

## **A meeting of Goring Heath Parish Council was held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 8pm.**

**Present:** Chairman Peter Dragonetti, Councillors Nick Elsome, Nick Henry, Kate Giles, Richard Greenford, Tim King, Marjo McGee and Martin Wise, also present parish clerk Caroline Hadley.

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Ann Ducker and Dave Sexon.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting**, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2012 were signed as correct.
3. **Matters arising.** Martin had spoken with Jon Hatt who would be able to cut the hedges subject to checking his insurance. The overgrown vegetation by the bus stop at the well had been cut back by Peter's sons. The road closure order had arrived and the signs. Jonathan Beale, OCC field officer would be looking into the overgrown footpaths as soon as he could.
4. **Parish Hall.** All is going well at present.
5. **Newsletter/Website** Tim was thanked for another excellent edition and Richard was thanked for contributing a good article for it. The advert asking for help with the website had led to 5 or 6 members of the parish coming forward with offers of help. Peter had been in touch with all of them and it was hoped that there would be a new website soon.
6. **Recreation Ground.** Nick Elsome is dealing with the problem with the fixing of the toddler swing seat at Garton End. It was good to see the young footballers using the green.
7. **District Councillors Report.** Ann Ducker was unable to be at the meeting but had sent a message to say that the Inspector had now approved the core strategy. She also sent a reminder about the parish forum on 21 November. Nothing had been heard from SODC on this so the clerk would chase this up.
8. **County Councillors Report.** none
9. **Planning and Unauthorised Developments.**  
P12/S0578 Woodlands Bridle Road Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PR Erection of 2 bedroom detached house, new vehicular access and & garage (Amended Description 22 October 2012). Should be refused  
P12/S2577/LB & P12/S2443 Enigma estate Coldharbour Lane Goring Heath RG8 7SZ Single storey side extension. Should be refused
10. **Finance.** There was £13,846.52 in the bank on 2 November. The Loan payment of £2,674.44 had been paid by DD on 1 November. Untaxed interest of £1.24 had been earned and £150 paid in from adverts.

The following cheques were drawn and authorised.

301270	Goring Heath Parish Charity	£150.00
301271	November Newsletter	£300.00
301272	H M Revenue & customs	£72.60
301273	Clerks Salary October	£257.40
301274	September Grass cutting	£440.88
301275	Re-cutting of lettering on war memorial	£144.00
301276	Henley CAB	£100.00
301277	Road closure signs	£141.62
301278	Clearing vegetation & salt bag filling	£140.00
		<b>£1,746.50</b>

11. **Crays Pond/Tinepits.** David Keeble has agreed that a canal can be dug between the swales. Martin had done the work on the Willow tree. Rod D'Ayla has planted up the swales.
12. **Working Parties.** 18<sup>th</sup> November is the date for the next one to continue on the hedge on the recreation ground. Jon Hatt will clear the debris.
13. **Community Plan/ Neighbourhood Plan.** Information about the plans had been published in the newsletter. The Neighbourhood plan seems the most useful option. The whole community need to be involved not just the parish council. Peter will draft an article for the next newsletter to explain and encourage members of the parish to get involved.
14. **Linking the footpath to Goring.** Martin had contacted Goring Parish Council and Flint to see if they would be interested in the plan. Tom McAuslin the Chief Executive of Flint House would support the idea. The main problem will be the drainage. It was decided to wait for Goring's response and then arrange a meeting. Martin had also been in touch with the rights of way officer to find out what was involved to change a footpath to a bridleway.
15. **Correspondence.** Henley CAB, South & Vale Carers and Sue Ryder had written asking for donations.
16. **Any other business.** The 142 bus service had become erratic and sometimes was failing to turn up. Peter had spoken to the OCC bus officer who would look into it. The clerk to contact BT and find out what the situation now is with the phone boxes. Kate reported that a plaque in memory of Brian Godley will be put by the well and on the wall next to the flagpole. The biomass boiler is now working at the Almshouses. Kate will give Tim a copy of the list of names on the War Memorial. Martin will clear the leaves at the War Memorial before the service. Jon Hatt had asked if the hedge in the car park could be used for a Chiltern conservation hedge laying course. The meeting agreed that this could go ahead and Martin would liaise with them.
17. **Date of the next meeting.** This will be Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm in the Parish Hall.  
The meeting finished at 10.05pm