**Present:** Chris Jessop, Tarek Moghul, Hilary Dewey, Liz Collas, Martin Wise, Nick Henry

In attendance, Lucy Turner, Amanda Holland.

1. **Apologies for Absence**: Peter Dragonetti, Nick Elsome.
2. **Public Forum**: The meeting was held virtually with no requests from the public to attend.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting. Thursday September 10th 2020** were signed as correct.
4. **Matters Arising :** none
5. **Correspondence:** Further to an email from Dr A Wilson re: Lime Trees, NH agreed to speak to Hardwick Estate. Further to an email from Mr K Day regarding flash flooding at the Old Village Shop, AH agreed to pursue the matter with SODC. Further to an email from Mrs J Bryant, a request for a memorial bench on the Recreation Ground was agreed in principle.
6. **District and County Councillors report**: Mr Kevin Bulmer updated Councillors RE: 30mph Campaign at Crays Pond. Mr Peter Dragonetti circulated a detailed report on recent Council Operations, detailing consultation on The Corporate Plan, The Local Plan, and civil parking enforcement.
7. **Key areas: Road Closures**: The hill has now reopened, MW to check reinstatement is satisfactory.

**Goring Heath Volunteers:** a programme of work wasoutlined in Septembers newsletter and we have had a good response. MW raised an issue with bat conservation and questioned now the ivy would be managed. He offered to liaise with TM regarding proposed maintenance and the working party schedule of tasks.

1. **Governance Matters : Finance and Bank Reconciliation:** The Accounts were discussed, and approved. There was £36,117.96 in the bank, with expenditure Clerk pay £370.00, SODC Dog Waste Collection, £107.54 and £27.62 Goring Forward Buses £200.00 Goring Press £240.00. **Housekeeping:** TM and NH reminded that updates were required for Councillor Register of Interests. All members agreed to review the Risk Assessment Documents.

**Maintenance : Grass Contract:** MW reports a satisfactory month, with cutting still to be picked up from the last major cut. **Footpaths and Rights of Way:** DMMO Birchen Copse **LC** continues to campaign for paths at to be registered here, with 12 petitions made by parishioners. Oakdown Close/overhanging boughs, has been cleared **New Padlocks/ Parish Security:** NH to source height barrier for Car Park, TM/AH to source locks for Rec ground. LT will inform us of progress regarding planting of Trees in the circle at Hill Bottom Close.

1. **The Newsletter/ Website /Social Media.** The next edition was discussed with reference to advertising and it was agreed we would advertise for a volunteer Advertising accounts manager in the next edition.
2. **The Parish Hall :** remains closed whilst restrictions are in place.
3. **Planning and Unauthorised Developments.** A temporary building onLand adjacent to Lower Hitch is with SODC Planning enforcement Ah to progress. Newhouse Farm has enforcement in progress. [P20/S2227/FUL](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P20/S2227/FUL) Land Opposite Spring Cottage Cold Harbour Goring Heath RG8 7SY. Change of Use from Paddock to Equestrian Land : granted. [P20/S2824/HH](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P20/S2824/HH) Brindles Bridle Road Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PR: granted. P20/S2052/HH Goffs House: with SODC. [P20/S3358/FUL](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P20/S3358/FUL) Beech Farm Access Track To Beech Farm Whitchurch Hill RG8 7NZ New house with carport : Should be refused LC to report [P20/S3356/HH](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P20/S3356/HH) Conway Cottage Crays Pond RG8 7QG Demolition of existing lean-to extensions and construction of new single/two storey side/rear extension. Council requested AH to ask NE to report and recommend to next meeting.
4. **Status on Traffic Planning Initiatives:**

a) Crays Pond 30mph Campaign : The speed monitoring has now finished, and we await results. CJ/FR and J Bulmer to attend OCC November meeting to petition against policy that ignores DOT requirements for villages.

b) Long Toll Junction : The Box and line markings have been done, but it was recognised that the main road still requires to be redirected here and marking made clearer to mitigate this dangerous junction.

c] Whitchurch Hill village gates and Signage : AH to chase progress, but we are in a long queue.

**14. The White Lion:** Thenew date for the hearing is 30th November 2020. PD to liaise with the Community Group.

15. **Any Other Business:** Salt has been requested by a number of parishioners, AH to progress. The Bus Shelter that was recently damaged is stable and roped off, and will be addressed by a working party in due course.

Remembrance Day organisation for Sunday November 8th 2020 is going ahead, the road closure has been requested and a wreath ordered. It may be that Covid Restrictions will curtail this annual public meeting, AH to liaise with PD and Whitchurch Parish Council and respond accordingly.

The meeting ended at 10pm.

**Date of the next meeting** : **Thursday November 12th 2020 at 8pm.**