**A meeting of Goring Heath Parish Council was held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 14th February 2019 at 8pm**

**Present**:  Chairman Peter Dragonetti, Councillors: Fred Rutherford, Liz Collas, Hilary Dewey. In attendance, Lucy Turner and Amanda Holland.

1. **Apologies for Absence** : Nick Henry, Nicholas Elsome, Martin Wise, Chris Jessop.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting.** Thursday 10th January 2019 were signed as correct, with a question: Under AOB the word Subsidence needed clarification. To be addressed at the March meeting.
3. **Matters Arising. P18/S2555/FUL** Former Goring Heath Poultry Farm 54526 Goring Heath RG8 7RU, Erection of a training building, 5 huts and the renovation of disused fire station, ablutions block and parking : PD will contact the planning officer as we are not aware of any progress on this. LC advised Councillors on the footpaths in the area that needed monitoring, and after discussion it was agreed to contact Open Spaces Society regarding a path in Bec Tithe, and to liaise with Whitchurch Parish Council regarding one which is off Eastfield Lane. LC has also organised a meeting with OCC Footpaths to consider the ongoing situation within Long Toll Woods. This issue was raised at a previous meeting by a letter from Mr Phil Allen which raised concerns about the 8 plots of woodland that are being sold off in the vicinity of Long Toll Woods. PD offered to circulate details of who is interested in this problem and LC would then reply to Mr Allen, The Forestry Commission outlining our concerns.
4. **Correspondence:** The Waste Tours were very popular, 4 spaces have been secured on the Ardley Tour 11/4/2019 only. Active Communities SODC have asked to use the Recreation Ground for activities, we are pleased to help. The Salvation Army have visited the Village Hall car park for the new Charity clothing bin, and one will be installed soon. The upcoming elections were discussed, Notices will go up on the 18th March 2019. AH to progress.
5. **Parish Hall.** The annual quiz was discussed. Over £660 was raised and Mike Holland the Quiz Master was pleased to note how popular it was, except with latecomers unable to attend. FR suggested another quiz soon! The Hall committee has decided not to pursue the idea of an internet café/working from home hub that was proposed at our last meeting.
6. **Newsletter/Website.** AH has not updated the website and apologised. LT had invited the Repair Café representative Mr Ian Wheeler to the next Annual Parish Meeting but he was not able to attend. It was suggested that we could invite him to our next meeting to discuss his ideas. LT to progress. Councillors were invited to the repair café in Cholsey on 16/3/2019. It was agreed to insert an advert for fete this year on 25th May 2019 in the next newsletter, and also an article about Litter Pick Day which would be held this year on Saturday 30th March 10am to 12 Noon. LC asked If we could publicise the fact that the Goring Poor Charity has funds to allocate for this year.
7. **Recreation Ground**.  A discussion followed regarding an estimate for a basket swing that had been received, it was agreed that further estimates be sought for a cantilever swing that was a good deal more exciting.
8. **District Councillors report.**  The resignation of Mr R Simister was noted.
9. **County Councillors report.** A report was circulated and discussed.
10. **Traffic speed on B4526 Crays Pond and Goring Heath Road, Whitchurch Hill.**

OCC met with PD, FR and CJ on 11th February 2019 at the Crays Pond Junction. It was agreed by all parties that the speed limits here needed revision, and that GHPC would be able to meet the costs. A speed review would be carried out in due course to finalise positions of signage.

1. **Grass Cutting and Tree Maintenance**. Mark Williams has informed us that Berinsfield Community Business is no longer trading, and that our contract could be honoured by a new company that has been accepted by other councils, namely Dorchester, Wheatley, Woodcote and others. It was agreed after discussion to continue with our contact under the new company. The Contracted works to Trees in the Parish Hall Car Park and around the Recreation Ground are now finished. FR asked about maintenance of the pond and surrounding trees, and the bench there, PD confirmed that it is indeed maintained.
2. **Planning and Unauthorised Developments**. **P19/SO129/LDE** The Old Sawmill, PD to ask for opinions, **P18/S4308/HH** Bottom Farmhouse, number of panels were queried and confirmed, **P18/S4263/HH** Glenavon, **P18/S3397/FUL** Rose Cottage, under discussion, Magnolia Cottage, AH to research, Goring Heath Almshouses, **P18/S2555** Old Poultry Farm, The White Lion, no progress to report.
3. **Finance & Bank Reconciliation.** The bank statement for January /February was checked and approved by HD. Invoices have been received from Going Forward Buses, BCB, Moore Stephens Parish Online Mapping and SODC dog bins. Members requested details of the mapping service to be circulated. AH
4. **AOB.** Councillors were reminded that the next meeting will require them to review in detail the risk assessment, asset register, standing orders and financial regulations. Please bring your copy. Motor Bikes on Bridleways were discussed. HD flagged down a group recently and reminded them of official rights of way. It was noted that the footpaths have been damaged.
5. **The meeting closed at 9.30pm.**
6. **Date of the next meeting**  **Thursday 14th March at 8pm.**