

## **The Annual Meeting of Goring Heath Parish Council was held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at 8pm.**

**Present:** Chairman Peter Dragonetti, Councillors Nick Elsome, Richard Greenford, Nick Henry, Tim King, Marjo McGee and Martin Wise. Also present, parish clerk Caroline Hadley and one member of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Kate Giles, County Councillor Dave Sexon and District Councillors Ann Ducker and Pearl Slatter
2. **Election of Chairman.** Peter Dragonetti proposed by Martin Wise and seconded by Nick Henry. All in favour.
3. **Election of Vice Chairman.** Martin Wise proposed by Peter Dragonetti and seconded by Nick Elsome. All in favour.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting,** 12<sup>th</sup> April 2012 were signed as correct.
5. **Matters arising** P11/E2518 had been decided at No Strong Views. Work will be starting on the VAS soon.
6. **Parish Hall.** No report.
7. **Newsletter/Website.** The last edition had been another good one. Parish councillors need to supply some articles for future editions. Richard will write an article to thank BP when the VAS has been installed. The meeting agreed that information from the Bridge Company did not need highlighting as a press release. Peter will persevere with trying to get the website working.
8. **Recreation Ground.** The new swing seats are up and mole activity is down.
9. **District Councillors Report.** Ann had sent a message to say that the final document for the Core Strategy will be ready in early autumn. Regarding the changes in planning SODC hope to organise training for parishes in the near future.
10. **County Councillors Report** Dave Sexon sent a report to say that the VAS opposite Milo Crispin will be installed at the same time as another will be installed at Goff's Clump which will be a solar powered one giving the speed limit of 50mph. The drain on the Goring Heath Road near Ladygrove Shaw has been cleared but there is still some pooling at that point which he has asked the area steward to look at. As yet there is no quote for the resetting of kerb stones in Whitchurch Hill. He had discussed the parking issue at the Old Post Office with the area steward. There is little that can be done because there are no parking restrictions at that point. There is a reluctance to put in yellow parking restriction lines as they then have to be policed. The best plan might be for a parish council representative to have a word with the occupants. The meeting decided that PCSO Mark Bell should be asked if he would have a chat with the residents.
11. **Planning and Unauthorised Developments.**
  - P11/E2458 2 Linden Cottages, Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PH Front porch and rear extension Should be Refused
  - P12/S0263/LB The Almshouses Goring Heath RG8 7RR Repair and re-roofing of Allnut Almshouse, old school house and bungalow.No Strong Views
  - P12/S0281 Elsinor Hill Bottom Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PU Conservatory. No Strong Views)
  - P12/S0377 The Almshouses Goring Heath RG8 7RR Extension to listed building consisting of wood pellet store & flue to new biomass boilers at Alnutts Almshouses No Strong Views
  - P12/S0327 Old School Cottage Goring Heath RG8 7RR The Almshouses Goring Heath RG8 7RR Single storey rear kitchen extension. No Strong Views

There was concern that the lake being dug at Bakes Shaw might require change of use. The clerk would to submit an online form and enquire. Joy Trigg had been in touch with a concern that the extension at 14 Hill Bottom Close has been built far closer to the boundary than it should have been. The meeting felt that the best advice was for her to contact the enforcement officer.

**12. Finance.** There was £15,727.35 in the bank on 1 May. £1.37 had been earned in untaxed interest. £120 from adverts had been paid in. The Direct Debit for £2,674.44 for the loan repayment had been paid on 1 May. The following cheques were drawn and authorised. It was agreed to send a donation of £200 to the Woodcote Volunteers as they helped people in the parish

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| 301217 | May Newsletter        | £270.00          |
| 301218 | HM revenue & customs  | £72.60           |
| 301219 | Clerks Salary March   | £257.40          |
| 301220 | Clerks expenses       | £99.62           |
| 301221 | Insurance             | £1,405.33        |
| 301222 | P Dragonetti expenses | £31.99           |
| 301223 | Woodcote volunteers   | £200.00          |
| 301224 | Planning training     | £15.00           |
|        |                       | <b>£2,351.94</b> |

**13. Annual Return and Annual Governance Statement.** The meeting approved the annual return and the annual governance statement. The accounts and standing orders would be circulated to the parish councillors.

**14. Crays Pond/Tinepits** The work at Crays Pond was going ahead Rod D'Ayla will advise on the replanting. .

**15. Working Parties.** None planned at present but a list for the autumn could be drawn up and advertised in the next newsletter. Martin had done an excellent job on the hedge but there would be more to do cleaning out the blackthorn

**16. Judicial review.** There was a discussion about the unsuccessful application for a Judicial Review, and the Council agreed without dissent that the decision to apply for a judicial Review was correct, as the council strongly considered procedure of SODC in respect of this application was wrong, and in contravention of S 154 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, in that planning decisions should be made in accordance with the development plan. A resolution to the effect that “The parish council rejected the offer of a contribution from Councillor Dragonetti, as the action taken by the Council in respect of the application for a judicial review was supported by the whole Council and the Council will therefore meet the cost under S137” was proposed by Tim King and seconded by Nick Elsome. The resolution was passed unanimously. The electoral roll totals 952, so we have about £5800 under S137 per annum. The parish council considered the idea of holding a meeting with planning to avoid this happening again.

**17. Correspondence** the Chilterns Conservation Board is offering Planning Training for Parish and Town Councils including information about recent planning reforms including the Localism Act, Neighbourhood Planning and the National Planning Policy Framework. The training will take place 7-9pm on Monday 2nd July 2012 at Woodcote Village Hall - Peter will go on behalf of the parish council. There was also a meeting at Henley Police

Station on Thursday 24th May at 7.30pm which the parish council had been asked to send a representative to, Marjo would attend. Jenny Whitehill had emailed to say that there was a visibility problem with the bus stop at the end of Bridle Road. Due to overhanging trees and shrubbery. This was thought to be a highways issue and could be mentioned to Dave Sexon. Beatrice Butler had emailed concerned about the danger caused by on-road parking at the crossroads at the Old Post Office in Goring Heath. The clerk would contact PCSO Mark Bell to have a word with the residents. A letter had been received from John Howell concerning the national Planning Policy Framework

18. **AOB** . There may be a water leak on the verge to the North of Crays Pond and there is also an area of verge that may be contaminated. The extra velux windows put in at the new house at Waterfield nursery have been reported.

**Date** of the next meeting will be Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm in the Parish Hall. The meeting finished at 10.20pm