**Present:** Chair Liz Collas (LC) Martin Wise (MW) Michael Holland (MH) Hilary Dewey(HD) Peter Dragonetti

**In attendance:** Amanda Holland (AH) ( Clerk ) Lucy Turner ( LT ) (Editor, Goring Heath Parish News)

1. **Apologies for Absence**: Apologies from Tarek Moghul (TM).
2. **Declarations of Interest.** None
3. **Public Forum**. Mr Paul Witcher, Friends of St Johns and St Marys. The hedge between the Church and the Recreation ground was agreed to be overgrown. (MW) agreed to survey the hedge and obtain a quote for the work. Ms Rachel Sanderson, Trust for Oxfordshire Environment kindly let us know more about her work and the organisation, with particular reference to prospective funding for maintenance and improvement at Crays Pond. It was agreed to recommend the latest report from Mr Gareth Matthes to prospective contractors to tender for quotes. The deadline for the Trust is in April, and it was decided to undertake essential tree work over the winter in preparation for programmed works to desilt the pond in October 2023. MW to action.
4. **To Approve the Minutes** of the last meeting of the Council on Tuesday October 11th 2022. Approved.
5. **Matters arising** from those minutes not on the agenda elsewhere. None.
6. **Correspondence for Information**. Ted Shepherd re speeding B471. John Rodgers re swales damage.
7. **District Councillors Report.** Circulated and approved with thanks.
8. **Key areas requiring discussion**:
* **Status on Traffic Management Initiatives.** Cllr Holland reported that speed check equipment will be in place this week, and speeds will be monitored for data purposes all this week. He explained that should the speed limits be exceeded by a large amount, it would incur speed management works,
* **Speed Watch Group**. Mr Reynolds is advertising in the Woodcote Correspondent for volunteers.
1. **Governance matters**

The Finance Report and Bank statement was circulated, reviewed and approved. Payments approved

Include A and W Grounds £498, MCF Services £2,304.00, Woodcote Volunteers Donation.

1. **Maintenance.**
* **Grass and Maintenance Contract.** MW reported that A and W Grounds will be our appointed contractors for 2023/4. AH to progress.
* **Footpaths and Rights of Way.** The footpath between Crays Pond and Shirvells Hill was discussed.

Airband have not responded about repairs after repeated contact. MW and AH to progress.

* **Playgrounds.** A discussion regarding the play equipment at Tidmarsh established that this was very similar to what we would require, but hopefully our specification would be higher and more challenging for a larger age group. It was decided to obtain quote to this specification and pursue available funding. It was also decided to remove the basketball hoop and small goal with a view to possibly installing a basket swing in the space. AH to progress.
* **The pond at Crays Pond**. A Full report of recommendations for the maintenance and upkeep of the pond was reviewed and discussed. It was agreed that works to desilt and clear the willow scrub could take place as above.
1. **The Newsletter /Website/Social Media**. Preparations for the December edition were discussed. It was

agreed to seek an Editorfor the newsletter production for the February issue.

1. **The Parish Hall**. No report.
2. **Planning and Unauthorised Developments.**
3. [**P22/S3743/HH**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P22/S3743/HH) 6 Garton End Crays Pond RG8 7QH No Strong Views
4. [**P22/S3536/AG**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P22/S3536/AG) Land south of the B4526 Crays Pond No Strong Views
5. **Councillors Reports and Items for future agenda.** None.

The meeting ended at 10pm.

To confirm the date of the next meeting: Tuesday December 13th 2022 at 8pm.