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

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

1. **Apologies for Absence**: Peter Dragonetti ( PD)
2. **Declarations of Interest.** Cllr Wise declared an interest regarding tree maintenance contractors and planning application [**P23/S3109/HH**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P23/S3109/HH).
3. **Public Forum.** None
4. **To Approve the Minutes** of the last meeting of the Council on September 12th 2023. Approved.
5. **Matters arising from those minutes not on the agenda elsewhere.** None
6. **Correspondence for Information**. We have had correspondence from OCC regarding Grass contract. MW to review.
7. **District Councillors Report and County Councillors Report.**
8. **Key areas requiring discussion:**
* Crays Pond Project. MW and PB are awaiting a meeting with the site manager to discuss silt and vegetation dispersal.

It was reported that the delay to pond works caused by water levels plus the 6 week lead in time may mean that works will

not start this year. PB will discuss with Ms R Sanderson and the Trust for Oxfordshire Environment.

* Traffic and Speed update. MH reported that we are firmly in Phase 3 of the project and will be considered from Easter next

 year. Penny Royal will be included in our campaign to be 40mph along this busy stretch of road. Regarding the lack of

volunteers for the speed watch group, LC offered to contact Goring to see if we could collaborate on this.

* Remembrance Day Planning. AH was asked to make the usual arrangements as to ask WPC for marshalls again this year.

**9.**     **Governance matters**

* Finance and Bank Reconciliation. The financial statement and Bank statement were discussed and approved.
* Training. PB would like to attend the SODC Planning for Parish Councillors in November. Approved.

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

* Grass and Maintenance. The grass and maintenance contract was reviewed and approved. Updates were agreed regarding the Parish Hall hedge, strimming around the Crays Pond 30mph signage and the hedge alongside the recreation ground. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that we would request our current contractors to continue to provide this service 20224/5. AH to bring revised contract to the next meeting for approval.
* Parish Tree Survey Quotations. MW left the meeting. 3 quotations were discussed and reviewed. It was decided to approve Tree Solutions. AH to contact and request that works be carried out as soon as possible.
* Footpaths and Rights of Way. LC agreed to contact the owners of the hedge between Tinepits and Hill Bottom.

 The footpath at Coombe End was discussed and no practical solution was proposed, no further action.

* Playgrounds. AH has been unable to meet Arrow on site and hopes to be able to report back to the next meeting.
* Enforcement. LC has informed Enforcement about the resiting of the large caravan in the woods at Penny Royal.

PB circulated a report outlining his concerns regarding the Secret Adventures site in the woods which has been reported previously but no action has been taken to date. LC to share contact details with PB prior to his submission.

* Woodlands Conservation. PD to raise concerns with Head of Planning. Ongoing.

**11.**   **The Newsletter /Website/Social Media.** AH requested that Speedwatch Volunteers urgently needed to be recruited. After discussion it was decided to allocate a whole page of the newsletter to this. AH reported that Mr Chris Uden, who was a very valued volunteer with the speed watch campaign and with the Goring Heath Covid response team, has recently passed away. GHPC expressed our sadness and sent our condolences and sympathy to his family. MH would submit a traffic report.

**12.**     **The Parish Hall**. The recent Antiques and Valuation Evening went very well.

**13.**     **The White Lion.** Correspondence in the Henley Standard was discussed.

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

[**P23/S3109/HH**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P23/S3109/HH) Boundary House Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PB

Partial demolition of pool building to create an outdoor pool, and construction of a small pool house to provide ancillary accommodation. No Strong Views HD to advise.

[**P23/S3065/DIS**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P23/S3065/DIS) BP Technology Centre Bozedown Drive near Whitchurch Hill RG8 7QR Discharge of conditions 13 (Contaminated Land - Linked Conditions (1)) under application reference number P22/S3223/FUL (The demolition of buildings; the erection of a new part single storey, part two storey building for the research / testing of electric battery technology and associated test chambers; and the erection of buildings and compound for storage and other ancillary facilities). No strong Views.

**15.**    Councillors Reports and Items for future agenda. It was agreed to organise a Christmas get together for all our volunteers and community prior to our December meeting.

To confirm the date of the next meeting: Tuesday November 14th 2023 at 8pm A Holland, Clerk : Goring Heath Parish Council .