

## **A meeting of Goring Heath Parish Council was held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at 7pm.**

1. **Present:** Chairman Peter Dragonetti, Councillors Kate Giles, Richard Greenford, Nick Henry, Tim King, Marjo McGee and Martin Wise. Also present County Councillor Dave Sexon and District Councillors Ann Ducker and Pearl Slatter, parish clerk Caroline Hadley and Dan Robinson a reporter from the Henley Standard.
2. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Nick Elsome and Martin Wise.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting**, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012 were signed as correct.
4. **Matters arising** there were no matters arising that would not be covered later on the agenda
5. **Parish Hall.** All was well; most of the hiring slots are taken. The Spring Gardening show had gone well. A plaque to celebrate the life of Brian Godley would be put up near the flag pole. Kate thanked Theresa and the trustees for their continued support and hard work.
6. **Newsletter/Website.** The deadline for the next edition was Saturday pm at the latest.
7. **Recreation Ground.** Nothing to report.
8. **District Councillors Report** This was given at the following annual parish meeting.
9. **County Councillors Report** This was given at the following annual parish meeting..
10. **Planning and Unauthorised Developments.**

P11/E2518 Copyhold Farm Lady Grove Goring Heath RG8 7RT Erection of a general purpose storage building and workshop. No Strong Views but as the plans were not available at the meeting before the reply was sent Peter, Nick, Richard, Kate & Marjo would study the plans on line.

P11/E2554 Bozedown Windmill Bozedown Drive Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PE Demolition of existing dwelling. Erection of replacement one and two storey dwelling and detached 3 bay garage. No Strong Views.

11. **Finance.** There was There was £22,347.52 in the bank on 2nd April £4,500 had been paid in to the bank (the money from BP for the VAS) and £8,750 the first half of the precept from SODC. £1.33 had been earned in untaxed interest. The Loan repayment of £2,674.44 will be taken out by direct debit on 1 May

301211	March Grass cutting	£188.70
301212	ORCC subscription	£30.00
	HM revenue &	
301213	customs	£72.60
301214	Clerks Salary March	£257.40
301215	LCR subscription	£15.50
301216	SODC judicial review	£3,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,564.20</b>

12. **Crays Pond/Tinepits** Nothing to report .
13. **Working Parties.** None planned at present.
14. **Judicial review.** The Judicial review had been unsuccessful the judge's decision had been circulated to all the parish council. It had been decided not to take it any further because of the risk of further costs. £3,000 now had to be paid to SODC. The matter would be discussed further at the next meeting.

**15. Bus Service.** 142 Bus Checkendon- Woodcote- Whitchurch – Reading service will continue as per timetable but the contract is being transferred from Reading buses to Thames travel. It was important to continue to promote the use of the bus.

**16. Correspondence** Electoral review of South Oxfordshire. – the independent Local Government boundary Commission for England is carrying out this review people have the chance to comment up until 8 May. A new dial-a ride service begins 2 April. TPO 09/1954 has been revoked and been replaced with No 178/2009.

**17. AOB.** There was no AOB

**18. Date** of the next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm in the Parish Hall. The meeting finished at 7.55pm

The meeting was followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm.

The Chairman welcomed members of the parish to the meeting. He reported that after a series of Car Accident the persistence of Robert and Sue Sargent has finally encouraged Highways to take the bend seriously and Richard Greenford had approached BP who had been prepared to give £4,500 so that a Vehicle Activated Sign warning drivers of the bends could be provided. The chairman thanked Richard for his efforts on behalf of the parish in pushing this matter forward. This year the parish council had reduced the precept by £500. It was disappointing that there were to be cuts at Woodcote library. The litter Blitz and the working parties had again been a success and he thanked those members of the parish who had joined in to help. The Parish Council had applied for a Judicial Review but this had been unsuccessful but the parish council felt that it had been right to take a stand. The chairman thanked all the members of the parish council for their hard work and support throughout the year and in particular Tim King for his work as editor of the newsletter Richard Greenford for his work on road safety, Martin Wise for the hedge laying and Caroline Hadley the clerk.

District Councillor Ann Ducker reported on behalf of herself and Pearl Slatter, their report would be published in full in the parish newsletter. County councillor Dave Sexon reported on both local and county matters. Members of the parish again requested a 30mph speed limit and pot holes were discussed. Vicky Jordan reported on the History Society and the Twinning Association and OWL (library). Doreen Pechey reported on the Scouts, Brownies and Guides and Theresa Elsome reported on the Hall. Plans for the Jubilee week were discussed.