hoped that the Parish Council would continue to support the Club. OCC's funding for the future would be based on a matched basis so the Club could not expect to receive as much from the OCC as it had received in the past but hoped funds could be found locally.

David Beddall representing the Christian Community was concerned that there was a possibility that the Parish Council would not be making available this year a grant to the Youth Club. It was strongly felt the Youth Club had served the community for over 30 years and was invaluable to youth of the Village. To remove this support they felt would be a retrograde step and felt supporting the youth of the village should be a major priority of the Parish Council.

The Community Centre reported that they had now been operating for over 23 years accommodating many of Goring's organisations. The Tuesday and Wednesday Lunch Clubs started by Lucy Woodward have run continuously for nearly 30 years. For the first time a paid organiser has been appointed financed by a grant from the Community and Social Care. This will enable older people to remain in their own homes for longer. Jonathan May recently appointed to organise both clubs has shown great enthusiasm. Other groups using the premises are U3A, several bands, an art group, the youth club, a sewing group and Thrive. The Centre is also available for parties and meetings on a casual basis. The rent is currently under review by OCC.

8. Any other business

A number of members of the public raised concerns about the future funding of Goring Youth Club as it was apparent OCC were going to reduce their level of support. The Youth Club provided a wide range of activities and currently had a membership of 60. It had been supported by the Parish Council for a number of years and there was real concern that the Parish Council were not going to continue supporting the Youth Club.

The Chairman confirmed that no decision had been taking concerning the Youth Club and this would be considered at the next Council meeting.

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