**Present:** Chris Jessop (CJ), Liz Collas (LC), Peter Dragonetti (PD), Tarek Moghul (TM ) Martin Wise (MW) Hilary Dewey (HD) Michael Holland (MH) **Nick Elsome (NE)** In attendance: Amanda Holland ( Clerk ) Lucy Turner (LT)

1. **Election of Chair.** Following the resignation of Cllr Chris Jessop, an election for the post of chair has become vacant. Cllr Liz Collas was proposed by Cllr T Moghul and seconded by Cllr N Elsome. Cllr Collas accepted the role of chair and was unanimously welcomed by all. Cllr Jessop was warmly thanked by all for his hard work as Chair. Cllr Mike Holland was welcomed to his first meeting, Mr Peter **Burdon** is in attendance to observe the meeting.
2. **Apologies for Absence**: Cllr H Dewey. There were no declarations of Interest.
3. **Public Forum**. There were no members of the public in attendance.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting Tuesday September 14th 2021.** Were signed as correct.
5. **Matters Arising.** none
6. **Correspondence :**  In response to the October newsletter, we have had two parishioners in support of the playground, and two more in support of the speedwatch initiative. A memorial bench will be installed this week.
7. **District and County Councillors Reports**. Councillor Bulmer confirmed it has been a quiet month, Councillor Dragonetti reported on the decisions from a recent full Council meeting, local planning administrative reform, an update on the garden waste service, civil parking enforcement, and a new Councillor grant scheme.
8. **Key areas requiring discussion:** A second defibrillator sited on Hill Bottom was discussed, it was agreed that MW would contact the owner of The Sun Inn as a possible site.
9. **Status on traffic management initiatives.**
10. **30MPH speed limit at Crays Pond**: Works to implement the new 30mph zone will be carried out on the week commencing 5th November. Councillors allowed themselves a small celebration. It was confirmed that SODC will be meeting the full cost.
11. **Main Road B471:** MH agreed to progress action to reduce speed limit to 20mph, and to also address issues at **Goring Heath Road, and D) Long Toll Junction.** MH to write to Mr Lee Turner and highlight our concerns.
12. **Speed Watch Group.** Following the newsletter article, a total of 4 parishioners have expressed an interest in taking part. MW/AH to progress.
13. **Governance Matters.**

**Finance and Bank Reconciliation:** A bank reconciliation and note of expenditure was circulated and approved.

Clerk Salary £370.00, Going Forward Bus £100.00, Goring Press Newsletter £240.00, ROSPA Inspection £ 177.00

**GDPR and IT** : A full discussion around the need for new secure and comprehensive IT package was discussed. It was agreed that and estimated expenditure of £500.00 pa (specifically £3.65 per Councillor per month plus VAT) was acceptable and that it was a justifiable spend for security and efficiency of the PC and its business.

 The preparation for Remembrance Day road closures in is hand, and a bugler is confirmed.

**12. Maintenance.**

**Grass and Maintenance Contract:** AH to circulate a list of possible contractors before the next meeting, and to liaise with MW regarding possible revisions of the specification and scheduling**.**

**Crays Pond:** After discussion on the long term maintenance of this area, MW agreed to pursue a full report.

**Footpaths and Rights of Way:** Nothing to report.

**Playground :**The Annual Inspection has indicated a number of areas for repair. Discussion followed , the clerk agreed to obtain quotes for repairs, and to discuss with parishioners who expressed an interest in helping with a possible redevelopment how we can progress with ideas for some new equipment.

**13. The Newsletter/ Website /Social Media**. Invoices have been submitted to recent advertisers.

**14. Planning for a Parish Celebration/ The Platinum Jubilee**. There was no response to the article in the October Newsletter. The clerk agreed to pursue the idea of an after the fete party the weekend before the official celebrations.

**15. The Parish Hall :** Nothing to note.

**16. White Lion** : Nothing to note

**17. Planning and Unauthorised Developments.**

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| **PLANNING APPLICATIONS September 2021** | **Parish Council** | **Notes** |
| [**P21/S3911/HH**](https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P21/S3911/HH) Tintos Goring Heath Road Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PGProposed Loft Conversion, Front Porch & Side Infill Extensions | No Strong Views |  |

**18 Any Other Business:**  None. The meeting ended at 22.00 hrs

**Date of the next meeting** : **Tuesday November 9th 2021 at 8pm in the Parish Hall. All Welcome.**