Present: Chris Jessop, Martin Wise, Nick Elsome, Peter Dragonetti

In attendance, Amanda Holland,

1. **Apologies for Absence**: Liz Collas, Hilary Dewey, Nick Henry, Lucy Turner
2. **Public Forum**: Mr Alan Clarke raised the subject of the Climate Change Emergency, as recently declared by South Oxfordshire District Council. He is a member of Pangbourne and Whitchurch Sustainability Group which has regular talks form Sir Brian Hoskins of Imperial College. A discussion followed about what we are doing to address the issue. PD reported that SODC has recognised the emergency, and here locally we are organising a public Forum in May/ June to which PAWS would be invited. CJ stated that the talk would be in keeping with our aims and objectives for the parish, and he praised Councillors who have been proactive with this, by creating new roadside nature reserve, being good custodians of the natural environment, by encouraging the new Goring Heath Conservation Volunteers group and preserving footpaths. It was also thought that PAWS could speak to the AGM in April. Mr Clarke remarked how good the last newsletter was.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting. Thursday February 13th 2020** were signed as correct ( two amendments)
4. **Matters Arising.**  MW requested that we ask SODC for clarification on the issue of fallen trees, hedges and branches. If they obstruct the footpaths, roads, rights of way should it be the landowners responsibility or SODC.
5. **Correspondence:** Hunters Moon Enforcement and the delivery of the Bat Boxes are still pending. A Notice of Landowner deposit for the footpaths at Howbery Copse, Land lying to the North East of Long Toll RG8 0RT has been received. It was agreed to make every effort to register footpaths there before the 2025 deadline.
6. **District and County Councillors report**: Mr Dragonetti circulated his report, noted with thanks.
7. **Parish Hall car park resurfacing** : Grant is granted, accepted and work has been scheduled for April 27th -29th.
8. **Grass and Village maintenance contract**: The contract has been agreed by the contractor The Landscape Group. MW to contact Nick Mottram at OCC regarding Roadside Nature Reserves. The Blackthorn has been cut back. It was agreed to install defensive posts on the green at Crays pond. AH to progress.

**GHCCG ( Goring Heath Community Conservation Group):** NE agreed to help coordinate our 3 volunteers so far. NE to continue to press Rod D’ Ayala for his invoice and list of tasks. Nesting end of March to August. It was agreed to contact Thames Water/Clancy Dochra re making good works at Shirvills Hill. This is a maintained footway which has evidence of strewn rocks and clay and no attempt at reinstatement.

**9 Governance Matters** : **Finance and Bank reconciliation: put forward to next meeting**

1. **Maintenance**

**Crays Pond /Tine pits :** see above

**Footpaths and rights of way :** see above

**Playgrounds :** Inspections have taken place this month. NE reported annual clearance of Brambles.

1. **The Newsletter/ Website /social Media.** Colour Covers and raising profile was discussed.
2. **The Parish Hall :** a question raised by NE regarding £850.00 donation from Fete to Parish Hall roof, and Parish Hall accessibility.
3. **Planning and Unauthorised Developments**. **P19/S2054/FUL Green Broom Farm Shop / Chimney Pot Cottage NE**
4. **Status on Traffic Planning Initiatives:** Crays Pond 30MPH, Long Toll crossroads, signage, continue to be pursued.
5. **Community Notice boards and publicity signage at Crays Pond**. After discussion, to be taken forward to the next meeting.
6. **The White Lion:** Following from PD report last month, there is to be closed hearing on 20.05.20. PD to attend.
7. **Any Other Business: There was some discussion regarding the insurance position should the fete be cancelled due to the Corona virus outbreak. The renewal was due in June. It was decided to go ahead with the fete and the AGM keeping a close eye on developments.**

The meeting ended at 10.07pm. **Date of the next meeting** : **Thursday April 9th 2020 at 8pm.**