**Present:** Martin Wise (MW) Peter Burdon (PB) Michael Holland (MH) Hilary Dewey (HD) Peter Dragonetti

**In attendance:** Amanda Holland (AH Clerk ) Louise Shearer (LS)

1. **Apologies for Absence**: Liz Collas (LC).
2. **Declarations of Interest.** None
3. **Public Forum.**
4. **To Approve the Minutes** of the last meeting of the Council on November 14th 2023. Approved.
5. **Matters arising from those minutes not on the agenda elsewhere.**
6. **Correspondence for Information**.
7. **District Councillors Report and County Councillors Report.** DC report received with thanks.
8. **Key areas requiring discussion:**
* Crays Pond Project. PB to undertake to make arrangements for the removal of silt. AH to organise tree works

To be completed before February.

* Traffic and Speed update. A consultation document form SODC was discussed. MH to pursue 20mph on Goring

Heath Road and Hill Bottom, and to contact Jon Beale regarding Penny Royal and speed surveys.

 **9.**      **Governance matters**

* Finance and Bank Reconciliation. The financial statement and Bank statement were discussed and approved.
* Precept and Budget setting. The budget papers were analysed and discussed and it was noted that extensive repairs to the Parish Hall Roof should be Included in future calculations. AH to obtain quotes from Building surveyors. No new major projects to be approved, the roof can be covered by existing reserves. After discussion, MW proposed a precept of 24k , seconded by HD , for MH PD, PB abstained.

**10.**  **Goring Heath Maintenance.**

* Grass and Maintenance. MW has met with A and W to discuss revision to 2024/5 specifications. .
* Footpaths and Rights of Way. Hearing for Footpath No 27 will be attended by MW. AH to provide background to MW
* Playgrounds. A finalised quotation and drawings will be available for the next meeting. .
* Enforcement. Woodland Feast / Secret Adventures report was discussed.
* Woodlands Conservation. PD to raise concerns with Head of Planning. Ongoing. AH to investigate lotting campaign.

**11.**   **The Newsletter /Website/Social Media.** The next Newsletter deadline will be January 12th for February Issue. Dates for Diary will include 23rd March for our litter pick, 9th April for Parish Meeting.

**12.**     **The Parish Hall**. MW has cleared the gutters. Finances are stable.

**13.**     **The White Lion.**.

**14.**  **Planning and Unauthorised Developments.**

 **[P23/S4130/FUL](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P23/S4130/FUL)** Palmer Cottage Meadow Goring Heath Road Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PP Construction of new access road.

[**P23/S3820/FUL**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P23/S3820/FUL) Land adjacent to Conway Cottage Crays Pond RG8 7QG Proposed outbuilding. No strong views.

**15.**    **Councillors Reports and Items for future agenda**.

To confirm the date of the next meeting: Tuesday January 9th 2023 at 8pm

A Holland, Clerk : Goring Heath Parish Council .