**Present:** Chair Liz Collas, Peter Dragonetti (PD) Martin Wise (MW) Michael Holland (MH) Peter Burdon (PB) Hilary Dewey and Lucy Turner ( Editor Goring Heath Parish News)

**In attendance:** Amanda Holland ( Clerk )

1. **Apologies for Absence**: Apologies from Nick Elsome (NE)
2. **Declarations of Interest.** Clerk A Holland and Cllr Michael Holland both declared an interest in item 9:5.
3. **Public Forum**. Mr Giles Lovegrove, who was accompanied by 15 other parishioners, spoke to an Affordable Housing Initiative proposal that was in preparation for a piece of land at Coldharbour, Goring Heath. Mr Lovegrove is a local resident, who wishes to provide more family housing in rural areas, to provide more affordable housing alongside existing provision. The proposals would include extensive rewilding and plans for biodiversity, with no more than 5% of the land used for housing, the rest would be a community resource with landscaped areas. The units would be low cost and modular, with 1 bed being 45sq metres, with additional modules available to extend up to 90sq metres. It was proposed to establish a rural exception site and designate the development as low cost in perpetuity.

Cllr Liz Collas thanked Mr Lovegrove for the presentation, and regretted that as a Parish Council we were unable to enter into discussion without formal plans being submitted.

1. **To Approve the Minutes** of the last meeting of the Council on Tuesday May 10th 2022. An amendment was agreed and the minutes were signed as correct.
2. **Matters arising** from those minutes not on the agenda elsewhere. The fete committee reported that the Annual fete was not too badly affected by the bridge closure and has once again bounded back to make a healthy amount of money for local causes.
3. **Correspondence for Information**. The Notice of Public Rights has been published on the website and local noticeboards. The period for inspection runs from Monday June 6th to Friday 15th July 2022. The external auditors have requested further information for an intermediate review.
4. **District Councillors Report and County Councillors Report.** Both circulated and approved.
5. **Key areas requiring discussion**:

**Emergency Planning** Cllr Burdon reported that the plans for an emergency back-up generator were

progressing well and that an application has been made to Scottish and Southern Electricity for a grant

towards the total costs that will include installation, a annual maintenance contract and a secure housing

unit. After discussion it was agreed that extreme weather conditions in the future would justify this project.

**The Platinum Jubilee Beacon** Cllr Wise reported that the event was well attended and profits were

made at the bar. The beacon itself burned well, and photos have been posted on social media.

**Status on Traffic Management Initiatives.** Cllr Holland reported that the ongoing issue of traffic

management was making progress. He noted that the implementation of the 20pmph Zone in Whitchurch

has been well received and the signage was not intrusive. He intends to address the issue of Long Toll Junction

which needs to be made safer and reshaping.

**Speed Watch Group** Cllr Elsome was not in attendance to report of this issue.

**Defibrillator Progress** Report. AH reported that permissions and site arrangements remain to be

confirmed. AH to progress.

1. **Governance matters**

* GHPC Publication scheme was approved.
* The Internal control Document was revised and approved.
* The SODC Code of Conduct Policy was reviewed and approved.
* Finance and Bank Reconciliation was reviewed and approved. Clerks Salary 370.00, GF Bus 100.00.
* A clerk pay rise of 5% backdated to April was reviewed and approved.
* GDPR compliance and IT solutions. Cllr Moghul reported we are all on track for full implementation.
* Annual Review of Risk Assessment and Asset Register. To be taken forward.

1. **Maintenance.**

* Grass and Maintenance Contract. All very satisfactory.
* Footpaths and Rights of Way. There was some confusion over the reports of the contractor damage to

Shirvells Hill Footpath. AH apologised and will review.

* Playgrounds. PB reviewed and inspected the playground on the recreation ground and reported that

in his opinion the resurfacing should be quoted for as soon as possible, and that a replacement of the

climbing frame would be a good investment for the future. An agenda Item for the next meeting.

* Crays Pond. MW has obtained and circulated the proposals for a full GCN eDNA Survey and Newt Survey, with an after dark lamping to pick up any other amphibians. An invertebrate update and an updated vegetation survey/assessment and pond management review have also been requested and will be started before the end of June.
* Notice Boards/ Well maintenance. The Woodcote Notice Board is in need of repair. The Well roof is

also reported to be in need of urgent maintenance. AH to contact local contacts to see if they would

undertake the work.

1. **The Newsletter /Website/Social Media**. The new edition of the newsletter would be a colour edition with

photos of the recent Jubilee events. All videos/photos gratefully received. The deadline will be the middle of

next month.

1. **The Parish Hall**. No report.
2. **Planning and Unauthorised Developments.** HD to visit Hurst Cottage and report to the next meeting.
3. **Councillors Reports and Items for future agenda**. TM and MH to review the table tennis surfacing and report back.

The meeting ended at 9.56 pm.

To confirm the date of the next meeting: Tuesday July 12th 2022 at 8pm.

There will be no meeting in August.