**A meeting of Goring Heath Parish Council was held in the Parish Hall**

 **Thursday June 13th 2019 at 8pm.**

**Present**:  Vice Chairman Peter Dragonetti, Councillors: Martin Wise, Nick Elsome, Liz Collas, Hilary Dewey. In attendance, Amanda Holland, Lucy Turner.

1. **Apologies for Absence** : Nick Henry, Chris Jessop, Fred Rutherford.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting. Thursday 9th May 2019** were signed as correct.
3. **Matters Arising.** PD, HD and AH attended a meeting at BP/Castrol; plans were discussed for a redevelopment of the site. It was noted that no new building would be higher than the existing highest point ( the clocktower) the view and the trees would as far as possible not be compromised. The 2019 Fete Report from NE was discussed, this year was successful all round and raised over £3,200.
4. **Governance Matters**

**Finance and Bank Reconciliation**; The bank statement for May/June was checked and approved. Invoices have been received and paid: Clerk Pay £310.60, Going Forward Buses, £100, Goring Press, £270.00,The Landscape Group £424.20 ( April) SP Direct Swing replacement £108.72, BHIB Insurance £1,174.45, Arrow Accounting (Audit) £344.66, Going Forward Buses £100.00. Income from Newsletter advert. £75.00, VAT Refund £ 1536.58 Balance £21,025.98.

**Annual Governance and Accountability Return:** The Annual Governance Statement was circulated and the meeting agreed unanimously that we had a sound system of internal control. Therefore The Annual Governance statement was approved. The Annual Accounting Statements 2018/2019 having been circulated were approved.

**Internal Audit** : The Internal Audit Report was circulated and the meeting agreed unanimously that as there were no area of concern that The Internal Audit Report should be approved.

**Review of Councillors Interests and responsibilities;** remains as stands, approved.

**Risk Assessment** : The Risk Assessment was circulated and changes regarding arrangements for the Litter Pick were discussed and the Risk Assessment was approved.

1. **Correspondence and Reports**. Our District Councillor Mr Peter Dragonetti reported that there was discussion at County level about the local infrastructure and housing plans. New bridges at Clifden Hampden with a bypass, a Science Bridge spanning the railway at Didcot and a new bridge and road linking Culham to Didcot have been proposed, to be funded by an increase in the Housing Infrastructure fund, which has been based on an assessment of housing need made in 2014. This assessment was under discussion. The Joint Oxfordshire Spatial Strategy the Oxford 2050 plan and the Oxford Hot House were discussed, with reference to correspondence received from John Howell.
2. **Maintenance :**

The Parish Hall Car Park: quotations have been received to mend/ resurface. Discussion followed about the merits of each, also the efficacy of a plastic grid system, and the possibility of limiting new surface to the central section. It was decided that MW would seek clarification/further quotes for the next meeting.

Millennium Pathway bridge: has been repaired, awaiting invoice.

Review of Grass Cutting and Tree Maintenance: AH reported that she has been in discussion with Mark Williams and he will be in our area tomorrow to attend to areas that have not been cut.

Play Equipment: to be deferred to the next meeting. AH reported new swing seats have been installed at the Junior set on the recreation ground.

Footpaths and Rights of Way: MW reported that near neighbours of an application to divert the footpath at Keepers Cottage have been asked for opinions. A discussion followed regarding the merits/otherwise of this proposal, which resulted in an agreement for LC to report back that although it would be good to remove some fencing, there was not support for the proposal on the grounds it was felt to be unnecessary.

1. **Planning and Unauthorised Developments**.

[P19/S1570/HH](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P19/S1570/HH)

12 Hill Bottom Close Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PX Single storey rear extension – allocated to PD

[P19/S1312/HH](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P19/S1312/HH)

1 Bella Vista Path Hill Goring Heath RG8 7RF

Proposed replacement garage and attached store and single storey kitchen and lounge extensions.

Allocated to NH withdrawn

 [P19/S1425/HH](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P19/S1425/HH)

4 Orchard Coombe Whitchurch Hill RG8 7QL

Single storey rear extension with demolition of existing conservatory allocated to PD

[P19/S1723/HH](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P19/S1723/HH) Hunters Moon Hill Bottom Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PT Two storey side extension incorporating garage conversion – allocated to LC

1. **Status on traffic management initiatives**. The data from the speed monitoring has been circulated for information. Feedback in the current situation re finger posts and signs has been received from Jon Bennet at Traffic and circulated. It was agreed to seek prices for a new Speed Activated Warning Sign to be placed on Goring Heath Road. AH to report on progress.
2. **View on future of placement of publicity signage at Crays Pond**. After discussion of this issue, PD proposed that the Council were happy for local organisations to promote local events at this site. NE seconded, all agreed.
3. **Review of Website, newsletter and social media**: approved, no further action.
4. **The White Lion at Crays Pond** : ACV Application: approved, no further action.
5. **Seeking community views on priorities for the Parish Council**: to be taken forward.
6. **Any Other Business. None.**

**The Meeting closed at 10.04pm**

Date of the next meeting **Thursday July 11th 2019** at **8pm**