**A meeting of Goring Heath Parish Council was held in the Parish Hall**

 **Thursday May 9th 2019 at 8pm**

**Present**:  Chairman Peter Dragonetti, Councillors: Martin Wise, Nick Elsome, Fred Rutherford, Liz Collas, Hilary Dewey, Chris Jessop. In attendance, Amanda Holland.

1. **Apologies for Absence** : Lucy Turner, Nick Henry.
2. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair** : PD nominated Chris Jessop as Chair, FR seconded, agreed unanimously. MW nominated Peter Dragonetti as Vice Chair, seconded by LC, agreed unanimously.
3. **Acceptance of Office, Expenses, and Register of Interests** : Signed and dated.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting. Thursday 11th April 2019** were signed as correct.
5. **Matters Arising.** Congratulations to PD for his recent election as District Councillor. The potholes in the car park are pending estimates from Hazell and Jeffries, and Butler and Proctor. Daniel Hazell to be contacted for third quote. AH
6. **Correspondence:** Mr Adrian Hill has alerted us to the a bough of TPO oak tree resting on power lines opposite Linden Cottages. AH to report to SSE and SODC. BP/Castrol have invited us to discuss planning applications for redevelopment of their site at Whitchurch Hill. PD, AH and HD to attend, PD to respond.
7. **Parish Hall : The Fete.** The BBQ rota and arrangements for the fete were discussed.
8. **Risk Assessment :** Document circulated and reviewed. Additions agreed regarding Annual Litter Pick. AH to circulate. Fete Risk assessment reviewed. FR submitted a play area risk assessment for discussion.
9. **Newsletter/Website : Annual website review :** to be taken forward.
10. **Consideration of Roads and Traffic Management :Traffic speed at B4526 Crays Pond and Goring Heath Road, Whitchurch Hill.** The 4 speed surveys on the B471 either side of the crossroads, and on the B4526 either side of the crossroads, has been passed to the Infrastructure Info Management Team and sites have been agreed. FR noted dismay at the length of time taken to get to this point. In response to residents petitions to the APM, it was agreed to pursue the installation of white parish gates at Giddy bridge, and to move the Speed Activated Warning Sign currently sited just beyond Goffs Clump on the B471 to a more useful site between Hods Corner and the post box on Goring Heath Road. AH to correspond with Lee Turner, suggesting he might advise us of a timescale for the project.
11. **Planning and Unauthorised Developments**.

[P18/S3862/DA](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P18/S3862/DA) Cwmgwyn Hill Bottom Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PT : we support SODC decision

[P19/S1290/AG](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P19/S1290/AG) Oakwood Covert (Woodland) Pennyroyal Depot Goring Heath RG8 7SD

Proposed Forestry Building : PD to reply

[P19/S0160/HH](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P19/S0160/HH) 1 Enigma Estate Cold Harbour Goring Heath RG8 7SZ

Partial demolition of an existing garage/workshop and the erection of a side extension to the existing dwelling. (retrospective) : PD to reply with objection

[P19/S1252/HH](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P19/S1252/HH) Bottom Farmhouse Blackbirds Bottom Goring Heath RG8 7SX

Installation of solar panels 3 rows of 13 solar panels, totalling 39 solar panels. No strong view

[P19/S0960/DIS](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P19/S0960/DIS) Glenavon Section Of B471 From Whitchurch Hill To Whitchurch On Thames Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PADischarge of condition 4 - tree protection on application : NSView

1. **Grass Cutting and Tree Maintenance** : The schedule was discussed. AH to circulate for review at the next meeting. MW suggested that a work party should establish exactly what where cutting should be carried out at Crays Pond, and mark areas for attention for the future, this date to be arranged by MW. It was noted that annual verge cutting is not carried out, and that certain areas are not being maintained. FR noted that the Willow was not a native species and may be contributing to the loss of water in the pond. After discussion it was agreed that FR would submit a newsletter article that would inform residents that we were considering its removal. The maintenance of the Beech tree at Crays Pond was also discussed, and a decision referred to the next meeting.
2. **Recreation Ground and Play Equipment** : An inspection recently required the junior swing seats to be replaced AH to progress. NE to report back regarding Garton End inspection. The Cantilever swing proposal was discussed, there has been no response to the newsletter article, and council wondered if it was appropriate considering the cost and the area it would occupy. AH to mark out proposed site and we can see how it will affect the fete.
3. **Crays Pond and Tine Pits** : see above
4. **Footpaths, Rights of Way and Woodlands**: LC has met with the Forestry Commission representative for Oxfordshire who has been contacted by prospective buyers of woodland plots in the area. A 4 wheel drive sizes track runs through Long Toll, and all plots have now been sold. It was suggested that this situation should be carefully monitored, and that LC would obtain a list of all purchasers with a view to informing them of the rules and regulations regarding any developments on these sites. FR noted that the footpath from Penny Royal to Goring has a number of overgrown hedges obstructing the path. PD noted that it was the responsibility of the householder to maintain them. Footpath 27 was discussed, noting a possible diversion from the official route by the new owners. PD to contact Keepers Cottage.
5. **The White Lion at Crays Pond** : Mr Bill Pechey is trying to get an ACV (asset of community value) awarded to the property. Discussion followed about the future of this site, and its value to the community.
6. **Finance & Bank Reconciliation.** The bank statement for May was checked and approved. Invoices have been received and paid: Clerk Pay £310.60, Going Forward Buses, £100, SODC £26.20, Public Works Loan Board £2,674.44, The Landscape Group £212.40. Income from Annual Precept and SODC. Balance £21, 694.05. 3/5/2019
7. **Review of Insurance schedule and Annual Renewal** : Approved for renewal. AH
8. **Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/9 :** Reviewed andApproved.
9. **Review of Councillors responsibilities and interests:** to be taken forward.
10. **AOB.** Some discussion regarding the fly posting at the Crays Pond Crossroads. CJ welcomed as the new Chair. AH to circulate dates of the meetings for the year, and a list of annual tasks to adhere to .

There being no other business, **The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.**

**Date of the next meeting**  **Thursday 13th June at 8pm.**