**A meeting of Goring Heath Parish Council was held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 11th October 2018 at 8pm.**

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

1. **Apologies for Absence** : none
2. **Minutes of the last meeting,** Thursday 13th September 2018 were signed as correct.
3. **Matters Arising.**  There has been no change regarding Newhouse Farm or the White Lion Public house. SODC Enforcement is in progress. **P18/S0507/LB** Goring Heath Almshouses. Replacing hard surface to central courtyard. **[P18/S2504/FUL](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P18/S2504/FUL)** 15 Hockets Close Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PZ, Division of existing residence into 2 separate dwellings and Cherry Cottage are under consultation. CwmGwyn, Hill Bottom has received an enforcement notice.
4. **Correspondence :** Requests for donations from the CAB and the Woodcote Volunteers were discussed. The procedure was reviewed and a statement was drafted for discussion at the next meeting. Donations were approved to both organisations. The ACV listing for the Sun Inn on Hill Bottom is due to expire soon. Councillors agreed it was important to maintain listed status as a community asset, and agreed unanimously to nominate the Sun Inn to the list of Assets of Community Value with immediate effect. NE to progress.
5. **Parish Hall.** The Cheese and wine evening was cancelled recently, as the minimum number of tickets were not sold. It was hoped that the quiz was to be held around half term. **Newsletter/Website.** A quote from a new print company was discussed. It was decided to ask for an exact quote from them to compare with the current expense of producing the newsletter. Prospective content for the October edition was discussed and approved, including a notice for the vacancy on the Parish Council, articles on our aim to reduce speed limits at Crays Pond, and a letter from SODC regarding the White Lion. All ideas/items for the newsletter to go to [goring.heath@gmail.com](mailto:goring.heath@gmail.com) please. PD has updated the website.
6. **Recreation Ground.** Members discussed the proposals for new equipment. PD asked for each members views, CJ raised objections and after discussion it was decided that NE would ask flint house about how much their outdoor gym was used,and AH would look into proposals to update existing equipment, asking Wicksteed about removing the horse, adding in a basket swing, and consulting about adult gym equipment to be placed aroundthe edge at intervals.
7. **District Councillors report.** Kevin Bulmer is indisposed with an arm injury.
8. **County Councillors report.** None received. After discussion it was agreed to check that an Invitation, the minutes and agenda have been received, and to Invite both councillors to the November meeting to discuss our proposals to reduce the speed limit at Crays Pond**.**
9. **Traffic speed on B4526 Crays Pond and Goring Heath Road, Whitchurch Hill.** Mr Fred Rutherford and CJ presented a paper to members which outlined four main arguments. Firstly, that it was government policy to have all villages adopt a 30 MPH limit, secondly that Crays pond is the last village in Oxfordshire to comply with this limit, thirdly, that the demographics of the area have changed considerably in recent years, and finally, that these facts, in conjunction with the lack of pavement, lighting and increased pollution from noise and toxic emissions make a very compelling case for change. Thanks were extended to Fred for preparing the paper, and discussion followed on the paper and how to escalate our campaign in a measured and proportionate way. It was agreed that we would gather support from as many interested parties as possible, starting with our District Councillor, and moving on to letters of support from The Oratory School, Langtree and Woodcote Primary, the Henley Standard, local charities and organisations etc. We should then approach our county Councillor, the Highways department and the police. After discussion regarding financing of these proposals, members agreed that £5,000 would be appropriate to commit from PC funds. HD raised the issue of speeding on the Goring Heath Road, which members agreed was still a relevant issue.
10. **Grass Cutting and Tree Maintenance**. Estimates have been received from two Tree maintenance companies. It was agreed to obtain a third estimate from SODC list of approved contractors. AH to progress. The grass cutting schedule was approved and PD reported that he had updated contactors on their obligations at a site meeting.
11. **Planning and Unauthorised Developments**. An Amendment to Small Oaks, no views.
12. **Remembrance Sunday**. The Bugler has been organised, the wreath ordered, the road is awaiting approval to be closed, signs and notices were located, approved and ready to be deployed on the day, and John Hatt will block the road with his tractor. Time table as follows: NE to put out signs to close the road at the exit to BP/Castrol and Whitchurch PC to do similar in Whitchurch. The road closes from 10.50 to 11.10 am, people congregate at the memorial and PD will bring the scroll from St Marys that lists those who served. Reveille will be played. After discussion regarding the Tree sapling and plaque to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of WW1, it was agreed not to have a tree planting after the remembrance service, but to have this at a later date to be arranged. It was suggested that the commemorative sapling would eventually be placed on the triangle next to the White Lion.
13. **Finance & Bank reconciliation.** The External Audit has been approved and the certificate displayed. Members formally approved circulated copies of the Internal Audit and External Audit and noted all comments and suggested actions to be taken. The bank statement and invoices were checked and approved by CJ. However, due to a clerking oversight, the bank reconciliation and a list of payments were not available for authorisation at the meeting. It was agreed to take forward to the next meeting in November.

**Outgoing Incoming.**

£59.60 HMRC Clerk Salary £12,000 SODC Precept

£310.40 Clerks Salary (August)

£424.80 Grass Cutting

£40.00 British Legion

£50.00 Ann Bridgens

**14. AOB.** It was agreed to obtain 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. Ah to source some red paint for the telephone boxes. Fred Rutherford asked about the footpaths in the area, lots of information about this was discussed, some of which AH can place into the PC magazine box for info in the Parish Rooms. **The meeting closed at 9.48pm.**

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