**Present:** Liz Collas (LC) Martin Wise (MW) Peter Burdon (PB) Michael Holland (MH) Hilary Dewey (HD) Peter Dragonetti

**In attendance:** Amanda Holland (AH Clerk ) Louise Shearer (LS)

1. **Apologies for Absence**: None
2. **Declarations of Interest.** None
3. **Public Forum.** None
4. **To Approve the Minutes** of the last meeting of the Council on December 12th 2023. Approved.
5. **Matters arising from those minutes not on the agenda elsewhere.** LC offered to further progress with Swyncombe Parish Council regarding the Lotting of Ancient Woodlands. Recent flooding at Linden Cottages was discussed.
6. **Correspondence for Information**. SODC have requested copies of our plan and GDPR permissions. PB to progress.
7. **District Councillors Report and County Councillors Report.** DC report received with thanks.
8. **Key areas requiring discussion:**

* Crays Pond Project. PB to contact Oratory School re arrangements for the removal of silt.

Further to discussion of latest quote from Heritage Tree Services AH to organise date for tree works to

be completed before February.

* Traffic and Speed update. MH to continue to pursue 20mph with Geoff Barrel. MH to go ahead with speed

monitoring survey at Penny Royal with Jon Beale, unanimous support for cost of £200.00 from all Councillors.

* Speedwatch update. Thanks were extended to Mr Reynolds and his volunteers for his continuing efforts to slow

speeds throughout the parish. Latest Findings and reviews were discussed and the drops in speeds were noted.

**9.**      **Governance matters**

* Finance and Bank Reconciliation. The financial statement and Bank statement were discussed and approved. No transactions had been made this month.

**10.**  **Goring Heath Maintenance.**

* Grass and Maintenance. Revised 2024/5 specifications were discussed and approved. It was agreed to also request a quote for the sides and top of the Recreation Ground hedge to be done before March this year. AH to progress.
* Footpaths and Rights of Way. Hearing for Footpath No 27 will be attended by MW and LC. LC is liaising with The Chiltern Society regarding loss of a footpath in Birchen Copse.
* Playgrounds. A finalised quotation and drawings was discussed and approved. AH to arrange completion of the work.
* Enforcement. Woodland Feast / Secret Adventures report was discussed. Correspondence from SODC planning was

Unclear about enforcement and the response to this site, PB to progress. Enforcement actions at Newhouse Farm were discussed. LC to raise concerns with Head of Planning regarding Woodlands Conservation.

* Grips Drains and Gullies. AH to monitor progress on Fix My Street.

**11.**   **The Newsletter /Website/Social Media.** The next Newsletter deadline will be January 12th for February Issue. Dates for Diary will include 23rd March for our litter pick, 9th April for Parish Meeting, last Saturday in February for Parish Quiz.

**12.**     **The Parish Hall**. Kinleigh Folkard and Haywards have been approached to carry out the survey of the Parish Hall roof.

**13.**     **The White Lion.**.The Application for an Asset of Community Value runs out this year. It was discussed and noted.

**14.**  **Planning and Unauthorised Developments.**

[**P23/S4267/HH**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P23/S4267/HH) The Old Parsonage Goring Heath Road Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PG

Installation of new windows to front elevation at ground and first floor, and removal of existing render to front elevation and installation of new breathable lime render. NSV

[**P23/S4248/LDP**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P23/S4248/LDP) 4 Hill Bottom Close Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PX Flat roof single storey rear extension to enlarge the lounge with an associated patio less than 30cm high. NSV

[**P23/S3820/FUL**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P23/S3820/FUL) Land adjacent to Conway Cottage Crays Pond RG8 7QG Proposed outbuilding. Objection noted HD to progress.

**15.**    **Councillors Reports and Items for future agenda**. Review of Policies and procedures, Annual Parish Meeting and AGM

To confirm the date of the next meeting: Tuesday February 9th 2023 at 8pm

A Holland, Clerk : Goring Heath Parish Council .