**A meeting of Goring Heath Parish Council was held in the Parish Hall Thursday September 12th 2019 at 8pm.**

**Present**: Chris Jessop, Hilary Dewey, Peter Dragonetti, Ann Cordery.

In attendance, Amanda Holland, Lucy Turner.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Martin Wise, Nick Elsome, Liz Collas, Nick Henry.
2. **Approval and Welcome to New Councillor :** Ann Cordery
3. **Minutes of the last meeting. Thursday July 11th 2019** were signed as correct.
4. **Public Forum:** Mr Jon Robinson from Abbots Lodge for Long Toll/B4526 speeding**.**
5. **Matters Arising.** CJ suggested that following a recent request to instigate next year’s Internal Audit report and the increase in potential spending requirements for the Parish, it would be sensible to prepare a detailed budget for the remainder of the current fiscal and a draft budget for the 2020-21 year. This would determine if certain spend would need to be curtailed of if there was an appetite to seek and increase in funding. AH and CJ to meet before next meeting to consider.
6. **Governance Matters.**

**Finance and Bank Reconciliation**; The bank statement for July/August /September was checked and approved. Balance £17,892.59. Invoices have been received and paid: Clerk Pay £310.60, Going Forward Buses, £100, ,The Landscape Group £177.00 Chiltern Soc £30.00 Goring Press £210.00. An Internal Audit checklist has been received.

**Housekeeping:** New councillor paperwork.

1. **Correspondence and Reports**. Ann Bridgens on Hill Bottom Close has asked if we could find someone to take on her maintenance role. She also pointed out that the wild cherry trees were in a sad state and would we advise please. Bridle Way resurfacing, no further developments. Jessica Rolfe called re Telephone box, Sarah Greenwood re Pond, both kindly offering to help with upkeep and maintenance.
2. **Maintenance.**

**Crays Pond :** Mr Rod D’Ayala, our pond expert,has advised that that a hard cutting back of the invasive plants such as Reedmace and Willow, and a cutting back of marginal trees/scrub/bramble would be an excellent start. He suggests at least 2 days work, being careful to work around plants introduced at the last inspection. Sarah Greenwood and the Woodcote Conservation group are interested in helping. CJ noted that the Pond is a beautiful place and is currently not what we want it to be, and it was agreed that works should go ahead asap. It was also agreed to finalise a date for the pollarding of the willow tree and pruning of the beech tree opposite. AH/MW to coordinate.

**The Parish Hall Car Park: The q**uotation from Hazell and Jeffries clarifying surfacing options and concerns about drainage was discussed. It was agreed to circulate the quote to all Councillors, along with a sketch, with a request for approval prior to the next meeting. PD confirmed that his District Councillor discretionary spending fund could be in part utilised to support this spend. AH agreed to submit a formal request.

**Review of Grass Cutting and Tree Maintenance**: The grass contract has recently been carried out to specification. A new specification was circulated, and after discussion it was decided to await further consultation with Councillor Wise before any action.

**Play Equipment**: A review of the current situation was discussed. To move the matter forward, NE would look into the grants situation, AH would mark out on the green where a Cantilever swing would go, and Jon Robinson kindly offered to photograph/video his children on a similar one at Henley Mill Meadows play area and post to the website /FB for consultation. The Inspection report was circulated and discussed, it was agreed that PD would address the damage to the picnic table, and AH would address the corrosion issues to the climbing frame.

**Footpaths and Rights of Way:** An application from Copyhold Farm regarding a Highways declaration to OCC which prevents unrecorded Public Rights of Way from being legally recoded on the basis of presumed dedication in the future was discussed. A copy of the notice and a plan will be displayed on the Car Park Notice board for 2 months.

1. **Planning and Unauthorised Developments**.

[P19/S2489/AG](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P19/S2489/AG)

Land Opposite Spring Cottage Cold Harbour Goring-Heath RG8 7SY

Erection of a stable building comprising of two stables and a hay barn adjacent to the existing stable block. Existing hardstanding to be extended to the front of new stable building.

29 August 2019

[P19/S2402/HH](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P19/S2402/HH)

Bottom Farmhouse Blackbirds Bottom Goring Heath RG8 7SX

The addition of a greenhouse, summerhouse (artist studio) and shed within the curtilage of the main building.

23 August 2019

[P19/S2567/LB](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P19/S2567/LB)

Bottom Farmhouse Blackbirds Bottom Goring Heath RG8 7SX

Alterations to improve the thermal sustainability of the Grade II Listed Building and to mitigate potential fall hazards.

12 August 2019

[P19/S2288/DIS](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P19/S2288/DIS)

Bottom Farmhouse Blackbirds Bottom Goring Heath RG8 7SX

Discharge of condition 3 (materials) on application P18/S1520/HH. Erection of two storey extension, associated alterations.

22 July 2019

[P19/S2287/DIS](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P19/S2287/DIS)

Bottom Farmhouse Blackbirds Bottom Goring Heath RG8 7SX

Discharge of condition 3 (materials) on application P18/S1521/LB. Erection of two storey extension, associated alterations.

18 July 2019

[P19/S2142/LB](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P19/S2142/LB)

Charity Farm Cottage Track Running Past Charity Farm Goring Heath RG8 7RR

Single storey extension

9 July 2019

[P19/S2141/HH](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P19/S2141/HH)

Charity Farm Cottage Track Running Past Charity Farm Goring Heath RG8 7RR

1. **Status on traffic management initiatives**.

**Crays Pond : Mr** Lee Turner has told us that he is not happy with theTraffic data collected as he feels the cameras were sited incorrectly. The meeting discussed its frustration at the speed of implementing the speed reduction and CJ to follow up.

**Long Toll:** Following a discussion about the dangers here, it was agreed that Councillors Henry, Dewey and Dragonetti would join Mr Jon Robinsonto meet Mr Jon Beale Traffic/Technical Officer on site on Monday October 7th at 1PM.

**Village Gates and Goring Heath Road** : Speed Activated Warning Signs have been coasted at around 2k depending on the specification. New Village gates are also very expensive, and once a specification has been agreed it would be good to shop around. AH reported that BP are willing to consider a donation at their meeting in October.

1. **Community Notice boards and publicity signage at Crays Pond**. To be taken forward.
2. **The White Lion at Crays Pond** : ACV Application: remains on Appeal, awaiting hearing in Oxford 18/9/2019. Mr Bill Pechey and Peter Dragonetti to attend.
3. **Review of Memberships and donations**. To be taken forward.
4. **Seeking community views on priorities for the Parish Council**: To be taken forward.
5. **Any Other Business.**

**The telephone box at Crays Pond**: There will be a small maintenance party addressing the recent vandalism and essential maintenance on Monday 16th September at 10am.

Mr John Roger will be supervising on a voluntary basis. A discussion addressed potential uses of the box, with reference to a call from Jessica Rolfe who wished to be involved with its development. It was agreed that the preferred option was to utilise one side of the box for a summary of history of the location, with the internal area retained as a library. CJ confirmed that Mrs Beryl Rutherford had offered to curate a library facility.

The meeting ended at 10.04pm.

Date of the next meeting **Thursday October 10th 2019** at **8pm.**