Present: Chris Jessop, Liz Collas, Martin Wise, Nick Elsome, Nick Henry

In attendance, Amanda Holland, Lucy Turner.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Peter Dragonetti, Hilary Dewey
2. **Public Forum**: Mrs Caroline Hadley raised the subject of the Climate Change Emergency, as recently declared by South Oxfordshire District Council. She has recently attended a meeting organised by the Henley Extinction Rebellion group, which had an excellent speaker who facilitated a question and answer session which was very practical about how to address the issue. She asked for support from the PC to organise a similar talk for our Parishioners in the Parish Hall. She referred to an open letter from SODC dated 25/1/2020 which expressed the councils commitment to engage with residents on this issue and to encourage us to take positive action ourselves. CJ stated that the talk would be in keeping with our aims and objectives for the parish. After discussion it was agreed that the PC offered their unanimous support for the venture, and looked forward to a May/June date to be confirmed.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting. Thursday January 9th 2020** were signed as correct.
4. **Matters Arising.**  MW requested that we ask SODC for clarification on the issue of fallen trees, hedges and branches. If they obstruct the footpaths, roads, rights of way should it be the landowners responsibility or SODC. It was suggested that a link to the relevant legislation be put into the newsletter for information.
5. **Correspondence:** The internal audit has been checked and authorised as satisfactory, the charity commission entry has been updated. A complaint to SODC enforcement regarding Hunters Moon Hill Bottom is pending investigation. The bat boxes have been ordered and AH/NH are liaising regarding the relocation of a grit bin at the old post office crossroads. We have received a complaint about the raising of flags in an area of outstanding natural beauty, and a request to maintain and clear the path between Oakdown Close and Hill Bottom. ( LC to investigate) Mrs Sally Bergman representing the WI has asked for advice regarding the siting of saplings in the Parish.Mr and Mrs Cole have emailed about the dangers for the current 40mph speed limit through Crays Pond**.** CJ updated PC on the campaign to address this issue, and it was agreed to keep highlighting this to the Highways and associated parties until action is taken. (AH) Mrs T Elsome has asked about the maintenance of the hedge between the church and recreation ground. After discussion it was agreed to liaise with Mrs Elsome and take responsibility for the rec side, FoSJohns the church side.
6. **District and County Councillors report**: Mr Dragonetti circulated his report, noted with thanks.
7. **Key areas for discussion : Parish Hall car park resurfacing** : Grant is pending.

**Grass and Village maintenance contract**: After discussion it was agreed to accept the lowest quote pending acceptance of terms and conditions to be drawn up by MW and agreed by the contractor.

**GHCCG ( Goring Heath Community Conservation Group):** NE agreed to help coordinate our 3 volunteers so far, and AH to press Rod D’ Ayala for a list of maintenance tasks to be undertaken during the year to work to.

1. **Governance Matters** : **Finance and Bank reconciliation:** Income : Newsletter advertising £90.00, Expenditure : Clerk salary and tax, Open spaces society membership, Going Forward Buses, The Goring Press, Parish Online membership, SODC dog bins. signed and checked NH. CJ will publish the 2020/2021 financial budget on the website. **Housekeeping** ; Website has been updated to comply with forthcoming accessibility legislation.
2. **Standing Orders and Financial Regulations:** The amendment to the standing orders was proposed and seconded to be accepted as correct 2020/21. The Financial Regulations were circulated and accepted 20/21.
3. **Maintenance**

**Crays Pond /Tine pits :** see above

**Footpaths and rights of way :** see above

**Playgrounds :** Inspections have taken place this month. NE reported annual clearance of ivy and shrubs.

1. **The Newsletter/ Website /social Media.** The Distribution list to be discussed at the next meeting. Articles for the next edition will include John Hatt and saplings, CJ regarding the budget and precept.
2. **The Parish Hall :** The filing cabinets are full, AH to report to next meeting
3. **Planning and Unauthorised Developments**. **P19/S2054/FUL Green Broom Farm Shop** NH to visit/respond
4. **Status on other Traffic Planning Initiatives:** Long Toll crossroads, signage, continue to be pursued.
5. **Community Notice boards and publicity signage at Crays Pond**. To be taken forward to the next meeting.
6. **The White Lion:** A report from PD was circulated and discussed.
7. **Any Other Business: None**

 The meeting ended at 10.07pm. **Date of the next meeting** : **Thursday March 12th 2020 at 8pm.**

Dates for Diary

Saturday 28th March Litter pick day

Saturday 23rd May Fete

Thurday 9th April Annual General Meeting.