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

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

1. **Apologies for Absence**: Louise Shearer (LS)
2. **Declarations of Interest.** None
3. **Public Forum.** Mr Melvyn Hil12th
4. **To Approve the Minutes** of the last meeting of the Council on January 9th 2024. Approved.
5. **Matters arising from those minutes not on the agenda elsewhere.** MW shared log in details for Parish Online.
6. **Correspondence for Information**. LC agreed to write in support of Stop signs at Crays Pond as proposed by Mr Reynolds.
7. **District Councillors Report and County Councillors Report.** DC report received with thanks.
8. **Key areas requiring discussion:**
* The Fete 2024. PB circulated a Fete roundup that highlighted a need to recruit more helpers. Action : All
* Crays Pond Project. PB and MW have met with Oratory School re arrangements for the removal of silt.

Heritage Tree Services will begin tree works shortly.

* Traffic and Speed update. AH to invite Speedwatch Volunteers to our next meeting. Speed activated devices

 were discussed. MH reported on progress regarding 40mph to 30mph on B471, 30mph to 20mph in Whitchurch Hill

and Speed monitoring progress at Penny Royal. All very positive.

* Speedwatch update. Latest Findings and reviews were discussed and the drops in speeds were noted.
* Situation Vacant. It was noted that the Clerk would be stepping down in April and a number of candidates

had come forward. AH and LC to progress. The vacancy for a Councillor was discussed. Mr Melvyn Hill has

expressed an interest in joining us.

 **9.**      **Governance matters**

* Finance and Bank Reconciliation. The financial statement and Bank statement were discussed and approved.
* Policies Update. The following documents were discussed reviewed and updated: The Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, GHPC publication scheme, Asset Register, Risk Assessment, Accessibility Statement, Freedom of Information Statement, Statement of Internal Controls, Complaints Procedure, Code of Conduct.

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

* Grass and Maintenance. Mr Wayne Deakin has accepted the Revised 2024/5 specifications. Tri Annual Tree works have been completed.
* Footpaths and Rights of Way. Long Toll footpath LC reported that this may be reopened in a slightly different path, Footpath 27 is pending a decision, Tine Pit to Hill Bottom path is obstructed by a hedge and a damaged fence.
* Playgrounds. Works to the Whitchurch Hill Playground to be completed before the end of March.
* Enforcement. The Old Poultry Farm , Secret Rendezvous and Bozedown Camp are ongoing.
* Grips Drains and Gullies. AH to monitor progress on Fix My Street.

**11.**   **The Newsletter /Website/Social Media.**

**12.**     **The Parish Hall**.

**13.**     **The White Lion.**

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

[**P24/S0137/HH**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P24/S0137/HH) The Old Parsonage Goring Heath Road Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PG

Demolition of existing single storey rear extension, construction of new single storey rear extension and orangery, conversion of existing utility and passage into a new larger utility with new pitched roof, and internal alterations. NSV

[**P24/S0147/HH**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P24/S0147/HH) The Old Stables Goring Heath Road Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PN

Change of use from garage to gym and home office. Erection of new gate and side wall. No Strong Views

[**P24/S0142/HH**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P24/S0142/HH) The Old Village Inn Goffs Hill Crays Pond RG8 7QD

Two storey and single storey rear extensions, and front porch. Objection. HD to progress.

**15.**    **Councillors Reports and Items for future agenda**. HD to step down at the end of the year.

To confirm the date of the next meeting: Tuesday March 12th 2024 at 8pm

A Holland, Clerk : Goring Heath Parish Council .