**Present:** Chris Jessop (CJ), Liz Collas (LC), Nick Elsome (NE) Peter Dragonetti (PD), Tarek Moghul (TM ) and Martin Wise (MW) Hilary Dewey (HD) via Teams link.

In attendance: Lucy Turner and Caroline Hadley

1. **Apologies for Absence**: Amanda Holland

**Declaration of Interests**: PD informed the meeting that he was no longer a director of the White Lion CIC.

1. **Public Forum**: No attendees
2. **Minutes of the last meeting Thursday June 10th 2021.** Were signed as correct.
3. **Matters Arising.** It was unanimously agreed to hold Goring Heath Parish council meetings on every second Tuesday from this meeting onwards.
4. **Correspondence :**  Nothing had been heard back regarding the litter trail.
5. **District and County Councillors report**. PD reported that the riverside pool at Wallingford had now re-opened. Business grants had been extended, so far 42.8 million has been paid out. Planning meetings are now in a hybrid form with the planning officers present in Didcot and parish councillors joining online. A pilot scheme is being run in a few parishes between planning officers and parish councils. Planning permission had been granted for a large retirement village in Sonning Common despite it being in the AONB
6. **Key areas requiring discussion:** Freedom of Information request, The White Lion. A formal reply has been sent to Mr Sandhu, but since then more correspondence has been received, the meeting discussed how the parish council should respond. Correspondence continued to go back and forth and CJ asked all the councillors for their views. A motion proposed by TM and seconded by LC that the parish council support the continuation of the White Lion as an ACV was passed with all in favour, no one at the meeting felt that this was inappropriate at this time. PD was not involved in the first ACV and had resigned from the CIC six weeks ago. The parish council sees no reason to believe that the ACV is not still valid. GHPC are satisfied that the whole process has been dealt with satisfactorily and lawfully by this parish council and that there is no reason to change from this position. It was also noted that the Judge and SODC were happy with the witness statement at the appeal, Mr Sandhu had the opportunity to challenge it at that time. The parish council hold the view that as far as the ACV is concerned they would support any group, including the CPAG, who have a plausible business plan. It had been suggested by a third-party that Mr Sandhu meet with CJ, but the meeting did not feel that such a meeting would be appropriate at this time. It was agreed that if Mr Sandhu were to propose a plan in the spirit of the AVC then it could be dealt with via the normal planning process. CJ and the Clerk will draft response*s* to all letters. After the discussion the meeting was clear that the parish council supported the ACV but neither supported one side or the other.
7. **Status on traffic management initiatives.**

**Crays Pond, B471, GH Road, Long Toll Speed Reduction**:

30MPH speed limit at Crays Pond: CJ had chased up CP and funding is in place. CJ will be writing to Highways to ask for a reduced speed limit on B471. It was agreed to wait until the 30mph was in place and then set up the speed watch group. MW will research the speed watch group. The group will not be the responsibility of GHPC. CJ will let MW now the name of the policeman and the parish council will guide the group when it is formed.. AH confirmed that OCC Highways had agreed to contribute to “Village Gates” being placed at the approach to Goring Heath Road from Hill Bottom.This would cost £1000.00. A decision whether or not to install these gates to be taken at the next meeting.

1. **Governance Matters.**

**Finance and Bank Reconciliation:** A bank reconciliation and note of expenditure was circulated and approved.

Clerk Salary £370.00, OALC membership £243.15, TLG Grass £228.00, MCF Services £2,289.65.

TM had been working on GDPR and IT issues and on would report to the next meeting as time was short.

1. **Maintenance**

 **Bus Shelters**. The work has been completed and paid for.

**Crays Pond:** No News

**Footpaths and Rights of Way:** Update on Footpath at Shirvells Hill.AH met Jon Beale on site and he agreed to write a spec for the parish council, as this did not happen AH met a contractor on site to discuss but he would not estimate as it was seen to be the responsibility of OCC. AH has referred the problem to them on Fix my street. LC reported that there were TeePees on a plot in Birchen Copse which she would investigate and report back to the next meeting. LC reported on the New Buildings fence.

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**Playground :**The annual inspection has taken place and the report is awaited. HD mentioned that there had been a request for a concrete surface to the table tennis but the meeting felt that it should be left as it is.

1. **The Newsletter/ Website /Social Media**. Mr Sandhu had sent in a letter for publication in the GHPC news but the meeting was clear that it is not normal policy to publish articles supporting developments and that nothing has been published supporting the Community Group so in the interests of balance everyone must be treated the same. NE reported that a brief obituary for a previous member of the Parish Council had been provided for the next newsletter. The website is under review.
2. **The Parish Hall :** Nothing to note
3. **Planning and Unauthorised Developments. HD reported on the following Planning Applications**

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| 1. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS MAY/JUNE**
 | **Parish Council** | **Notes** |
| [**P21/S1835/LB**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P21/S1835/LB)Haw Farm Deadmans Lane Goring Heath RG8 7RXDemolition of existing barn and construction of a new barn. | No Strong Views |  |
| [**P21/S1721/FUL**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P21/S1721/FUL)The Barn Collins End Goring Heath RG8 7RHTwo storey barn with one bedroom and two garages. | Objection |  |
| [**P21/S1774/LB**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P21/S1774/LB)Rose Cottage Path Hill Goring Heath RG8 7REProposed demolition of existing side extension and construction of new replacement side extension | Pending |  |
| [**P21/S1134/HH**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P21/S1134/HH) **and Ammendments**1 Church Cottages Whitchurch Hill RG8 7NY2 storey front extension and second storey side extension to form 5 bed family home. | pending |  |
|  [**P21/S1092/HH**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P21/S1092/HH)Conway Cottage Crays Pond RG8 7QGDemolition of existing lean-to extensions and detached outbuilding and construction of new single/two storey side/rear extensions and new carport. |  Pending |  |

15. **Any Other Business:**

CJ ended the meeting by suggesting we all think about proposals for a Parish Celebration, perhaps to celebrate the Queens 70th Year of her reign, a Platinum Jubilee. Lots of ideas were discussed, from a tree to a party, to be taken forward.

The meeting ended at 22.30 hrs

**Date of the next meeting** : **Tuesday September 14th at 8pm in the Parish Hall.**