**Present:** Peter Dragonetti (PD), Martin Wise (MW) Hilary Dewey (HD) Michael Holland (MH) Tarek Moghul (TM)

**In attendance:** Amanda Holland ( Clerk )

1. **Apologies for Absence**: Apologies from Cllr Collas, Cllr Burdon and Lucy Turner.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
3. **Public Forum**. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council. None.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting Tuesday January 11th 2022**. Approved as a true record.
5. **Matters Arising**. AH reported that there had been no response to emails regarding village signs.
6. **District and County Councillors Reports**. Cllr Dragonetti submitted a report which was noted.
7. **Correspondence for Information** : The Litter Pick has been booked for Saturday 26th March and locations for waste pickups confirmed. The moles and metal detectorists on the Recreation Ground were discussed, no further action. Whitchurch 20 mph Consultation was discussed, AH to respond.
8. **Key areas requiring discussion:**

**Status on traffic management initiatives.**  MH reported on actions and progress.

**Speed Watch Group.** NE reported that the scheme is being updated and reviewed. We are now registered as an active group. The next step is to identify appropriate sites and participants. AH/NE

**Defibrillators.** NE has negotiated a discounted rate for 2 pieces of equipment and their housing to be sited at the Sun Inn and another at Goring Heath Almshouses. It was proposed and agreed that we would apply to the Councillor Grant scheme by February 18th 2022. AH to progress.

**Platinum Jubilee Celebration Plans*.***  PD to report back on the possibility of a bar at the Beacon. It was decided not to pursue the idea of a community lunch as we had not had a positive response to proposals outlined in the last edition of the newsletter.

**The Annual General Meeting.** Will be held at 8pm after a short GHPC meeting on Tuesday April 12th 22.

1. **Governance Matters.**

**Finance and Bank Reconciliation:** A bank reconciliation and statement was circulated and approved. Clerks Salary 370.00, OALC training 60.00, GF Bus 100.00 ,The Landscape Group 456.00, Parish Online 45.00, Citizens Advice Bureau 350.00.

**GDPR and IT solutions:** A GHPC credit card has been secured and a date for preliminary installation of the software agreed. The domain name expenses were raised and a .gov.uk suffix was approved.

**Review of Standing Orders / Financial Regulations.** To be added to the next agenda, all members to be circulated with new model standing orders and financial regulations for reference.

**Councillors Grant Scheme.** It was unanimously agreed that AH would complete the necessary applications for Hill Bottom Close Arboreal Project, Defibrillators at The Almshouses and the Sun Inn.

1. **Maintenance.**

**Grass and Maintenance Contract:** MW reported we are waiting for 2 Selected Contractors to quote. It was noted that due to Health and Safety Legislation we will incur increased costs to maintain the footpath along the B471 where there is a 50mph speed limit in place. After discussion it was agreed that a meeting would be convened to discuss the quotations and agree a new contract for 2022/3.

**Crays Pond:** It was agreed that our preferred Pond expert was no longer available to meet our requirements. It was agreed that all Councillors would research new experts with a view to obtain an up to date survey and management plan for 2022/3.

**Footpaths and Rights of Way:** The drainage grips along the B471 were discussed. It was agreed that maintenance and replacement was needed, and that OCC would be approached in the first instance.

**Playground :** Essential maintenance Saturday March 5th at 10am. NE reported on discussion with Playdale. The replacement of the play equipment was discussed, all Councillors to come back to the next meeting with their ideas.

1. **Newsletter/ Website /Social Media**. PD asked that the delivery routes could be confirmed as there may be some confusion. AH to action.
2. **The Parish Hall.**
3. **Planning and Unauthorised Developments.**

[**P22/S0377/HH**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P22/S0377/HH)

Hunters Moon Hill Bottom Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PT

Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) on planning application P21/S4791/HH (Detached garage with annex above) - increase height of the building. Refused. AH to advise.

[**P22/S0276/FUL**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P22/S0276/FUL)

Hardwick Estate, Leigh Cottage Collins End Goring Heath RG8 7RN

Erection of a Pergola, Polytunnel and a Keder greenhouse.

HD to liaise with Applicant.

[**P22/S0206/HH**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P22/S0206/HH)

26 Orchard Coombe Whitchurch Hill RG8 7QL

Single storey extension to rear aspect. Move front door forward in line with entrance facade. Replace flat roof construction with duo pitched roof to existing side extension.

No Strong Views HD to advise.

1. **Councillors Reports and items for the next agenda.** NE raised the Fete as an agenda item at the next meeting. All Councillors unanimously agreed that the usual permissions regarding location and insurance were granted. It was agreed after discussion that the chain lock at B471 gate to the Recreation Ground would be replaced. PD to remove the old one, NE to supply the new. The Church Hedge was discussed, it was agreed that the Recreation Ground side was to be maintained by GHPC. HD offered apologies for absence at the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 22.00hrs

**Date of the next meeting** : **Tuesday March 8th 2022 at 8pm in the Parish Hall.**