

A meeting of Goring Heath Parish Council was held at Goring Heath Parish Hall. Tuesday September 14th 2021 at 8pm.

Present: Chris Jessop (CJ), Liz Collas (LC), Peter Dragonetti (PD), Tarek Moghul (TM) Martin Wise (MW) Hilary Dewey (HD) Michael Holland (MH)

In attendance: Amanda Holland (Clerk) Lucy Turner (LT)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Nick Elsome. Welcome to Dr M Holland as a Councillor, and welcome to Mr and Mrs W Pechey and Mr S Sandhu.
Declaration of Interests: HD declared an interest in Planning Application P21/S3230/FUL
2. **Public Forum:** Band Aid Superfast Broad Band gave a short presentation, followed by Mr Garry Forster, Chairman of Goring Heath Almshouses Trustees and Mr Steve Hatton, Resident at the Almshouses, speaking for and against the planning application P21/S3230/FUL.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting Tuesday July 13th 2021.** Were signed as correct.
4. **Matters Arising.** none
5. **Correspondence :** A request has been made for a defibrillator to be sited on Hill Bottom. It was agreed that AH would report back to the next meeting. A request for a memorial bench to be sited on the recreation ground was approved. A request for the playground equipment on the village green to be updated was discussed, the council was evenly divided on views between looking at replacement and looking at providing a new piece of equipment for older users. TM will contact the correspondent and progress. A request for a new convex mirror to facilitate vision for the entrance to (insert name of cottage) was discussed and referred to the Highways Department SODC. A response to Mr S Sandhu was approved, with agreed revisions. Correspondence regarding P21/S3661/HH was acknowledged.
6. **District and County Councillors Reports.** Items from Councillor Bulmer included an Afghanistan Refugees update, priorities of the new County Council administration, the Councillor Priority Fund and an update on the 20mph Campaign, Councillor Dragonetti reported on local planning administrative reform, an update on the garden waste service, a new joint Local Plan and new civil parking enforcement.
7. **Key areas requiring discussion:** See below
8. **Status on traffic management initiatives. 30MPH speed limit at Crays Pond:** CJ to approach SODC and discover the reason for these long delays in implementation. **B471:** CJ to progress action to reduce speed limit to 20mph. The county has set up a webpage. **GH Road, Long Toll :** No current action.
<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/traffic>
9. **Speed Watch Group.** MW has written to the relevant Police departments and has had replies from 3 people who have expressed an interest in taking this forward. An article in the next newsletter was discussed.
10. **Governance Matters.**
Finance and Bank Reconciliation: A bank reconciliation and note of expenditure was circulated and approved. Clerk Salary £370.00, Going Forward Bus £100.00, Goring Press Newsletter £210.00, Open Spaces Society £45.00, Legal Advice £546.00, Insurance £959.53, Dog Waste £215.26, Website £35.00
GDPR and IT : TM and AH to research and draw up proposals and present to the next meeting. An agenda item and a formal minute will be required to propose possible expenditure of £500.00 pa and £3.65 per Councillor per month. To be taken forward.
11. **Maintenance.**
Crays Pond: A professional schedule of work is still expected from our pond expert. MW to progress.
Footpaths and Rights of Way: LC reported on the New Buildings fence, which has been cleared by Chiltern Volunteers and is on their work schedule for further attention. Hods Lane is also high on their list of priorities. HD reported that the new owners of Ladygrove cottage have asked for advice regarding the footpath which runs behind their property. LC offered to visit.
Playground : The annual inspection has taken place and the report is awaited. Discussion followed regarding the **Grass and Maintenance Contract.** After discussion it was decided that we would not renew our contract with TLGO and would seek quotations from three new contractors for the 2022 season. This was agreed as an agenda item for the next meeting.
12. **The Newsletter/ Website /Social Media.** Articles were requested for the next edition. A discussion about advertising revenue and its administration was inconclusive. AH to submit articles on the Platinum Jubilee, the playground and the defibrillator, and to liaise with LT regarding Invoicing.
13. **The Parish Hall :** Nothing to note.
14. **Planning for a Parish Celebration/ The Platinum Jubilee.** Ideas included a parish lunch, or a street party. It was agreed to ask for residents participation and views in the next newsletter.

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15. Planning and Unauthorised Developments.

HD reported on the following Planning Applications.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS July/August/September 2021	Parish Council	Notes
<p><u>P21/S3770/D</u> Technology Centre, Boztdown Drive Whitchurch Hill RG8 7QR Demolition of pump house. A single-storey building with pipework and machinery inside.</p>	No Strong Views	
<p><u>P21/S3661/HH</u> Perran Crays Pond RG8 7QE Erection of single storey rear garden room extension to main house. Erection of single storey studio at rear of garage</p>	No strong views	HD has visited the property. Correspondence rec'd
<p><u>P21/S3515/HH</u> Hurst Cottage Goring Heath Road Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PL New garage, first floor and loft extension (over existing side extension) and single storey rear/side extension</p>	Objection	An extension to the CP was granted
<p><u>P21/S3230/FUL</u> Charities Office Goring Heath RG8 7RS Enlargement of Bowling Green from 33m long x 15m wide (3 bowls rinks) to 33m long x 20m wide (4 bowls rinks). Addition of entry gate in western corner of the green. Although the green will be re-laid in the process, the overall appearance will be unchanged. The surrounding fence will also be extended to provide a 2m fence around the perimeter.</p>	No Strong views	Subject to revision and clarification

16. Any Other Business:

AH reminded Councillors of preparations for Remembrance day.

The meeting ended at 22.10 hrs

Date of the next meeting : Tuesday October 12th 2021 at 8pm in the Parish Hall. All Welcome.