

GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

**All Councillors are summoned to a meeting of Council, to be held at the
Bellême Room, Village Hall, Goring on Monday 10 July 2017 at 7.30pm
Public and press are invited to attend**

Members are respectfully reminded of the obligation to declare any interests relevant to business to be conducted at this meeting and of the convention as to withdrawal from the meeting for the relevant item unless the interest is not one that debars the member from speaking thereon.

AGENDA – COUNCIL MEETING

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1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To co-opt Carmela Boff to Goring on Thames Parish Council
3. To receive declarations of interests.
4. Public forum: *An opportunity for the public to address the council. With the permission of the chairman, the public may also speak about specific items of business as they arise.*
5. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2017.
6. Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.
7. To receive chairman's report and announcements.
8. To consider a report on the Neighbourhood Plan
9. Parish Finance:
 1. To approve payments for June 2017 (to 26 June). (Appendix A)
 2. To note receipts for June 2017 (to 26 June). (Appendix B)
 3. To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 26 June 2017. (Appendix C)
 4. To consider a s.72 RTRA 1984 grant for signage regarding Goring CE Primary School. (Appendices D, D1)
 5. To consider an adjustment to the Gardiner Pavilion Refurbishment budget by £6,600 due to architect's fees paid in 2016-17 being missed when forwarding the remaining budget for 2017-18.

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6. To consider a review of fees / tariff of charges for the current financial year. (Appendix E)
10. To note a report from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer.
11. To consider a report from the Police.
12. To consider a report on High Street issues.
13. To consider a report on Recreation Grounds issues.
14. To consider a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues.
15. To consider whether Goring has sufficient public notice boards (Appendix F)
16. To consider a request from Lyndhurst Residential Home for a new disabled access to Gardiner Recreation ground and an offer to pay up to two thirds of the cost.
17. To receive draft minutes of the NPSG Meeting 19 June 2017 (Appendix G)
18. Correspondence
19. Matters for future discussion.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL
Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7.30pm Monday 12 June 2017

Members Present:

Chairman	Kevin Bulmer
Vice Chairman	John Wills
Members	Emrhys Barrell
	David Brooker
	Matthew Brown
	Mary Bulmer
	Catherine Hall
	Lawrie Reavill

Officers Present:

Clerk	Colin Ratcliff
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9 members of the public and press

17/33 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from: Bryan Urbick.

17/34 To receive any declarations of interests

None.

17/35 Public Forum

None

17/36 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2017

Resolved: That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

17/37 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda

None

17/38 To receive chairman's report and announcements

None

17/39 To consider a report on the Neighbourhood Plan

Appendix A was noted

17/40 Parish Finance:

1 To approve payments for May 2017

Resolved: That the payments be approved

2 To note receipts for May 2017

Noted

3 To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 31 May 2017

Noted

4 To review the budget and consider a proposal for budget reallocation.

Deferred until the next meeting

5 To consider a report on the NP request for an amended budget to include a health check examination and to complete the NP.

Appendix F refers, it was noted that grant funding for an additional £6,000 from Locality had been requested by the NPSG and agreement in principle had been received.

Signed:

Dated:

Resolved: That the proposals for an amended NP budget in Appendix F are approved.

6 To consider the position of outstanding grant requests, and a proposal as to an approach to these and future requests.

Appendix G refers. John Boler, in reply to a query, commented that the remaining grant funding of £2,960 related to an award to MIGGS from GWR via GPC as an authorised public body. The budgeted sum of £5,000 for road widening works is still set aside.

Resolved: That funds of £3,000 be released to MIGGS and other grants made in line with the proposal in Appendix G

7 To consider a s.145 grant application from The Gap Festival. Deferred from previous meeting.

Appendix G refers

Resolved: To award a grant of £2,000 this financial year in line with the current budget and to review whether a greater sum might be awarded in 2018-19.

8 To consider a s.144 request from MIGGS for match funding towards an 'Accessible by train' leaflet / brochure to promote visits to Goring and Streatley. Deferred from previous meeting.

Resolved: See item 6 above.

9 To consider a s.145 grant application for Goring and Streatley Food and Drink Festival. Deferred from previous meeting.

Appendix G refers.

Resolved: That a grant of £250 be approved.

10 To consider a proposal that Cllr. Urbick and the Clerk pursue grant funding for replacement and conversion of street lights to LED.

Appendix K refers.

Resolved: That the Clerk and Cllr. Urbick be authorised to pursue grant funding.

17/41 To note a report from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer.

The Chairman highlighted a couple of items within Appendix L

17/42 To consider a report from the Police

Cllr Wills said that no members of the public had turned up for the last police 'Have Your Say' meeting and that the next is on 20 June. PCSOs have issued a number of parking tickets; they intend to patrol the recreation grounds following reports of drug use. They have concerns over the lack of public toilets for the weekend of 24-26 June; four PCSOs will be on duty. The Chairman stated the police had no previous interest in the weekend as no formal public events are planned. GPC have arranged for additional rubbish bins to be available and Cllr Brooker has contacted the contractors for Wheel Orchard toilets to arrange additional cleaning. Stephanie Bridle asked about parking, the Chairman stated fields used previously are not available due to planted crops, The Clerk was requested to make enquiries with Thames Court to see if they would open their car park off Cleeve Road for public use.

17/43 To consider a report on High Street issues

Cllr Brooker referred to Appendices M and M1. 93 responses had been received to the High Street works consultation with the general consensus in favour.

Resolved: That OCC be asked to progress the project.

Stephanie Bridle reported the BT fence is being tidied followed by suitable planting and that GGIB are encouraging replacement of some broken sections. The overgrown garage area will be tidied. Cllr. Reavill said he had received a complaint that space in Wheel Orchard Car Park was not available. It is believed that 11 permits have been issued by SODC. It was not believed the charges had changed.

Signed:

Dated:

- 17/44 To consider a report on Recreation Grounds issues**
Appendix N refers. Cllr Reavill has been liaising with parents regarding playground equipment at Bourdillon Field. It was agreed to continue monitoring the effect of removing a waste bin at Sheepcot.
Cllr Brooker requested the Clerk write to the Sports Clubs using Gardiner pavilion to remind them that studs / spikes should not be worn in some areas and to store equipment in the new storage facilities and not the main building.
- 17/45 To receive an update report on The Rectory Gardens review of documentation and legal position.**
Appendix O was noted. Cllr Reavill will liaise with Cllr Urbick on this matter.
- 17/46 To consider a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues**
Cllr. M. Bulmer reported tubs by the entrance had been planted up and Cllr Brooker said he had had positive comments from the public on how good the burial ground looked.
- 17/47 To consider sending congratulations to Kevin Bennett, Village Hall Clock Tower contractor who recently won a National Lead Roofing Award for the work.**
Resolved: That a letter of congratulations be sent.
- 17/48 To consider setting up an interview panel regarding two applicants for the casual vacancy in preparation for a decision on co-option at the next council meeting.**
Resolved: That interviews be carried out on behalf of the council by The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Cllr. Hall.
- 17/49 To consider a report on the outcome of a consultation on a memorial for George Michael, the offer of a donation for the village by the GM Lovelies Facebook Group (deferred from previous meeting) and a report on the proposed purchase by GPC of a gazebo and signage for a Visitor Information Point.**
Appendices P, P1 and P2 refer.
It was agreed that consideration of a formal memorial and the offer of a lease for the grass bank be held until after the birthday anniversary weekend of 24-25 June. Noting that the 'GM Lovelies' are seeking an individual to discuss a village donation with and that no response had been received to the GGN article it was:
Resolved: That an approach be made to Clare Fox to see if she would be willing, as a resident, to take on the liaison role for the donation.
Regarding the information point an offer to loan a gazebo was made and it was:
Resolved: That GPC fund the purchase of signs that can be reused and for Ron Bridle to order them on behalf of GPC.
- 17/50 To receive an update report on the GENIE newsletter initiative and the GPC newsletter.**
Appendix Q was noted
- 17/51 To consider a report and proposal regarding the posters and signs policy.**
Appendix R refers. Cllr Brooker said that 10 A-boards were recently in place by The Arcade. John Boler stated MIGGS had written to The Arcade a few years ago to highlight the importance of maintaining a flow for pedestrians, wheelchair and mobility scooter users. He also asked whether GPC considers there is an adequate supply of fixed notice boards in the village for public use. The Chairman said Tesco has a public notice board as part of their plans but that the matter will be considered.
Resolved: That the policy within Appendix R be adopted.
- 17/52 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of meetings held on 25 April, 9 and 23 May 2017.**
Received and noted.

Signed:

Dated:

17/53 Matters for future discussion

Cllr Reavill said he had received expressions of disappointment that the reporting of Parish Council meetings in the GGN had stopped. In the absence of any other volunteers from the public he agreed to take on the role from the previous reporter who had retired due to ill health.

Cllr Brooker stated the Dinner Club in the Community Centre may be closing due to loss of SODC funding.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2046 hrs.

Abbreviations:

GGIB	Goring Gap in Bloom
GGN	Goring Gap News
GPC	Goring on Thames Parish Council
GWR	Great Western Railway
MIGGS	Mobility
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
NPSG	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
OCC	Oxfordshire County Council
SODC	South Oxfordshire District Council

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Signed:

Dated:

Goring-on-Thames Parish Council					
Receipts received to 26 June 2017					
From	Description	Code	Date	Ref	Amount
SSE	Wayleave Cleeve Road	1140	08/06/2017	500019	£30.00
TSB	Bank Interest	1190	09/06/2017	DC	£2.48
Howard Chadwick Funerals	Interment - Birt	1130	14/06/2017	Inv 1100	£1,016.00
OCC	School Sports Day Bourdillon	1140	20/06/2017	Inv 1098	£60.96
SODC	S.106 Grants	1132	23/06/2017	DC	£28,305.27
				Total:	£29,414.71

Goring on Thames Parish Council
Monthly Report Bank Account and Reserves Balances

As at: **26 June 2017**

Reconciled Bank Account Balances

Current TSB		£43,125.06
TSB Reserves		£55,326.90
Unpresented Payments		£0.00
Unpresented Receipts		£0.00
VAT Control Account		£14,964.36
Total		£113,416.32

Earmarked Reserves (Capital and Contingency)

Street Light Replacements	R	£0.00
Ferry Lane Riverbank Repairs	R	£0.00
Ferry Lane Fence	R	£750.00
White Hill Burial Ground Approach Road	R	£0.00
Gardiner Pavilion Refurbishment	C	£0.00
Tree Purchase and Replacement	R	£12,500.00
OJFS Contingency for Repairs	R	£0.00
Rectory Garden	R	£1,000.00
Playground Equipment	C	£11,267.00
Weir Legal Fees	R	£5,809.90
Wallingford Road Widening	R	£0.00
Operating Reserve Account	R	£24,000.00

Total Revenue Reserves £44,059.90

Total Capital Reserves £11,267.00

Total Reserves **£55,326.90**

General Funds Available **£58,089.42**

Clerk

Subject: APPENDIX D
Attachments: Flashing Lights Design School 20 copy.pdf

From: Claire Slade
Sent: 12 June 2017 14:57
To: Clerk
Subject: Application for financial contribution towards Warning Signs on Wallingford Road

Dear Colin,

Regarding support of Goring School PTA and the Governing Body to purchase flashing road warning signage outside the school.

I would like to request that the Parish Council consider the possibility of making a contribution of financial support towards installing warning signs on Wallingford Road.

As a governor at Goring CE Primary School I have been in contact with Oxfordshire County Council, Highways and Transport over the past few years regarding road safety for our pupils along the main road outside school (Wallingford Road), requesting improvements to the road markings, signage and kerb issues. Back in September of last year a Goring Primary School child was badly injured on their way to school in an accident whilst crossing Wallingford Road. Following the incident, the school governors contacted OCC to remind them of the schools concerns over the safety along this road.

Consequently, two members of the Goring Parish Council met with school governors and worked hard to negotiate with the County Council on the school's behalf to source improvements such as the flashing signage. The County Council and the Parish Council have been very supportive of the school's efforts and a proposal by Parish Councillors Emrhys Barrell and Bryan Urbick has been accepted by Goring Parish Council to take on responsibility and ownership of the signs. In doing so this reduced the cost to less than a quarter of the original quote to £2,200+VAT. It has been agreed that the signs should utilise the existing posts with the 30mph radar signs. These new signs will benefit our community as OCC Highways have said they are proven to be more effective at slowing traffic than the current radar signs as they highlight the presence of the school and have greater visual impact. If the school were to move in the future, the signs could be moved accordingly. I have attached a picture of the items we wish to purchase.

Basically, we need to find the funds from our own community to pay for these improvements. The school organised a 'Road Safety Day' for the children on Friday 10th February and used the opportunity to fundraise for the signs, raising £581. The PTA has agreed to contribute funds of approximately £500 towards the costs and have also set up a 'MyDonate' page for parents and the wider community to contribute to. We have appealed in an article in the Henley Standard and in the Goring Gap News.

I have applied for support from the Trustees of the Edith Lucy Woodward Trust and have applied for help from the Goring Gap News and another private fund. I have secured £1081 towards the total and could potentially have approximately £500 from the applications I have made. If the Parish Council could consider this application to help reach the target we would be most grateful. We understand that you may have many requests to consider but any support you are able to offer is very welcome and will improve safety for our pupils and our wider community.

If you would like any more information from me, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,
Claire Slade
Vice-Chair of Governors

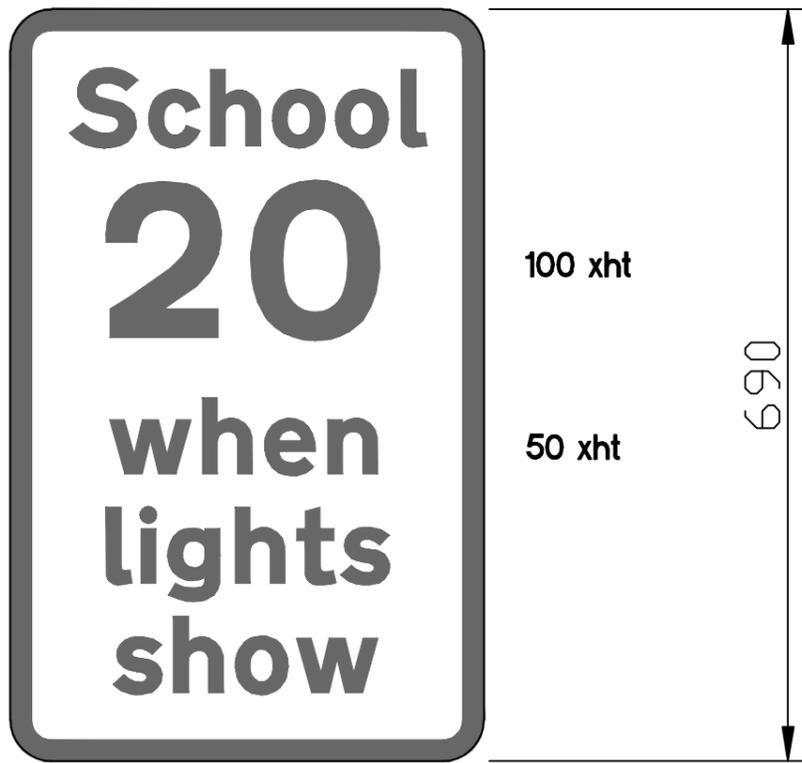


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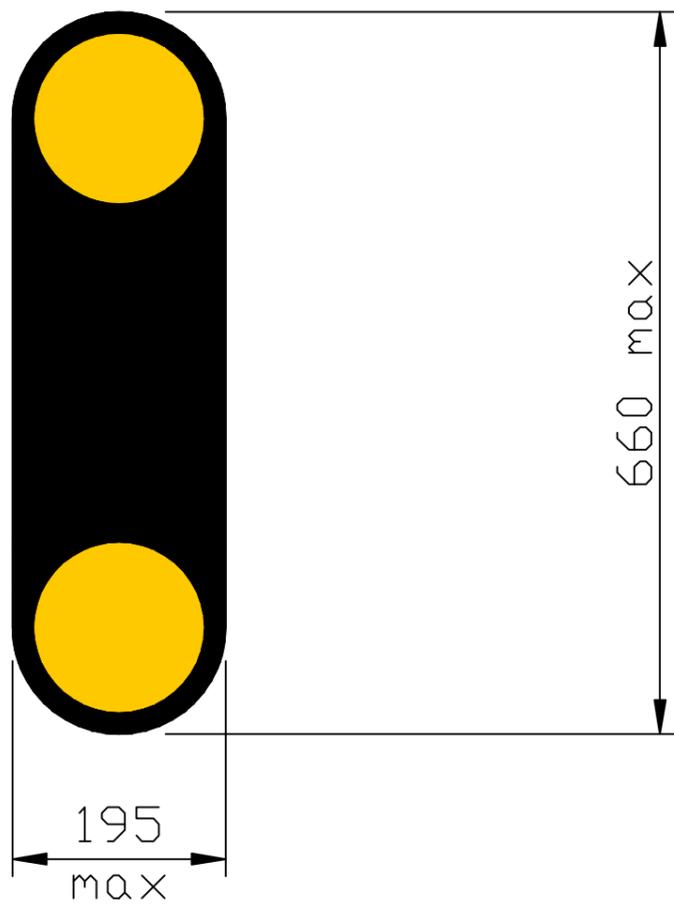
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Letter colour BLACK	SIGN FACE
Background WHITE	Width 435mm
Border BLACK	Height 690mm
Material Class 2 (12899-1:2001)	Area 0.30sq.m



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Report – Recommendations For Review Of Fees And Tariff For Rental Of Council-Run Amenities

The below tables show current and proposed fees for consideration by Council during the financial year 2017-18

Last year the Council agreed to absorb half the VAT for Sports Clubs (unavoidably applied following a requirement for VAT registration).

This year, it is proposed that a small inflation level increase in the base fees should be applied (3% - RPI June 2017) with the Council no longer absorbing any of the VAT (as we previously agreed to subsidise VAT for FY 2015/16 & 2016/17 reducing to no VAT subsidy in 2017-18).

Sports Clubs

	2014-15	2015-16	2015-16	2016-17	2016-17	2017-18
	No VAT	(ex VAT)	GPC Subsidy	(ex VAT)	GPC Subsidy	(ex-VAT)
Bowling Club Licence	£510.00	£515.00	£103.00	£523.24	£52.32	£538.94
Cricket Club Licence	£1,100.00	£1,110.00	£222.00	£1,240.54	£124.05	£1277.76
Goring United Licence**	£1,585.00	£1,600.00	£320.00	£1,341.14	£134.11	£1243.24
Goring Robins Licence**	£780.00	£790.00	£158.00	£1087.10	£108.71	£1119.71
Tennis Club Lease Rent *	£588.65	£588.65	£117.74	£588.65	£58.87	£606.31
Tennis Club Licence	£460.00	£465.00	\$93.00	£472.44	£47.24	£486.61

* Lease condition: RPI increase three-yearly, as at 1 April

** Subject to an expected proposal from the football clubs, though see below as this is still being discussed. . It is proposed that we absorb the GPC subsidy and use the amount paid in 2016-17 as a base.

We have been requested to re-consider the way in which we approach the fees for the Goring United Football Club. They have raised concerns about how we charge the fees, and feel a 'per use' fee would be fairer.

Last year they queried the fees, and agreed a different split with the Goring Robins. This was, in their view, a way to make it fairer as the Robins apparently used the field more often. The re-think of fees was necessary because they were seeking to get their costs down. They have indicated that they've reached a tipping point in terms of what they can cover from player match fees and player registration fees and have expressed that if they were forced to increase their fees any further, players will simply move elsewhere. They would like to try to work with the Council to ensure that it is feasible for the football club to stay located in the village (as it has for 116 years) and not be forced to relocate.

The challenge, in my view, with a 'per use' charge is related to the costs we incur when they use the field – and those costs are somewhat related to each use, but there are some costs that do not decrease significantly with lesser use.

First of all, the football club do more damage to the grounds in their shorter usage time (not because they don't take care of it, but because it is used in winter). Each spring we pay for seed and soil to repair it, and the cricket club do the work for nothing. Additionally, the football club tend to make more of a mess in the pavilion for the cleaner (again mostly due to

winter use), so we pay more hours for our cleaner. As well, the cricket club help to maintain the pavilion and one of its members (Keith) acts as a caretaker.

As I understand it, when the fees were originally established, the Council wanted to provide a greater subsidy to Goring Robins (juniors) and the Cricket Club (as they have a strong junior section) in order to encourage youth sport. This was why there was a discrepancy between Goring United and Goring Robins fee structure.

It is difficult to compare with other clubs – for example, the tennis club pay an annual rent and a lease for exclusive use, but also do all their own maintenance. The Bowling Club uses only a part of the field, and tends to do little damage and their own maintenance.

We budget about £20,000 each year to take care of Gardiner, Sheepcote and Bourdillon – a conservative estimate is that we spend about 40% of that budget on Gardiner. This means that we spend roughly £8,000/yr on Gardiner alone, and in 2016-17 we recouped just under £5,000 in licence fees for all. We should also be mindful that we have invested £170,000+ to the Gardiner refurbishment. Though I do not recommend that we make any attempt to recoup those costs, it means that we have put a significant investment into sport in our Parish, and we should be mindful of additional subsidies we offer.

To try to help the Goring United Football Club be able to maintain their costs, I propose that we absorb the ‘GPC subsidy’ (that was, in effect, ½ of the VAT), and use their last year’s discounted ex-VAT amount as the base for the 3% increase. This means, in real terms, the increase is less than £50 for the upcoming year. I have also spoken to Alex about this, and though he understands the approach, he would like to try to find ways in which the Club could take on more of the responsibilities for the field and the pavilion to help reduce the Council’s costs, and then find a way to reduce the fee by an additional £200/£250.

I fully support this effort and propose that our Clerk and I work with the Club to find cost savings for the Council by the Club taking on some of the work, and to offset up to £250 and reduce the charge accordingly.

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At this time, we should also review burial ground and other tariff charges and recommend that we take a similar approach of a 3% RPI increase.

Burials (VAT Exempt)				
	Goring		Non-Goring	
<u>Exclusive Rights</u>	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18
Double depth Burial Plot	£711.20	£732.54	£1,727.20	£1779.02
Triple depth Burial Plot	£873.76	£899.97	£2,123.44	£2187.14
Cremated remains plot	£228.60	£235.46	£579.12	£596.49
<u>Non-exclusive – Coffin burial plot (No rights to erect memorials etc.)</u>	£457.20	£470.92	£1,148.08	£1182.52
<u>Reopen existing grave -</u>	£660.40	£680.21	£990.60	£1020.32
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<u>Interment Fees</u>				
Adult	£304.80	£313.94	£579.12	£596.49
Stillborn or under one month	£71.12	£73.25	£203.20	£209.30
Cremated remains	£121.92	125.58	£350.52	£361.04

Monuments, Gravestones, Tablets & Monumental Inscriptions (Plus VAT at 20%)				
	Goring		Non-Goring	
	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18
Headstone etc	£121.92	£125.58	£457.20	£470.92
Wooden cross	£60.96	£62.79	£228.60	£235.46
Tablet	£93.47	£96.27	£381.00	£392.43
Second Inscription	£50.80	£52.32	£157.48	£162.20

Events Tariff

I propose we increase our tariff charges by the 3% RPI.

	Charity		Non-profit/ quasi-comm'l		Commercial/ for profit	
	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18
Gardiner						
Recreation Ground	£88.90	£91.57	£177.80	£183.13	£355.60	£366.27
Pavilion	£25.40	£26.16	£50.80	£52.32	£101.60	£104.65
Sheepcot						
Recreation Ground	£101.60	£104.65	£203.20	£209.30	£406.40	£418.59
Pavilion	£25.40	£26.16	£50.80	£52.32	£101.60	£104.65
Bourdillon Field	£30.48	£31.39	£60.96	£62.79	£121.92	£125.58
Rectory Garden	-	-	£101.60	£104.65	£203.20	£209.30
Combined with Village Hall	-	-	-	-	£10 p.hr to the GVH	£10 p.hr to the GVH

Mason's (Fun Fair) has a separate arrangement agreed by the Council in which the fee was capped at £400 (inclusive of VAT) for the past two years. I propose that we begin to regularise the arrangement, and this coming year, increase the fee to £410 + VAT. This will be a real-terms increase of just under £100, but we can then start to address their arrangement by an increase at the RPI for future years.

White Hill Burial Ground Paddock Rent

The rates are currently:

Rent £10.16 plus VAT

Contribution to Water Rates £40.64 (no VAT)

An RPI increase of 3% is proposed.

Parking

Currently it is £300/yr + VAT per space, and I propose that we increase it slightly over the 3% RPI (for round numbers), to £310/yr + VAT.

Cllr. Bryan Urbick
26/6/2017

Goring Public Notice Boards

At the last meeting on 13 June a question was raised during discussions on the Signs and Poster Policy as to whether Goring has a sufficient number of notice boards available to the public.

I am aware of the following notice boards:

Parish Council Notice Boards (Official notices / information only)

Council Office, Red Cross Road
The Arcade, High Street, outside Inspirations
Wall at side of Beacon Flooring, High Street
Railway Station
Jacks Stores, Wallingford Road

Parish Council owned Public Boards (Local events / notices)

The Arcade, High Street, outside The Village Café
Elvendon Road, j/w Icknield Road

Others

The Village Hall, High Street
Jacks Stores, Wallingford Road
McColls Store, High Street
Railway Station

And one planned for Tesco.

Colin Ratcliff
Clerk.
27/6/17

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP
GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

Old Jubilee Fire Station, Red Cross Road, Goring 7.00pm Monday 19 June 2017

Members Present:

- Chairman Nigel Gilson(NG)
- Members David Wilkins (DW)
- Stephanie Bridle (SB)
- Mike Stares (MS)
- Tom Rothwell (TR)
- Enid Worsley (EW)
- Catherine Hall, [GPC] (CH)

2 members of the public.

- 17/01 To receive apologies for absence**
Kevin Bulmer
- 17/02 To receive any declarations of interests**
TR for matters concerning GNP6
- 16/23 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2017**
Resolved: That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 16/24 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda**
None
- 16/25 Public Forum**
None
- 16/26 To receive Chairman's Report**
The Chairman reported that the supplemental report relating to GNP6 commissioned from Bramhill had now been received and was available on the GNP website. It was agreed that the above report was accepted by the Steering Group.
He also noted that additional funds had been applied for and that it was expected that the plan would be completed within the new budget
- 16/27 Decisions since last meeting**
None.
- 16/28 Matters for future discussion**
School: The Chairman reported that a further proposal had been received from the primary school governors and the Oxford Diocese concerning the future of the school. While full review of the document and discussion with GPC and Oxfordshire County Council had not yet taken place, the Steering Group is able to make a numbers of comments on the proposal:Comments 1-6 – attached were read to the meeting and agreed
Timetable: The target date for completion of the pre-submission version of the plan is the end of July.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2000hrs.

Abbreviations:

- GPC Goring on Thames Parish Council
- NP Neighbourhood Plan
- NPSG Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Signed:

Dated:



DOCUMENT RECEIVED 12/6/17 FROM GOVERNING BODY
GORING CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

- 1 We have reviewed this document internally and with GPC and officials from OCC. The SG view is that the School's outline paper is superficially attractive. Everyone can agree that the current school facilities are not as good as a new one might be. We are advised that the current school has capacity to cover the additional houses proposed in the draft Goring Neighbourhood Plan.
- 2 The document lacks the substance and evidence that we clearly explained to the Governors some time ago, was essential if we were to have any chance of considering it within this iteration of the GNP.
- 3 The GNP urgently needs to be finalised, voted upon and brought into force if we are to protect the whole village against uncontrolled development. Eg. The latest SODC SHELAA shows that 80 additional hectares have been put forward by landowners around the village – this could mean an additional 2,000 extra houses in Goring.
- 4 We understand the Governors are motivated by the good of the school and their pupils. Our job is to take a much wider view and seek to do what is best for the whole village. These two tasks do not necessarily align.
- 5 The outline concept that the school has now produced includes elements which, even without the detailed evidence we would need to see, are contrary to the key policies within the draft GNP. These policies have been derived from legally required sustainability obligations and the clear priorities expressed by residents of Goring in consultation.
- 6 There is nothing to stop the Governors working further on this and putting forward a detailed and cogent proposal within the next iteration of the Neighbourhood Plan. But, as the concept stands at present, it now seems most unlikely that it would meet current criteria.

Agreed by the SG at a Public Meeting on 19th June, 2017.

REPORT TO GORING DIVISION PARISH COUNCIL JULY 2017 FROM CLLR KEVIN BULMER

GENERAL OCC REPORT

OCC FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE STATEMENT ON FIRE SAFETY IN HIGH RISE TOWERS

Simon Furlong, Director of Community Safety and Chief Fire Officer of OCC Fire & Rescue Service, made the following statement on 26 June 2017 :

“I would like to reassure residents of Oxford’s five high-rise towers that Oxford City Council has taken all the necessary fire safety measures to ensure they are safe in their home. Oxford City Council followed our advice to introduce a number of fire safety improvements as part of the recent refurbishment work. This includes the installation of a new sprinkler system in flats and communal areas and a fire and smoke detection system connected directly to the fire service.”

“As the owner of the buildings, Oxford City Council carries out regular fire risk assessments, which are audited by Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service. These audits are up-to-date. In the event of a fire at any high-rise tower in Oxford, we have the resources in place to ensure a rapid response within our target response times.”

NEW HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE CONTRACT ANNOUNCED

Oxfordshire County Council has confirmed that it will keep its entire network of seven Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) in the county open in the medium term (with no change to opening hours or days they are open) due to a new management contract that has been awarded to W&S Recycling. The Dorset based firm already manages five of Oxfordshire’s HWRC sites which means there will be minimal disruption to residents when the new contract starts on 1 October 2017. W&S Recycling will manage the HWRC sites at Alkerton, Ardley, Drayton, Oakley Wood, Redbridge, and Stanford in the Vale. Dix Pit HWRC will continue to be managed by FCC Environment. Residents will continue to be able to dispose of all household waste free of charge at any of the county’s recycling centres. Oxfordshire has had a system of charging for non-household waste which includes soil, rubble and DIY waste for 15 years and has not increased the charge of £1 per item over that time. When the new contract starts on 1 October, W&S Recycling will increase the charge for non-household waste items to £1.50 which is less than other authorities who charge for this service. In the HWRC public consultation carried out in summer 2016, 91% of Oxfordshire residents favoured charges for non-household waste over site closures.

INSPECTOR BACKS OXFORDSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE STRATEGY

OCC's new minerals and waste core strategy, which outlines the planning strategy and policies for the supply of minerals and the management of waste in Oxfordshire until 2031, is set to be adopted following support from the Government’s Planning Inspectorate. Following an independent examination of the strategy, the Inspector concluded that the strategy, with modifications, meets legal requirements and provides a sound and appropriate basis for the planning of future quarrying and waste management in Oxfordshire for the next 15 years. Minerals include sand, gravel, limestone, ironstone and clay, which are all naturally occurring materials dug from the ground, and recycled concrete and ash. For more information, see here: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/minerals-and-waste-core-strategy>

MULTI-MILLION POUND BROADBAND BOOST TO BENEFIT THOUSANDS MORE

Nearly 3,000 more of Oxfordshire's most remote households and businesses will get access to high-speed broadband thanks to a £4 million boost for the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire programme. OCC and BT have announced parts of Ardington, Barford St John, East Hendred, Lockinge, Lyford, Swalcliffe and many more communities will be included in the ambitious roll-out. The funding has come from cost savings made earlier in the roll-out and BT making £2.56 million available for reinvestment in the programme due to a 'Gainshare' mechanism in the contract, which has been triggered by strong demand for the new fibre technology from local households and businesses. With more than 45 per cent of households and businesses already opting to use the new high-speed service provided by the Better Broadband programme, Oxfordshire ranks among the best-connected counties in the country. OCC has also announced that communities not yet able to get superfast fibre broadband through any public or private sector roll-out can benefit from a new scheme – in addition to the £4 million, a separate fund of up to £600,000 from programme efficiency savings has been set aside for co-funding projects where communities are willing to share the costs of the installation work. Under the scheme, the council will contribute up to £1,700 per premise (terms and conditions apply). See <http://www.betterbroadbandoxfordshire.org.uk/cms/content/co-funded-fibre-broadband-partnerships-cfp>

FUNDING FOR OPEN-ACCESS CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Start-up funding for a further ten community schemes to run open access services at children's centres has been approved by OCC. The proposals, which stand to receive a total of £258,458, are the latest to be considered as part of the transition from council-funded to community-led services at children's centre locations. Community services will complement the council's new service for 0-19 year-olds, which will meet the needs and aspirations of children at risk of abuse and neglect in Oxfordshire, and ensure that families who need extra help are identified at an early stage. When added to previously considered applications, the approval of these latest proposals would give a total of 25 funded community schemes for services such as 'stay and play' to continue at children's centres across the county. On top of this, open access sessions are continuing at the Children and Family Centres and satellite centres at the heart of the council's new Children's Service.

COUNTY TRADING STANDARDS SAVE £250,000 FOR VULNERABLE VICTIMS

OCC's Trading Standards Service, working in partnership with Thames Valley Police, banks and other agencies, have saved over £250,000 for the victims of rogue traders in the last 12 months. This is the largest amount of money ever saved by the Doorstep Crime team since it was established 12 years ago. The team targets rogue traders who prey on the vulnerable and elderly and claim to be legitimate companies. The doorstep crime team in OCC's Trading Standards Service includes three Trading Standards Officers and a seconded Police Officer from Thames Valley Police. Banks and other financial institutions have also been instrumental in securing these savings, by reporting suspicious large cash withdrawals, allowing the doorstep crime team to intervene and protect vulnerable adults from a wide range of financial abuse. The team also deliver presentations and educational events to community groups to raise awareness amongst both those people who might be targeted, and their friends and family. Those who are concerned that they might have been targeted by a rogue trader, or are concerned that a neighbour or family member has been, should report it to Trading Standards via 03454 04 05 06.

ADULT DAYTIME SUPPORT CHANGES

OCC is now implementing a new, sustainable model of daytime support for vulnerable adults in Oxfordshire. There are over 200 voluntary and community daytime support services provided across Oxfordshire. The vast majority of the 47 services that are currently funded by OCC are set to continue and have applied for and been awarded grant funding to support their move to more self-sustaining models. OCC is continuing to fund the Wellbeing and Employment Support Service and the Dementia Support Service, and is investing an additional £25,000 per year in increasing the capacity of these services to support people with autism and to train other services in dementia support. County Council provided Health and Wellbeing Centres and Learning Disability Daytime Support services will be replaced by a new council-provided Community Support Service from 1st October 2017. This service will provide flexible, person-centred support to meet a wide range of people's needs, delivered from 8 building bases across the county. Service users will not see any change before August 2017. And before anything changes, everyone using current services will be offered an individual assessment and/or review and support to explore their options. For people who are assessed as not having eligible needs, there will still be a range of options, for example joining a local group, attending community and voluntary sector provided services or purchasing support from the new Community Support Service.

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