**A meeting of Goring Heath Parish Council was held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 8th November 2018 at 8pm.**

**Present**:  Chairman Peter Dragonetti, Councillors Liz Collas,  Martin Wise, Fred Rutherford.

 In attendance, Lucy Turner, and Amanda Holland.

1. **Apologies for Absence** : Nick Henry, Nick Elsome, Hilary Dewey, Chris Jessop
2. **Minutes of the last meeting.** Thursday 10th October 2018 were signed as correct.
3. **Matters Arising.** Mr Fred Rutherford was asked to join the Parish council as co-opted                member. He accepted the position. AH to send relevant paperwork.

 **P18/S0507/LB** Goring Heath Almshouses.  Replacing hard surface to central courtyard. PD reported that the decision to enforce listed building regulations was with SODC. The Chilterns Conservation Board and the Georgian Group were noted to be interested in developments.

 [**P18/S2504/FUL**](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P18/S2504/FUL)15 Hocketts Close RG8 7PZ, and

**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, both remain under consultation awaiting a decision.

**P18/S2551/FUL** - Erection of 2 detached residential dwellings, new access, etc. Cherry Cottage,Hill Bottom, Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PU, not granted.

The ACV for the Sun Inn is with NE.

 A hearing in respect of an injunction about  The White Lion at Crays Pond was held on 16 November in London. The case will continue into the New Year.

1. **Correspondence :** Emails have been received regarding Fireworks and antisocial behaviour. It was agreed to address the issue in the newsletter. An invitation to a  meeting for councillors in Sonning Common in January organised by OCC was received, PR and PD to attend. The renewal of the bus service was discussed, and it was agreed to donate £100 per month to help subsidise this valuable community asset.An alternative quote for the Newsletter Printing was obtained, reviewed and it was decided to remain with the current printer as the difference in price was less than £10. The free sapling from the council was discussed, AH to pick up an Oak or a Rowan from the Town Hall.
2. **Parish Hall.**It has been proposed to open the Parish Hall to the public from 2pm to 6pm for homeworkers. PD will report back on developments.
3. **Newsletter/Website.** There had been feedback from Simon Reed and Bill Johns which were considered for publication in the newsletter. Invoicing for the Newsletter to be passed to AH. PD has recently updated the website, AH to be responsible from January 2019.
4. **Recreation Ground.**Members discussed the proposals for new equipment. Correspondence has been received in favour of keeping the Horse.  Quotations were discussed from Sovereign and one other company that quoted for outdoor gym equipment. After discussion it was decided not to go ahead, and to rethink new equipment.
5. **District Councillors report.**  Circulated online, noted.
6. **County Councillors report.**Circulated online, noted.

1. **Traffic speed on B4526 Crays Pond and Goring Heath Road, Whitchurch Hill.**FR updated us on progress. Kevin Bulmer has expressed support, and the number of supporters is growing. Discussion followed regarding correspondence received, the difficulties of policing a new limit, how to ensure road signs were visible to motorists and the reduction in pollution levels should a new limit be imposed. FR anticipated a reduction of 15% in pollution levels, and a 10% (around 3 DB ) reduction in noise pollution. Quality of life and the Department of Health advice/ issues were discussed. It was agreed that PD FR and CJ would contact the Director of Infrastructure, Head of Roads and Road Safety and Keith Stenning about the issue.  The issue will remain a focus for 2019.

1. **Grass Cutting and Tree Maintenance**. After receiving 3 quotes from approved contractors, PD agreed to review and compare them and instruct the clerk to organise the work.
2. **Planning and Unauthorised Developments**. A certificate of lawful development for Cheviot was discussed, and another amendment for Small Oaks. PD to respond.
3. **Remembrance Sunday**.  All organised, all invited to attend.
4. **Finance & Bank reconciliation.** The bank statement and invoices for October and November were checked and approved by MW.

**Outgoing Incoming.**

29. Chiltern Society £30.00 Just Bricks £90.00

30. The Chiltern Society £22.90 Edward Laming £90.00

31. Heritage Tree              £390.00 Triangle travel £75.00

32. BCB                                £424.80

33. BCB £212.40

34. Wicksteed £57.00

    . HMRC £59.60

35. Clerks Salary £310.40

36. Goring Press £270.00

 37. SODC £26.20

 38. Citizens advice £150.00

38. Woodcote Volunteers £200.00

**14.  AOB.** Quotes to renovate the notice boards, provide some shelving for the Crays Pond telephone box library and to fix the gate to the recreation ground were still being sought. AH to source some red paint for the telephone boxes.

 **The meeting closed at 9.40pm.**

 **Date of the next meeting**  **Thursday 12th December at 8pm.**