**Present:** Liz Collas (LC) Martin Wise (MW) Peter Dragonetti ( PD) Peter Burdon (PB)

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

1. **Apologies for Absence**: Michael Holland (MH) Hilary Dewey (HD)
2. **Declarations of Interest.** Cllr Wise declared an interest regarding tree maintenance contractors.
3. **Public Forum.** Speeding and traffic brought forward. Ms S Morris, Ms Andrea Bain from SOHA Housing and 3 residents from Penny Royal were in attendance to discuss their proposal to decrease the speed limit on the B4526 at Penny Royal. Cllr Holland provided a summary of where we are to date on traffic issues as follows.

“ I have contacted OCC for an update and we are on their system for further action on both the reduction of the speed limit on the B471 to 30 mph and for the 20 mph zone in the Whitchurch Hill village triangle. I have asked whether we can add Cray's Pond and Penny Royal to the 20 mph scheme, and await an answer.” After discussion it was unanimously agreed that GHPC fully supported the need to decrease speed limits on this stretch of road and would also request a speed survey from OCC. GHPC would meet the costs for this.

1. **To Approve the Minutes** of the last meeting of the Council on Tuesday July 11th 2023. Approved.
2. **Matters arising from those minutes not on the agenda elsewhere.** AH to include the Parish Hall hedge trimming in the main grass and maintenance contract.
3. **Correspondence for Information**. **.**  LC to contact Mike Ward regarding Community transport grants from OCC. It was decided not to express an interest in Electric vehicle charging stations. Our second defibrillator has been installed at The Sun Inn, and Pads have been updated. A volunteer to check batteries and upkeep has come forward, excellent news. Further to a request regarding the Himalayan Balsam plants at the Deadmans Lane Junction, these should be uprooted when next in flower which is the end of April. LC would monitor its progress, and MW would advise the landowners of the adjacent field. Mr E Hartley wrote in about footpath accessibility at Querns and Haw Farm, LC to progress.
4. **District Councillors Report and County Councillors Report.** PD reported that the new SODC offices were in the advanced planning stage. The Didcot By Pass was discussed, and will be going to a public enquiry on 5th December. The Housing supply issue was discussed and updates on a number of sites was provided. It was noted that Community Grants of up to £5k were available again this year.

**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 pond is at present about 3ft deep, and that there is a 6 week lead in time for works to start.

* Speeding and Traffic Update. See Above.
* Parish Deep Clean. Areas of concern were approved to advise contactors of where to concentrate their efforts.

**9.**     **Governance matters**

* Finance and Bank Reconciliation. The financial statement and Bank statement were discussed and approved.
* To Receive and Approve the External Auditors Report 2022/2023. The external Audit statement form Moore was received, discussed and approved. AH to publish on website and noticeboards before the 30th September deadline.

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

* Grass and Maintenance. It has been requested that we should include a strim of vegetation that may obscure the new 30mph gates at Crays pond. AH to include this item in our Annual Grass /maintenance contract.

Parish Tree Survey Quotations were taken forward to the next meeting, as we are still waiting for one to arrive.

* Footpaths and Rights of Way. LC reported that a gate on the Garton End footpath has been repaired by the Chiltern Society and GHPC has met the cost. The CS has also cleared Hods Lane and Town lane recently, LC to advise regarding a request for Ladygrove Farm and Querns to also be cleared. Under the Highways Act 1980 Footpath 27 Public Path Diversion and Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2021 will be going to a hearing.
* Playgrounds. AH is meeting Arrow on site and will report back to the next meeting.
* Enforcement. There are 8 enforcement notices ongoing in the parish which were discussed.
* Woodlands Conservation. PD to raise concerns with Head of Planning.

**11.**   **The Newsletter /Website/Social Media.** Plans for future issues were discussed, no social media updates.

**12.**     **The Parish Hall**. The Autumn show was well attended, the hall is looking lovely.

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

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

[**P23/S1050/LB**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P23/S1050/LB) [**P23/S1048/HH**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P23/S1048/HH) Lavender Cottage Coldharbour Goring Heath RG8 No strong views.

[**P23/S2719/DIS**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P23/S2719/DIS) Crays Pond Lodge Goring Road Goring Heath RG8 7SH No strong views.

**[P23/S2578/HH](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P23/S2578/HH)** The Old Post House Collins End Goring Heath RG8 7RH No strong Views.

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[**P23/S1952/AG**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P23/S1952/AG) Copyhold Farm Lady Grove Goring Heath RG8 7RT No strong views.

[**P23/S2242/S73**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P23/S2242/S73)Hods Acre Barn (land formerly attached to Butlers Farmhouse) Goring Heath Road Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PN. Unclear.

**15.**    Councillors Reports and Items for future agenda. None.

To confirm the date of the next meeting: Tuesday October 10th 2023 at 8pm. A Holland, Clerk : GHPC