

A meeting of Goring Heath Parish Council was held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 10th January 2013 at 8pm.

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

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Ann Ducker.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting**, 13th December 2012 were signed as correct.
3. **Matters arising.** BT are no longer promoting Sponsor a Kiosk. They had replaced the broken glass. The clerk to contact BT again and say that the parish council are anxious to retain them as working call boxes, thank them for mending the glass and ask if the parish council can paint them red. Peter will contact Rupert Reid. The quiz night has been mentioned in the newsletter. Peter had spoken with Janie Hedgecock and she was happy with the arrangements for the hedge laying course.
4. **Parish Hall.** There would be a soup lunch on Friday 1st March and a Quiz Night on 9th March. Other forthcoming events include a willow sculpture class, the Garden show, a sale of garden furniture and in September Moonrakers. Two more trustees are needed for the parish hall.
5. **Newsletter/Website.** The new website should be up and running soon.
6. **Recreation Ground.** The cost of supplying & installing a small amount of new equipment for Garton End play area could be around £9,000. Dave Sexon advised that it was worth putting in a request for funds now from the councillor community budget and then get money from other sources. A request could be put in the newsletter. The recreation ground hedge has been laid.
7. **District Councillors Report.** None
8. **County Councillors Report.** Dave Sexon told the meeting that he would not be standing for re-election. The additional savings that OCC are having to make this year after a huge cut in funding last year will have a major impact and Highways are likely to suffer. David left the meeting before the planning was discussed
9. **Planning and Unauthorised Developments.**
P12/S3018/HH & P12/S3019/LB 1 Enigma Estate Coldharbour Goring Heath RG8 7SZ
Erection of a side extension (Re-submission of application P12/S2443/HH) Should be refused. P12/S3138/HH Sunny Home Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PG Construction of a side extension, reconfigured roof with a loft conversion incorporating two front dormers No strong views. P12/S2927/LDP Oak Tree Cottage Gashes Lane Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PY Conversion of existing garage to a habitable room. No objection. P12/S2978/FUL The Oratory Preparatory School Great Oaks Goring Heath RG8 7SF Removal of condition 7 on planning application P05/E0686 (New indoor pool and access) Should be approved.
10. **Finance.** There was £11,721.90 in the bank on 3rd January. £1.85 was earned in untaxed interest The following cheques were drawn and authorised

301286	H M Revenue & customs	£72.60
301287	Clerks Salary December	£257.40
301288	January Newsletter	£270.00
301289	CPRE Subscription	£29.00
		£629.00

11. **Precept.** The meeting agreed that the precept be reduced to £17,000
12. **Crays Pond/Tinepits.** All well.
13. **Working Parties.** Martin will continue to work on the hedge when he has time and ask Jon Hatt to remove the cuttings.
14. **Community Plan/ Neighbourhood Plan.** There will be an article in the next newsletter. The first step is to get others in the parish involved.
15. **Linking the footpath to Goring.** Martin was getting Ordnance Survey maps of the route.
16. **Correspondence.** Mrs Lesely Withers had written one letter concerning the disappearance of her house signs and asking for advice from the parish council and another about the non-delivery of her newsletters. Peter would reply, the clerk had sent the missing issues of the newsletter, Nick Elsome said he would deliver them in future.
17. **Any other business.** Jo Adams was concerned about black bags outside the Hatchgate. It was decided to leave the date of the Annual Parish Meeting in April as this year it did not fall in Easter week. Peter would reply to Pat Turner .
18. **Date of the next meeting** 14 February 2013
The meeting finished at 10.30pm