**Present:** Liz Collas (LC) Martin Wise (MW) Peter Dragonetti (PD) Michael Holland (MH)

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

1. **Apologies for Absence**: Hilary Dewey (HD) Peter Burdon (PB)
2. **Declarations of Interest.**
3. **Public Forum.**
4. **To Approve the Minutes** of the last meeting of the Council on Tuesday May 9th 2023. Approved.
5. **Matters arising from those minutes not on the agenda elsewhere.** Speeding and Traffic to be included on our next agenda.
6. **Correspondence for Information**. Mr Melvyn Hill regarding contributions to grass cutting and maintenance Orchard Coombe. A contribution of £150.00 pa was unanimously agreed. A resident has emailed regarding enforcement issues. Due to the number and complexity of these problems it was agreed that Enforcement would become a regular agenda item., along with Woodland Conservation. Annual Rospa Inspections have been booked for the playgrounds. LC will respond to correspondence regarding the path down to Shirvells Hill. Community Speed Watch reports were received and thanks were extended to Mr Ian Reynolds for his successful efforts to reduce speeding in the parish.
7. **District Councillors and County Councillors Report.**

**8.**     **Key areas requiring discussion:**

* The Fete. To be taken forward. Grateful thanks to Cllr Burden were unanimously expressed for a huge amount of sterling work and effort to take over the running of the fete this year and for such a grand day out.
* Acceptance & Review of the Parish Council Standing Orders/Financial Regulations and Policies. T

The Councillors approved all Parish Council policies, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

* Acceptance and Review of GHPC Risk Assessment. Considered and approved.
* Acceptance and Review of GHPC Internal Control Document. Considered and approved.

1. **Governance matters**

* Finance and Bank Reconciliation. The bank statement for May was circulated and approved. Payments were approved for Claire Connell, Arrow Fencing and Ian Tiller.
* Acceptance and Review of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return. The 2022 2023 Annual Accounts and the 2022/2023 Annual Governance Statement were considered, approved & signed. The Annual Internal Audit for the financial year from April 2022– March 2023 has been completed by Claire Connell. The Councillors considered and approved the Internal audit statement. The Clerk to upload the signed Annual Return on to the website. The Notice of the date of commencement of period for the exercise to public rights notice for the Accounts for the year end 31st March 2023 will be placed on the notice boards for the public to view from Thursday 20th June 2023 to Friday 28th July 2023 and made available on the website.

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

* Grass and Maintenance. Parish Tree Survey : Safter discussion it was agreed that a list of approved contractors would be circulated for the next meeting.
* Footpaths and Rights of Way. Shirvells Hill path was discussed., LC to contact resident. The junction at Path Hill was discussed, it was agreed that LC would liaise with residents and Fix My Street regarding road safety and vegetation overgrowth. A catering business in the woods was discussed, PD and LC to progress.
* Playgrounds. AH to continue to carry out Whitchurch Hill monthly inspections, AH to ask NE to continue at Garton End for 2023.
* Crays Pond. MW Project report. After discussion it was agreed that AH would follow up with TOE and that MW would rearrange meeting with the Oratory School.

**11.**   **The Newsletter /Website/Social Media.** Louise Shearer advised that the July Edition was happily in preparation,

deadline will be next week. The article in the Henley Standard about the fete was discussed and approved.

**12.**     **The Parish Hall.** We have a new cleaner, Welcome. An Antiques Valuation day is being arranged.

**13.**     **The White Lion.** No Progress.

**14, Planning and Unauthorised Developments.**

[**P22/S4346/FUL**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P22/S4346/FUL)

Timbers Goring Heath Road Whitchurch Hill RG8 7NU

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement 5 bed dwelling with detached garage. (Amended plans received 10 May 2023 showing new dwelling of new design repositioned in the plot closer to the north-east corner of the site with the vehicle access from Goring Heath Road. Bat Scoping Report and Preliminary Ecological Appraisal also submitted). Objection.

[**P23/S1822/HH**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P23/S1822/HH)

Crays Pond Lodge Goring Road Goring Heath RG8 7SH

Proposed ground floor side extension. No Strong View

[**P23/S1732/HH**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P23/S1732/HH)

24 Orchard Coombe Whitchurch Hill RG8 7QL

Demolition of existing conservatory, new rear and side extensions, new gable front and pitched roof, erection of covered porch, alterations including external material and fenestration changes, thermal upgrade throughout and introduction of renewable energy sources. Raise pitch of garage roof. No Strong View

[**P23/S1447/LB**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P23/S1447/LB)

Ladygrove Farm Goring Heath RG8 7RT

Replacement of single glazed timber casement windows with double glazed timber windows. No Strong View

[**P23/S1492/HH**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P23/S1492/HH)

Oakdene Gashes Lane Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PY

Erection of a detached single storey temporary garden room within the rear garden. No Strong View

[**P23/S1484/DIS**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P23/S1484/DIS)

BP Technology Centre Bozedown Drive near Whitchurch Hill RG8 7QR

Discharge of Conditions 6 (Tree Protection), 9 (Construction Traffic Management), 10 (Construction Method Statement - 2) and16 (Archaeology WSI) under application reference number P22/S3223/FUL (The demolition of buildings; the erection of a new part single storey, part two storey building for the research / testing of electric battery technology and associated test chambers; and the erection of buildings and compound for storage and other ancillary facilities).

No Strong View

**15.**    **Councillors Reports and Items for future agenda.** A prospective Open Day at BP/Castrol was discussed. The Traffic Enquiry regarding the expansion of the Operating Licence for Penny Royal yard Hazel and Jeffries was attended by PD and LC, OCC Highways and SODC planning. A new entrance into the wood by Penny Royal was discussed, LC to progress.

The meeting concluded at 9.45pm.

To confirm the date of the next meeting: Tuesday July 11th 2023 at 8pm

There will be no meeting in August.

A Holland, Clerk : Goring Heath Parish Council .