**DRAFT MINUTES (TO BE CONFIRMED AT THE December 10th 2024 MEETING)**

**PRESENT:**

**Councillors:** Liz Collas (LC Chair), Peter Dragonetti (PD Vice Chair), Peter Burdon (PB), Hilary Dewey (HD),and Martin Wise (MW)

**Officers:** Emma Burdon (EB Clerk) Louise Shearer

**1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Mike Holland (MH)

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**3.MINUTES**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 8th October 2024 at Goring Heath Parish Hall were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair of the meeting.

**4.PUBLIC FORUM**

No members of the public were present

**5. PLANNING AND UNAUTHORISED DEVELOPMENTS**

There were no Planning Applications or unauthorised developments to be considered.

**6.CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

A request for donations had been received from Oxfordshire South & Vale Citizens Advice. It agreed by all present that the Council would donate the same sum as last year, which the clerk confirmed was £250

**7.FINANCE**

(a) It was reported that the Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024/25 had increased Parish Clerks’ salaries. It was agreed that this would be implemented with immediate effect and the increase also backdated to April 2024 as required by the agreement. The clerk’s salary will be £38,626 pro rata.

(b) EB informed the Councillors that the CIL Declaration form needs to be submitted by December 31st 2024. It was agreed that we do not at present have any money that needs to be sent.

**8.GORING HEATH MAINTENANCE**

**Grass and Maintenance.**

Nothing to report

**Footpaths and Rights of Way**

Nothing to report

**Playgrounds**

EB reported that a quote for the repair of the litter bin at Garten End Playground had been received from Arrow Fencing. The total cost of the works would be £80.00 plus VAT

**Crays Pond**

PB confirmed that the cutting back of trees and vegetation at the pond had been completed. William Hatts would now be carrying out the dredging in December if the water level was such that this was able to be done. PB said that the brambles would also need to be cleared, and it was agreed that Jon Hatt would be approached and asked to carry out the work.

**10.THE NEWSLETTER/ WEBSITE**

Louise Shearer confirmed that the date of the next copy was Friday 15th November

EB reported that the new gov.uk website was up and running and it was agreed that the website’s main photograph would be changed to show the Alms Houses in Goring Heath.

**12.PARISH HALL**

Tim Middleton of Rural EV Charging gave an online presentation to the Councillors outlining the process of installing Electric Vehicle charging points in the Parish Hall car park. It was agreed by all present that the clerk would contact Tim Middleton expressing the Council’s interest in providing EV charging points in the car park.

**13. KEY AREAS REQUIRING DISCUSSION**

**Traffic speed watch**

MH reported that 20mph speed limit signs were to go up in the village and along the B471 by the end of November. John Beale had asked MH for a contribution from GHPC towards the cost of carrying out this work. However, this request had not been followed up on. It was agreed that the council would contribute, possibly using some of the CIL money.

**Remembrance Day Service**

The Remembrance Day Service was a success with a good turnout.

The meeting closed at 9.30

Date confirmed………….../………….../………………

Signed…………………………………………………...

**Next Parish Council Meeting:** The next full council meeting will take place at 8.00pm on Tuesday 10th December in the Goring Heath Parish Hall.