**A meeting of Goring Heath Parish Council was held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 10th January 2019 at 8pm.**

**Present**:  Chairman Peter Dragonetti, Councillors: Martin Wise, Fred Rutherford, Nick Elsome, Nick Henry, Chris Jessop, Hilary Dewey. In attendance, Lucy Turner and Amanda Holland.

1. **Apologies for Absence** : Liz Collas
2. **Minutes of the last meeting.** Thursday 13th December 2018 were signed as correct.
3. **Matters Arising. P18/S0507/LB** Goring Heath Alms Houses. PD stated that he has registered a complaint about the decision not to enforce listed building regulations. FR noted and approved his attention to this matter. It was also noted the number of organisations such as the Chilterns Conservation Board that approved this action. **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 : an objection has been registered about the height of the roof and inappropriate development within the AONB. The White Lion at Crays Pond will be discussed again at a court hearing on 21st February 2019, to be attended by representatives of the White Lion users’ group and SODC. The gate onto the Recreation ground has been repaired and thanks were extended to our volunteer handyperson William Dunnett for an excellent job. Mr Kevin Bishop has been contacted to overhaul the parish notice board.
4. **Correspondence:** FR required to accept office of councillor and declare interests and signed paperwork for return accordingly. AH reported email from Susannah Lovegrove regarding registration of footpaths in the Parish and, after discussion, it was agreed to ask LC to ensure that 2 paths in Bec Tithe were registered. Namely, one that passes C Hadley and the other at the far end near Goring Heath Road next to Seymour. MW advised that Council Lane is now a restricted byway, and discussion followed regarding paths around RAF Woodcote, Bakers Shaw and Newhouse Farm. A questionnaire from Going Forward Buses was circulated and inclusion agreed on Facebook and the newsletter. NH advised that it was proposed that the Almshouses may be able to contribute to the bus service. Correspondence from Phil Allen regarding the fencing off of Woodland on Long Toll was discussed. It was agreed that it was depressing to note that woodlands.co.uk does not seem to be making buyers of this land appropriately aware of restriction of use on this land, i.e. that no permanent structures of any sort were allowed. Footpaths through this area were thought to be vulnerable to degradation and damage resulting in loss of access, and it was agreed to monitor the situation closely.
5. **Parish Hall.** The annual quiz was discussed. No news from the Hall Committee.
6. **Newsletter/Website.** AH has updated the website, and complaints about the fireworks were addressed. It was noted that Fireworks were let off from the recreation ground on New Year’s Eve and that they were very loud indeed. LT raised an issue regarding the updating of the Goring Heath Facebook page. Councillors thanked her for her hard work and encouraged her to continue to administer this useful service despite the difficulties along the way. A save the date for the fete was proposed for the next newsletter.
7. **Recreation Ground**.  A discussion regarding the play equipment resulted in AH to obtain estimates for a basket swing that could be used by ages 3 to 12 years for the next meeting.
8. **District Councillors report.**  Robert Simister, apologies.
9. **County Councillors report.**Kevin Bulmer, apologies.
10. **Traffic speed on B4526 Crays Pond and Goring Heath Road, Whitchurch Hill.** Mr Lee Turner, Mr Anthony Kirkwood and Mr Chris Hulme will be meeting PD, FR and CJ on 11th February at 11 am at the Junction to discuss appropriate actions. FR has circulated a further note to highlight the issue and was thanked for his enthusiasm for progressing this issue.
11. **Grass Cutting and Tree Maintenance**. The Contracted works to Trees in the Parish Hall Car Park and around the Recreation Ground are now scheduled for the 14,15,16th January 2018. The grass maintenance contract was discussed, and Berinsfield Community Business were retained with no change to existing provision.
12. **Planning and Unauthorised Developments**. The Boundary Fence at the entrance to Orchard Coombe was discussed. There had been a number of responses to this, and it was thought that the light pollution and wildlife access were the main problems. It was noted that although there are no formal guidelines on these issues, the lighting at BP/Castrol was carefully monitored and restricted. The deadline to respond to this has been extended due to staff absence. It was agreed that MW would have a chat with the owners and take their views. **P18/S3860** Beech View, side, rear and upwards extension was discussed. NH has discussed with neighbouring properties resulting in no strong views with notes. AH to return paperwork as necessary. Hunters Moon garage and New House Farm decision pending.
13. **Finance & Bank Reconciliation.** The bank statement for December /January was checked and approved by MW. Invoices have been received from Stewart Lewin the Bugler, Going Forward Buses, The Goring Press, and Berinsfield Community Business.
14. **AOB.** Councillors were reminded of the Oxfordshire County Council Town and Parish Council Liaison meeting on 17.1.2019 to be held at Sonning Common, 2pm to 5pm. AH to book places. MW noted that there may be evidence of subsidence around the pond on Orchard Coombe. PD and MW to monitor. AH to add Planning references to future Agendas. The SODC local Plan 2011 to 2034 and launch details were circulated and discussed. It was noted that the target for local housing in large villages has been exceeded by 1000 homes already, and that Goring Heath does not have a neighbourhood plan. Small villages are no longer expected to contribute to the housing target. No response was agreed. Future dates to note will be April 11th for the APM and AGM, Fete 25th May and National Litter Picking day to be confirmed.
15. **The meeting closed at 9.30pm.**
16. **Date of the next meeting**  **Thursday 14th February at 8pm.**