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

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

A silence was observed for the tragic loss of one of our young parishioners, Mr Lewis Moghul, whose father Tarek has only recently stepped down as Councillor. Heartfelt sympathy and sorrow from all was noted.

1. **Apologies for Absence**: none.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** none
3. **Public Forum**. Mr Ian Reynolds to report on the Community Speed Watch initiative. Mr Reynolds reported that since its inception in August 2022 our community speed watch volunteers have carried out 30 monitoring sessions on our local roads, 285 offenders have been reported to the police, and local businesses have been alerted to changes. This activity has had a considerable impact on speed awareness in the Parish and there has been an incremental decrease in speeds overall. This visibility and impact has not been easy, it has been very difficult to involve volunteers to carry out the sessions. Indeed, Woodcote has been unable to get a scheme off the ground at all. Ian has run a comprehensive campaign to recruit more helpers, and he and GHPC thanked those who are already involved for their hard work and dedication. We are in urgent need of new recruits to help with the scheme. It was agreed that CSW reports would be displayed on all notice boards, along with a request for volunteers advert. This would also be published in the March Newsletter and the website. Sessions last one hour, and we would ask volunteers for once/twice a month. After further discussion it was agreed that a Speed Activated Warning sign at Garton End B4526 approach to Crays Pond would be an effective way to ensure speeding is minimised in the Parish. AH to progress.
4. **To Approve the Minutes** of the last meeting of the Council on Tuesday January 10th2023.
5. **Correspondence for Information**. Mr Rutherford emailed MW to point out that the notice boards had not been updated with the latest agenda and minutes. AH apologised, explained and it was agreed that Agenda and Minutes would be available at Crays Pond within 4 working days of the monthly meeting.

A date was set for the Annual Litter pick on Saturday 1st April 2023.

1. **District Councillors and County Councillors Report.** Received and noted with thanks.
2. **Key areas requiring discussion**:

* CIL Expenditure. It was noted that we have £8081.07 from 2022 and £772.00 form 2019 to account for. It was decided to allocate these funds to the purchase of new play equipment.
* 20mph and Speeding. Further to the discussion in the Public forum above, it was noted that a report from MH regarding the 30mph limit on the B471 and proposals for a 20mph limit through Whitchurch Hill would be postponed to the next meeting due to time restraints.

1. **Governance matters.**

At the Clerks annual appraisal 03.02.23, It was agreed to keep a diary of GHPC hours worked for future reference. We then reviewed the Publication scheme and all GHPC Policies and ensured all our requirements for audit were in place. It was agreed that AH would add the new defib to the insurance schedule and draw up a CIL expenditure statement. It was agreed that AH would invite Mrs L Shearer to be a co-opted member of the council with responsibility for the newsletter. It was agreed that the website and social media needed further discussion at a future meeting. It was agreed that AH would instruct Clare Connel to be our internal auditor again this year, and the Annual Parish meeting would be held after the Annual General Meeting of GHPC in April. It was agreed that the notice boards may have a laminated info sheet stating dates of the next meetings for the year, asking parishioners to access latest mins and agenda via the website. LC requested that Councillors review Standing Orders.

**The Finance Report and Bank statement** for January was circulated, reviewed and approved.

Clerks salary £385.10, GFB £100.00, Wel Medical £1500.00 Defibrillator, CPRE membership £50.00

1. **Maintenance.**

* **Grass and Maintenance Contract.**

The hedge between the Recreation Ground and the Church was discussed. AH to obtain quotes for cutting back the Laurel from Recreation ground aspect only. A quotation for a Visual Tree Assessment for our tri-annual tree survey was accepted, AH to progress before the end of March. (include Car Pk)

* **Footpaths and Rights of Way.** The footpath at Shirvells Hill was discussed, LC to progress.
* **Playgrounds.** An estimate for the replacement of the Multi Play unit was discussed and some clarification was required. It was agreed in principle that our specification was very near agreement and further quotes should be obtained. AH to progress. The works to repair and renovate the swings, surfacing and roundabout can be commissioned as soon as possible. AH to progress.
* **Bus Shelter at GH Alms-houses.** The windows have been vandalised. It was agreed not to replace.

1. **Crays Pond**. MW reported that he had met with contractors and an environmental science lab to ensure there are no contaminants. The next steps will be to meet with Mr Da Silva from the Oratory school to consult regarding disposal of sludge/silt. It was agreed that MW and PB would liaise regarding project management and would arrange a meeting with TOE with a view to beginning work before Autumn.
2. **The Newsletter /Website/Social Media**. Mrs Louise Shearer was welcomed as the new editor of the newsletter and prospective Councillor. Our thanks were expressed to Lucy for all her hard work and for a smooth transition. Articles for the March edition to include The new playground proposals, Crays pond update, Community speed watch update, request for volunteers, Martins 40th, telephone Box library, DOE Nathan Day, Ideas for coronation, dates for Fete, Litter pick and Annual Parish Meeting.
3. **The Parish Hall**. PB reported that Scottish Southern would be willing to consider a grant to provide a smaller generator for the Parish. It was agreed that PB would approach them with further ideas.
4. **Planning and Unauthorised Developments.**

[**P22/S4647/FUL**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P22/S4647/FUL) 3 Ladygrove Cottages Goring Heath Road Ladygrove RG8 7RU

Change of use of the existing annex from ancillary residential accommodation to ancillary residential accommodation and short term lets. Amendment to P16/S2249/HH. HD to progress.

[**P23/S0056/DIS**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P23/S0056/DIS) BP Technology Centre Bozedown Drive near Whitchurch Hill RG8 7QR

Discharge of conditions 3(materials schedule) & 4(glazing) on application P19/S4248/FUL as amended by non-material amendment application P22/S2567/NM. (Redevelopment of the site to include demolition of time expired buildings (G, K, M, N, S (all to be fully demolished) and U (part demolition to remove store room) and replacement with a single building (Building H). Refurbishment of existing laboratories. PD to progress.

[**P23/S0380/FUL**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P23/S0380/FUL) Bozedown Windmill Bozedown Drive Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PE

Erection of 15 metres high wind turbine. Consultation period requested to be extended. AH to progress.

1. **Councillors Reports and Items for future agenda.** PB reported that there has not been enough progress

on the handover of the fete. AH to progress.

The meeting ended at 9.50pm, followed by a celebration and presentation to Councillor Martin Wise,

For 40 years of continuous dedicated service to Goring Heath Parish Council and the community.

To confirm the date of the next meeting: Tuesday March 14th 2023 at 8pm.