**Present:** Chris Jessop, Tarek Moghul, Hilary Dewey, Liz Collas, Martin Wise, District Councillor Peter Dragonetti, County Councillor Kevin Bulmer.

In attendance, Lucy Turner, Amanda Holland.

1. **Apologies for Absence**: Nick Henry
2. **Public Forum**: The meeting was held virtually with no requests from the public to attend.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting Thursday October 8th 2020.** Were signed as correct.
4. **Matters Arising :** The Remembrance service was discussed, no further actions. MW advised that the road borders following the recent gas works had been reinstated to an acceptable level.
5. **Correspondence:** Hardwick Estate re: Lime Trees, they are in discussion with Dr Wilson. Mrs J Bryant has asked for further details regarding a memorial bench on the Recreation Ground. **AH** to obtain quotes**.**
6. **District and County Councillors report**: Cllr Kevin Bulmer reported on an uptick in Covid cases locally, and the comprehensive plans OCC has in place to cover all eventualities. PD asked about funding to promote cycling. **Cllr P Dragonetti**  circulated a report detailing consultation on The Corporate Plan, The Local Plan, and civil parking enforcement , also enforcement at New House Farm.
7. **Key areas requiring discussion.**

**Crays Pond 30mph Campaign.** CJ outlined the campaign to date and reported that following a recent meeting, OCC and the Thames Valley police are fully supportive of a speed reduction at Crays Pond from 40mph to 30mph and that £19k has been allocated to works following a consultation period with key stakeholders. Based on the results of the speed monitoring, the location of the signage was proposed as follows: On the eastern, northern and western approaches, 30mph signs will be located closer to the crossroad than the current 40mph signs. The current 40mph signs will remain, other than some repositioning of signage on the Northern approach from Woodcote.  The current 40mph sign on the southern approach would be replaced by the 30mph sign. White gates were included. On the assumption that there are no objections or amendments, the necessary works will commence shortly after OCC February meeting. NE expressed concern about the location of the new signage from the Goring direction, and a discussion ensued regarding the logic of different locations and options. It was noted that a chicane and lighting would be required if these proposals were altered. After a full and frank discussion, consensus was reached that we should accept the proposals and funding as they stand, note the compromises that have been made, with a view to funding further developments in the future.

**B471 Whitchurch Hill Fatality 07.11.20.** Cllr Jim Donohue, chair of Whitchurch Parish Council has requested a joint approach to address traffic management and danger to cyclists on this important route linking our two parishes. **KB** offered his support. **AH** to liaise with WPC and put forward an approach for the next meeting. It was agreed to share the appeal for witnesses in the forthcoming newsletter.

**Flooding at the dip by the Old Post Office Goring Heath Road.** After discussion with OCC and **TM** recent discussion with the residents, it was noted that although the jetting of the drain has worked in the short term, in the long term there might be a need to plan to mitigate flooding in the future. **MW** noted that run off cannot be diverted to private land. To be put on the agenda for the next meeting. **TM** to draft a proposal.

**Goring Heath Volunteers.** Due to lockdown restrictions, the working party for the playground maintenance has been cancelled. It was noted that the volunteers are back up and available for this current lock down, with two new young recruits volunteering for their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze awards scheme.

1. **Governance Matters**

**Finance and Bank Reconciliation:** The accounts were circulated, discussed, and approved. There was £32,823.52 in the bank, with expenditure Clerk pay £370.00, Grass £50.00, Carpentry £150.00**.**

**Housekeeping:** NE asked all members to review the Risk Assessment Documents for the next meeting.

1. **Maintenance**

**Crays Pond:** Nothing to report.

**Grass Cutting:** MW reports a good month, with cuttings left from the last cut an issue for the New Year.

**Footpaths and Rights of Way:** DMMO Birchen Copse**.** LCcontinues to campaign for paths to be registered here. Councillors to consider supporting Slowways.com at the next meeting.

**New Padlocks/ Parish Security:** NH to source height barrier for Car Park, to compare with existing quote.TM to source locks for Rec ground. CJ raised the issue of cars parking on the grass on the junction at Crays Pond. MW to look at the viability of placing restrictions there to stop damage to the grass and bulbs.

1. **The Newsletter/ Website /Social Media.** The next edition was discussed. TM to isolate stills from the Remembrance Day video, NE to be Councillor of the month. Thanks were to be extended to Mrs B Rutherford and Gemma Pickering for their efforts to use the community phone boxes as Halloween Hubs. Advertising invoices to be issued AH. Bat Box photos to be supplied MW.
2. **The Parish Hall : (and car park)** remains closed whilst restrictions are in place. AH to make arrangements for the Salvation Army Clothes bin to be emptied and surplus donations to be disposed of.
3. **Planning and Unauthorised Developments.**

Beech Farm Access Track To Beech Farm Whitchurch Hill RG8 7NZ New house with carport : refused . [P20/S3356/HH](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P20/S3356/HH) Conway Cottage Crays Pond RG8 7QG comments submitted**.**

[**P20/S3533/LB**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P20/S3533/LB) Lavender Cottage Coldharbour Goring Heath RG8 7SY. Internal: Remove concrete floor slab and reinstate insulated breathable floor construction and to be finished with oak floor boards - finished floor level to be 125mm lower. External: Proposed trench close to building to drop the ground level and to be back filled with gravel.

No strong views.

[**P20/S4148/HH**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P20/S4148/HH) 2 Well Cottages Goring Heath Road Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PQ

Replacement of garage and single storey extension with two storey side and rear extensions and single storey rear extension, and formation of a vehicular access. Under consultation, TM to submit comments by 30.11.20.

[**P20/S3609/HH**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P20/S3609/HH) The Slabs 4 Whitchurch Hill RG8 7NU

Proposed open entrance porch at the front of the property and a two storey side extension with a single storey rear kitchen extension. A new feather edge boarded timber framed three bay carport is proposed in the garden.

LC to submit comments by 13.11.20.

1. **Status on Traffic Planning Initiatives:**

a) Whitchurch Hill Village gates and Village Signage. No progress since last meeting. NE /AH to progress.

b) Long Toll Junction : The Box and line markings have been done, but it was recognised that the main road still requires to be redirected here and marking made clearer to mitigate this dangerous junction.

1. **The White Lion:** The date for the hearing is 30th November 2020. PD to liaise with the Community Group.
2. **Any Other Business:**

**NE** asked about the Village Fete 2021. A discussion followed regarding the deadlines that needed to be met, and how late we could leave it before a decision needed to be made to cancel it again due to the pandemic. It was agreed to wait until January when things might be a bit clearer.

**LC** raised the Green Broom Farm application status. **CJ** has submitted comments to the planning officer regarding the application and its amendments. LC and HD were planning to visit.

**PD** reminded members about certain planning regulations and viable responses that we can have as a local council, **TM** expressed an interest in attending training for planning issues organised by OALC. **AH** to progress.

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The meeting ended at 10.30pm.

**Date of the next meeting** : **Thursday December 10th 2020 at 8pm.**