**Goring Heath Parish Council**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at Goring Heath Parish Hall on Tuesday April 8th, 2025, at 7.00pm**

**PRESENT:**

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

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

**1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received from Mark Skidmore and Mike Holland

**2.DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

**3. PUBLIC FORUM**
There were no members of the public present.

**4. MINUTES**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th March 2025 at Goring Heath Parish Hall were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair of the meeting.

**5.CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

A Parishioner had contacted the clerk on behalf of herself and neighbours to make a complaint about bad parking and partial blocking of the Highway outside Number 5 Goring Heath Road. Cllr Peter Dragonetti said that he was aware of the issue and that he would deal with it. EB agreed to inform the Parishioner of this decision.

A Parishioner had contacted the Clerk to say that the owners of Enigma Estate, Cold Harbour, had been burning tyres and other toxic waste at the weekend. It was agreed that the Enforcement Team at SODC would be informed.

**8.GOVERNANCE MATTERS**

* **FINANCE AND BANK RECONCILIATION.** A copy of the Bank Reconciliation Statement was circulated and approved by all present

**9.GORING HEATH MAINTENANCE**

* **GRASS AND MAINTENANCE.** MW confirmed that the first cut of the year had been carried out by Wayne Deakin. EB confirmed that his invoice had been promptly paid.
* **FOOTPATHS AND RIGHTS OF WAY** MW confirmed that the new permissive footpath on the Elvendon Estate had been prepared and would officially open when the signage had been put in place.
* **PLAYGROUNDS** Nothing to report
* **CRAYS POND** PB confirmed that W J Hatt’s had been booked for August 2025 to carry out the dredging of the pond and hoped that the current dry weather would continue so that the dredging was not jeopardised as it had been last year.
* **ST JOHN’S CHURCHYARD HEDGE** MW reported that the Church committee had requested a detailed plan of the planting. All Councillors agreed that the Parish Council’s Community Infrastructure Levy would be used to fund the project in full.
* **THE ANNUAL LITTER PICK** It was agreed by all present that there had been a great turn out to this year’s event. The previous year’s record for the number of Strongbow cans collected along Long Toll was broken by a significant amount! A large pile of rubbish found by the Litter Pickers, that would not be collected by Biffa Waste Services, was left in the Parish Hall car park. The Clerk agreed to contact Fix My Street to arrange to get this removed

**10.THE NEWSLETTER/ WEBSITE**

A huge thank you to Louise Shearer for another great newsletter.

**12.PARISH HALL**

EB agreed to confirm with Chris Whatmore that the Parish Council was going to fund the cost of the Roof repairs.

**13.PLANNING MATTERS AND UNAUTHORIASED DEVELOPMEMNTS**

* **P25/SO357/FUL** PD confirmed that he had submitted an objection to Enigma Estate’s Planning Application
* **P25/SO911/HH** No strong Views. EB to contact SODC
* **P25/SO524** No strong Views. EB to contact SODC
* **P25/SO798** No strong Views. EB to contact SODC

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Date confirmed………….../………….../………………

Signed…………………………………………………...

**Next Parish Council Meeting:** The next full council meeting will take place at 8.00pm on Tuesday 13th May 2025 in the Goring Heath Parish Hall.