

A meeting of Goring Heath Parish Council was held via the Internet Thursday April 10th 2020 at 8pm.

1. **Present:** Chris Jessop, Martin Wise, Nick Elsome, Peter Dragonetti, Liz Collas, Hilary Dewey, Nick Henry, Lucy Turner. In attendance, Amanda Holland.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** none
3. **Public Forum:** none
4. **Minutes of the last meeting. Thursday March 12th 2020** were signed as correct
5. **Matters Arising.**
6. **Correspondence:** The Bat Boxes have been delivered. We have been consulted by SODC Planning regarding the planning application process and the difficulties that the lockdown situation has caused. After discussion it was agreed that CJ would reply with our comments. We have received notice of a review of the dog waste bins, leading to a cost increase of 100% over 2 years.
7. **District and County Councillors report:** Mr Dragonetti circulated his report, noted with thanks. He has been working hard on a number of planning appeals, and a new version of the Local Plan. He has also been in contact with Planning Enforcement regarding an enclosure off Eastfield Lane and another complaint about New House Farm. He was able to update us about the response to Covid 19 locally and from SODC.
8. **Key areas: Parish Hall car park resurfacing :** The works have recently been completed, brought forward and completed subject to inspection. MW raised a question regarding the granite setts at the entrance which he will take up with Hazell and Jeffries on receipt of the final specification, AH to supply. We are due to receive a grant towards the cost amounting to £4,750.00.
Grass and Village maintenance contract: The first cut is scheduled for the 24th April 2020.
GHCCG (Goring Heath Community Conservation Group): NE to continue to press Rod D' Ayala for his invoice.
GHV (Goring Heath Volunteers) re Covid 19 response. 50 Volunteers, around 25 requests for help to date.
9. **Governance Matters : Finance and Bank reconciliation:** The final statement of the year 2019/20 was approved and signed by the clerk PP CJ. There was £ 19, 794.74 in the bank, with expenditure on Parish Online Membership £42.00, Square technologies website accessibility £75.00 OALC subscription £238.08 Goring Press £270.00 And £122.54 for the refurbishment of the Village Noticeboard. The question of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return and the Internal Audit was put forward to next meeting.
10. **Maintenance : Crays Pond /Tine pits :** see above
Footpaths and rights of way : A Notice of Landowner deposit for the footpaths at Howbery Copse, Land lying to the North East of Long Toll RG8 ORT was addressed. LC has registered a Proposed Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) Application in consultation with other walkers and local residents. It was agreed that this was an important action and essential to establish footpaths there before the 2025 deadline.
Playgrounds : Both playgrounds have been closed.
11. **The Newsletter/ Website /social Media.** The website has been hugely modified in response to Covid 19 and the volunteer response. AH extended thanks to Chris Wellings for all his help with this, and to Rob and Anne Pickering for arranging the printing of the Pink Coronavirus Edition of the newsletter for free within one day. It was decided that the production of the newsletter would be suspended until further notice. The Parish Fete has been cancelled, and Notice boards have been suspended, referring residents to the website for information.
12. **The Parish Hall :** An egg station has been set up outside the Parish Hall, which carries a supply of eggs for the community. These are supplied and donated by a local resident for the benefit of the parish.
13. **Planning and Unauthorised Developments. P19/S2054/FUL Green Broom Farm Shop.** After discussion it was decided that CJ would open a discussion between the Parish Council and the Farm Shop. AH to circulate correspondence to date. **Chimney Pot Cottage:** NE to respond. PD has responded to the proposed new development of 4 executive houses at the **Old Saw mill Site**, and has registered an objection. An application by **Flint House** to install new lighting has been investigated by PD and NE and after discussion it was agreed that NE would register no strong views.
14. **Status on Traffic Planning Initiatives:** Crays Pond 30MPH, Long Toll crossroads, signage, continue to be pursued.
15. **Community Notice boards and publicity signage at Crays Pond:** to be taken forward to the next meeting.
16. **The White Lion:** The hearing has been postponed. PD to liaise with the Community Group going forward.
17. **Any Other Business:** PD added to his enforcement report.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm.

Date of the next meeting : Thursday May 14th 2020 at 8pm.