1. **Present:** Martin Wise (MW) Michael Holland (MH) Peter Burdon (PB) Nick Elsome (NE).

**In attendance:** Amanda Holland ( Clerk ) and Lucy Turner ( Editor Goring Heath Parish News)

1. **Apologies for Absence**: Apologies from Tarek Moghul (TM), Chair Liz Collas, Peter Dragonetti (PD) and Hilary Dewey (HD)
2. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
3. **Public Forum**. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council. None.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting Tuesday February 8th 2022**. Approved as a true record.
5. **Matters Arising**. None.
6. **District and County Councillors Reports**. Both reports were noted with thanks.
7. **Correspondence for Information** : Mr J Hatt re Beacon.
8. **Key areas requiring discussion:**

**Status on traffic management initiatives.** The Whitchurch 20mph Consultation was discussed. It was a matter of concern that speed would increase at the end of the zone, and it was hoped that this may help our own efforts to limit speeding on the B471 and elsewhere in the parish.

**Speed Watch Group.** NE reported good progress. The scheme and its website is not the easiest to navigate, and we have had 5 volunteers apply with 2 registered. The next step is to approve the best places to operate, then we will be able to use equipment on loan until we are able to buy our own. Training to use the equipment is online, more volunteers were needed. AH/NE to action.

**Defibrillators.** The Sun Inn and Goring Heath Almshouses agree to the proposals in principle. The grant application is completed and is under consideration. A query was raised regarding listed building status. AH to progress.

**Platinum Jubilee Celebration Plans*.***  PD / NE to look into a bar at the Beacon. AH to draw up a poster. The distribution of mugs or souvenirs was discussed, no further action.

**The Annual General Meeting.** Will be held at 8pm after a short GHPC meeting on Tuesday April 12th 22 It was agreed to start the April meeting earlier at 7pm.

1. **Governance Matters.**

**Finance and Bank Reconciliation:** A bank reconciliation and statement was circulated and approved. Clerks Salary 370.00, GF Bus 100.00, SODC 215.28, Goring Press 540.00, Paint for playground 39.98.

**GDPR and IT solutions:** The domain name approved at the last meeting has proved difficult to obtain. It was decided that GHPC.org.uk would be our next preferred option.

**Review of Standing Orders / Financial Regulations.** To be added to the next agenda, all members to be circulated with new model standing orders and financial regulations for reference.

**Councillors Grant Scheme.** The Hill Bottom Close Arboreal Project has been declined as it did not fit the criteria required for approval. Defibrillators at The Almshouses and the Sun Inn are pending.

1. **Maintenance.**

**Grass and Maintenance Contract:** MW reported that A and W contractors have accepted our contract for 2022/3 and had visited to carry out their first cut 2 days ago. All satisfactory.

**Crays Pond:** After discussion regarding our policy of conservation and how it can align with better access to the pond, it was agreed that an up to date survey and management plan for 2022/3 would be pursued with Giles Sutton who has provided our bat boxes. MH to action. AH to liaise with volunteers.

**Footpaths and Rights of Way:** The B471 drainage grips maintenance is pending a reply from OCC. PB asked a question about signage “ Keep Dogs on a Lead’. AH to research with Open Spaces Society.

**Playground :** Essential maintenance has been carried out, thanks to Tony on Goring Heath Road for a great job repairing the bench seating. All Councillors present agreed that to conclude this matter, a programme of maintenance was preferable to installing new items of equipment. After discussion it was agreed that the basketball hoop and the small goal should be removed, the surfacing under the

roundabout and the table tennis table should be replaced and that essential maintenance should be carried out as soon as practicable.

1. **Newsletter/ Website /Social Media**. Various articles were discussed for the April edition, Including Jubilee Celebrations and preparations for the Fete.
2. **The Parish Hall.**
3. **Planning and Unauthorised Developments.**

[**P22/S0810/FUL**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P22/S0810/FUL) Hill Bottom House Hill Bottom Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PU

Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) on application P21/S1224/FUL. Alterations to siting, layout and elevations (Garage Plot 1) Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) & condition 3 (materials) on planning application P20/S0009/FUL. No Strong Views.

[**P22/S0493/FUL**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P22/S0493/FUL) The Barn Collins End Goring Heath RG8 7RH

Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) on planning application P21/S1721/FUL (One and a half storey ancillary outbuilding with one bedroom and two covered parking bays) to add a window to the bedroom. No Strong View

[**P22/S0540/LB**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P22/S0540/LB) [**P22/S0539/HH**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P22/S0539/HH) Rose Cottage Path Hill Goring Heath RG8 7RE

Application for an amendment to approved application P21/S1771/HH and P21/S1774/LB (Proposed demolition of existing side extension and construction of new replacement side extension) to amend the door configuration to the south and east elevations of the proposed extension and to include PV solar panels to the south-facing roof slope of the extension. In addition, to replace the existing 1970s French doors to the sitting room, to replace a window in the 1980s extension with a pair of French doors, and to incorporate PV solar panels to the south-facing roof of the 1970s detached garage building. No Strong View

[**P22/S0520/LB**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P22/S0520/LB) Laurel Cottage Coldharbour Goring Heath RG8 7SY

Replace metal cowl wrapped in chicken wire with a terracotta-coloured Colt High Top Suspending Cowl. Addition of lime rendering to the back wall of the firebox to make good previous patch rendering in cement and damage to bricks. No Strong View

[**P22/S0377/HH**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P22/S0377/HH) Hunters Moon Hill Bottom Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PT

Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) on planning application P21/S4791/HH (Detached garage with annex above) - increase height of the building. Objection.

1. **Councillors Reports and items for the next agenda.** NE asked about the Church Hedge, quotes are being obtained from our new contractors, needs to be done soon. NE reported that the Fete Organisation was going well. He also wished to inform us that he and John Grey will be stepping down from their roles after many years. Thanks were expressed, and it was agreed to take this matter forward to the next meeting. PB asked for the Emergency Plan to be an Agenda item for the meeting in May. LT raised the maintenance of the fingerpost sign at Hill Bottom/B471 which is in need of repair. AH to action.

The meeting ended at 21.50 hrs

**Date of the next meeting** :

**Tuesday April 12th 2022 at 7pm in the Parish Hall.**

**Please Note : START TIME 7PM.**

**The April meeting for GHPC precedes the Annual Parish Meeting 2022.**

**The start time of the next meeting will be 7pm, to allow an 8pm start for the Annual Parish Meeting. All welcome to both meetings.**

**Please contact the clerk for further information.**

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