

Title	BRIEFING TO GORING DIVISION PARISH COUNCIL FEB 2021
Authors	County Councillor K Bulmer
Meeting	Goring-on-Thames Parish Council Meeting 21 st March 2022

GENERAL OCC REPORT

BUDGET MEETING OVERSHADOWED BY FARMERS' PROTEST



At the County Council budget-setting meeting on February 8th the left-wing administration forced through a whopping 5% Council Tax increase, despite the Conservative Independent Alliance showing how the increase could be limited to 3.5%. However, the meeting at County Hall was overshadowed by a farmers' protest outside. As previously reported, the administration is trying to impose a vegan diet at all council-catered events. Richard Binning, a beef farmer from Steventon, said: "The message they are sending out is really dangerous - they are suggesting it's ok to eat avocados from Brazil, instead of our wholesome British beef." The farmers' protest received national press coverage. The motion to impose the vegan diet has to be ratified by the OCC Cabinet at its meeting on March 15th. Conservatives will be addressing Cabinet and urging them to seek change through education, persuasion and choice, not diktat.

BAD WEATHER IS THE PERFECT STORM FOR ROGUE TRADERS IN OXFORDSHIRE

Residents are being warned to be wary of cold callers or leaflets offering to do work on roofs after the recent storms. OCC's trading standards team believes it is a perfect opportunity for rogue traders to take advantage of residents who have a leaking roof or broken tile. Any Oxfordshire resident who has concerns about cold calling or potential scams can contact the Citizens Advice National Consumer Service on **0800 144 8848** or by visiting its website citizensadvice.org.uk.

CONTROVERSIAL PROPOSALS FOR RESTRICTIONS ON CARS IN OXFORD

OCC and Oxford City Council last month revealed highly controversial joint proposals to cut car use in the city with the introduction of a city-wide workplace parking levy, traffic filters and a wider Zero Emission Zone (ZEZ) to cover the entire city centre. The chairman of Oxford High Street Association condemned the proposals and said: "I am totally depressed by what these two councils are doing to our city." More details on the ZEZ below.

BRITAIN'S FIRST ZERO EMISSION ZONE (ZEZ) BEGINS IN OXFORD

Britain's first ZEZ started on 28 February. Launching as a pilot, the streets included in the ZEZ are: New Road, Bonn Square, Queen Street; Cornmarket Street, New Inn Hall Street, Shoe Lane, Market Street, Ship Street and St Michael's Street. The ZEZ pilot is a precursor to the introduction of a larger ZEZ covering most of Oxford city centre next year (2023), subject to further public consultation. The ZEZ pilot will operate from 7am - 7pm, all year around. All petrol and diesel vehicles, including hybrids, will incur a daily charge unless eligible for a discount or exemption. However, zero emission vehicles, such as electric cars, can enter the pilot area free of charge. The charge will vary from £2 to £10 per day depending on the emission levels of the vehicle. Automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras have been installed to enforce the zone. The scheme has been criticised as being a tax-raising measure and not a true ZEZ, as all vehicles are allowed into the zone as long as they pay the tax.

BID SUBMITTED TO DELIVER 159 ELECTRIC BUSES FOR THE OXFORD AREA

A new fleet of state-of-the-art electric buses could be coming to Oxford and its surrounding areas after a bid for government funding was submitted. OCC last month applied for £32.8 million from the Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas (ZEBRA) scheme. Along with £6m from the council and £43.7m from bus companies Go Ahead and Stagecoach, the scheme could deliver 159 electric buses and the infrastructure to charge them in a package worth £82.5m. If successful, the electric buses would operate in an area stretching from Kidlington in the north to Sandford in the south, and from Cumnor in the west to Wheatley in the east. There are no proposals to support the south of the county.

PARTNERSHIP WITH CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Efforts to unpick the agreement between OCC and Cherwell District Council continues. A joint officer working group has been established to review the extent and cost of the current arrangements. The group reports to the member-led Joint Shared Services and Personnel Committee, and is made up of the two chief executives, monitoring officers and s151 officers. Once the group has completed its initial review, it will then prepare a transition plan. The Conservative Opposition continues to press for transparency in relation to the costs when they have been identified and quantified.

CONSULTATIONS

OCC is currently conducting a wide range of consultations at the moment. Residents can make their views known by responding. Current consultations include: Local Transport and Connectivity Plan; Location of cameras to enforce traffic regulations; Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND); and Library and heritage services. An interesting recent example is the proposal to make permanent the Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs) in parts of Oxford. The consultation showed that 74% of respondents objected to the measure or had concerns, with just 26% in support. This has resulted in the administration putting the brakes on the scheme at the last moment, which was due to be approved last month. It will be reconsidered by Cabinet later in the year. <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk>

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Title	District Councillor Update – March 2022
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Meeting	Goring-on-Thames Parish Council Meeting 21 st March 2022

Ukraine

Like everyone, we are horrified by the escalating situation in Ukraine and want to support in any way that they can. We will do everything possible within our gift and available resources to respond quickly when the guidance on the Humanitarian Sponsorship Scheme is published by government.

In the meanwhile, if there are any offers of support, especially housing, please do get in touch with me. I work in the sector as my day job and would be able to update on where things stand and potential ways to help.

We have flown the Ukrainian flag at our council building, joined peace rallies and now are eagerly awaiting more information from government. I have been contacted by several community members and I want to say thank you for all that you are doing, your compassion is inspiring.

SODC Finances & Budget 2022/23

We continue to see the benefits of insourcing many of the core activities of the Council from Capita. With the accounts now done in house, the senior finance team are better able to analyse and plan, and address the long-term financial hole in SODC finances. One of the key documents that the Finance Department has to prepare is the Medium Term Financial Plan, looking ahead five years. This has often presented a rather alarming picture, showing a deteriorating financial position. The first such plan in May 2019, predicted that the General Fund Balance, ie the Councils reserves, would have fallen from £26 million to £5 million by 2022/23. This figure is now much better at £25 million for 2022/23, and even projecting forward by another 5 years still gives a balance of £18 million. By scrapping some aspects of the outsourcing contract with Capita, not only does the Council now have a better control over the accounting and bookkeeping processes, it has also made significant savings. Despite the improving position, the Councils finances are not yet sufficiently robust to prevent an increase in Council Tax.

However, the SODC Council tax continues to be in the lowest 10 in the country and the rise of £5 per year (Band D) is less than inflation. Council-Owned Housing One of the obligations on SODC is to provide Bed and Breakfast accommodation in certain cases; we will now use capital funds to acquire property that can be used instead, with a targeted saving of £65,000 a year. The budget assigned £5 million from developer contributions (Section 106) for the purchase of housing for social rent.

Investment in Infrastructure

The budget assigned 2.5 million from developer contributions to infrastructure across South Oxfordshire

Homelessness in South Oxfordshire

The Council's housing team worked intensively in the weeks up to Christmas to ensure households at risk of homelessness had sustainable accommodation. It is pleasing to report that the number of rough sleepers recorded as of 31 December 2021 was zero for both South and Vale. This is the first time since 2013 there has been no rough sleeping recorded across both Districts, and is testament to the success of the Councils' strategy of preventing homelessness. South Oxfordshire was the first council in Oxfordshire and one of the first in the country to adopt the ground-breaking Housing First approach to preventing homelessness, a system that has now been adopted across the county.

Council Tax Rebate

As you may be aware, the government has announced that most households in council tax bands A-D will receive a £150 'rebate' to help with rising energy prices. This week SODC will be sending out annual council tax bills to all homes across the district and we know many residents will be keen to know how this money will be paid.

Contrary to some reports, the 'rebate' will not be taken off people's council tax bills when they are issued. We are putting arrangements in place to make a separate payment to households and are working with Capita to ensure this happens as soon as possible.

Here's how the payments will be made:

If a household pays their council tax by direct debit - we should be able to pay the £150 directly into their bank account. We're hoping to start making these payments by the end of April. More than 82 per cent of our council taxpayers are on direct debit, so most people should receive this money fairly soon.

If a household is not on direct debit - it will take longer to make these payments as we will need to write to them to confirm their bank details.

We recently sent more than 7,400 texts and emails to people to people across the two districts to encourage them to sign up to direct debit (3,720 in South and 3,686 in Vale). People can still do this via their [South](#) online account or by going to the [South](#) website.

Please note, we will not cold call anyone to request their bank details.

Further information about the council tax 'rebate' can be found on the [South](#) and [Vale](#) websites and on [the government's fact sheet](#).

Consultations

Community Infrastructure Levy We are proposing an increase in CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy), including the removal of the current CIL exemption for housing specifically for older people. This seems to have been exploited by developers. The increase would bring in substantial additional infrastructure funding for South Oxfordshire. The consultation runs until 22nd March: <https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/cilchargingschedule>

Planning Design Guide

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils are producing a new Joint Design Guide (JDG). The draft Joint Design Guide sets out the steps and design principles that are to be followed when designing a scheme to submit for planning application. It follows best practice and demonstrates how high quality and sustainable developments can be achieved. Additionally, it ensures that identity, character, heritage landscape is preserved and enhanced. The consultation runs until **15th March**.

OCC Local Transport Plan Consultation

The county council is working to produce a new Local Transport Plan. The local transport plan is the long-term county-wide transport strategy, called the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP). You can find it [here](#) The consultation closes on **16 March 2022**. The Planning Policy Team at SODC will be responding on behalf of the council.

Boundary Commission for England

The Boundary Commission for England has arranged 32 public hearings for their second consultation on proposed new map constituencies in England.

Speaking slots are automatically reserved on the morning of the first day of the first hearing in each region for the official spokesperson of each of the qualifying political parties to present their party's views.

All the details on how you can respond and to book a speaking slot can be found via the [Boundary Commission's website](#).

Planning Enforcement

The updated Planning Enforcement Statement has been approved by Council. The statement sets out the new approach to the triage and handling of complaints to improve efficiency and transparency and to help address the large backlog of complaints that has built up since the start of the pandemic. The team currently has some 700 live investigations with 241 matters still unallocated across the two Councils. SODC is currently in the top 4% of planning authorities nationally for enforcement, which surprisingly is not a statutory duty.

New Gambling Policy

At Full Council on 6 December, Council also agreed a new gambling policy. A key change is the passing of a "No Casino" resolution meaning that applications for casinos will not be considered in the District. This was agreed on the basis that the district is not a suitable location for a casino, that casinos bring the potential for criminal exploitation and money laundering.

Monitoring Report

We've published the 2020/21 Authority Monitoring Report for South Oxfordshire. The annual report sets out our progress on Local Plan preparation and assesses the effectiveness of planning policies and objectives. You can find the report on the [website here](#)

Covid 19 and Council Offices

Following the government lifting all its covid restrictions last week we're making plans for how members and staff will use our offices from now on.

We plan to follow the advice from Oxfordshire's Director of Public Health to take a cautious and considerate approach to relaxing our restrictions, particularly given that local case rates remain high. We will carry out a detailed review of all the measures and restrictions currently in place before making gradual changes. Currently the reception area at 135 is open to the public. Open 9.30am to 12.30pm, closed for lunch and then open again from 1.30pm to 4pm.

Factors other than Covid also need to be considered with our plans, including clearing the building in preparation for handing back the keys to 135 and moving into temporary accommodation.

Formal council meetings will continue as they have been until further notice.

Community Hub

We'll continue to support residents through our Community Hub, including taking their calls and signposting them for further help if needed, until 31 March 2023. However, as the situation improves locally its focus will shift towards supporting our communities' health and wellbeing in recovering from the pandemic. We'll share more details on this in a future update.

If you need help because you have COVID-19 or if you are struggling financially or if you are just finding life difficult due to the pandemic, we can help. Whether it's practical support or just advice, get in touch

- Tel: 01235 422600 if you need support (our office hours are 8.30am-5pm Monday to Thursday, 8.30am-4.30pm on Fridays);
- Email: communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk

Appendix C

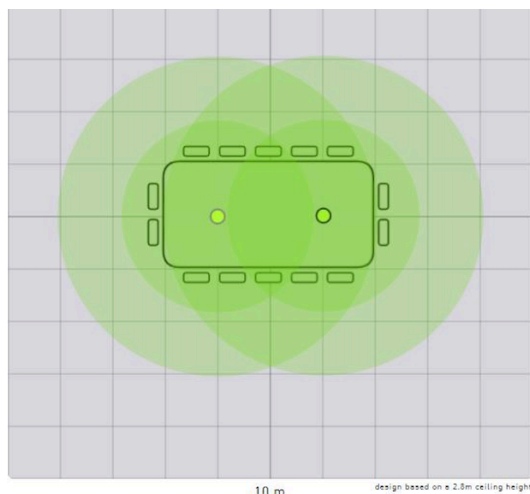
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Proposal from member of public; regarding Equipment for Recording Meetings.

Proposal for an AUDIO RECORDING SYSTEM for parish council meetings in Goring-on-Thames

A high quality, portable and scalable system.

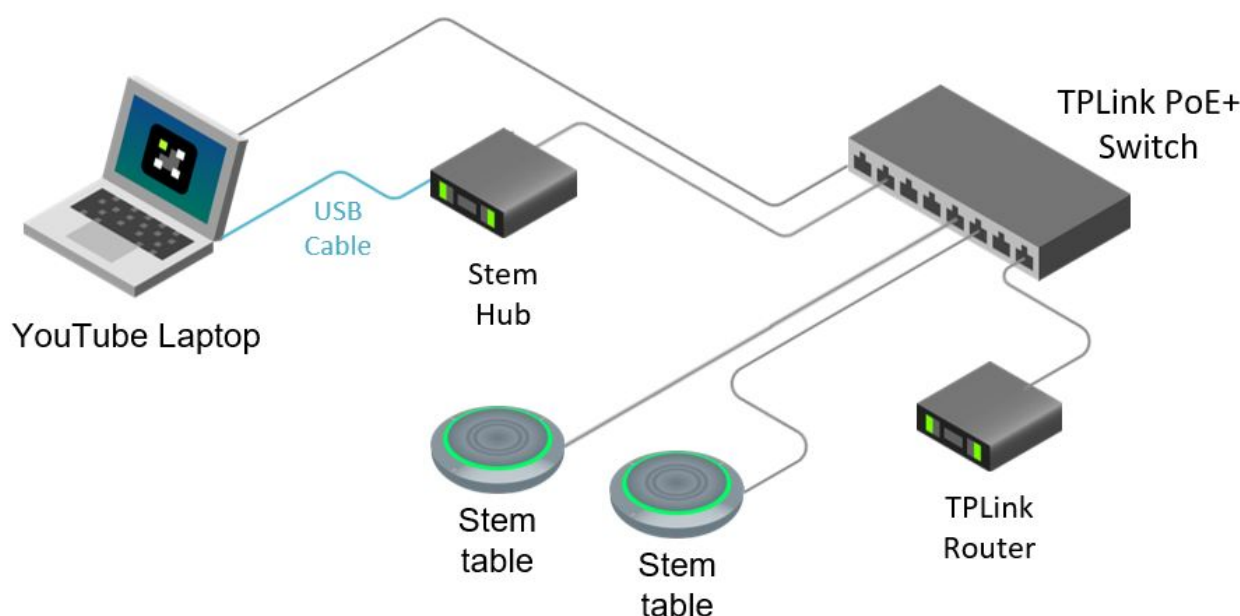
It includes two high-spec tabletop microphones, all connections to a dedicated laptop and technology to livestream audio to a free-subscription YouTube channel on a local website.



Anyone can listen in to the meeting live, or the recording at anytime from the archive. With 'read real-time text sub-titles software', this add-on is ideal for listeners with hearing impairment. (Real time transcription via professional Speech to Text software (eg Verbit) has an accuracy for non-technical language of c.99%).

Both the recording and the transcript (if checked and amended afterwards for accuracy or as recorded) will be archived in a special section of a website for reference at any time and become a permanent record. The laptop operator is able to pause the recording in certain circumstances (eg if a member of the public in a council meeting asks not to be recorded).

The system could be purchased by GPC, or by an independent community group which will maintain and operate the system at meetings. All public meeting recordings would be made within the law and with the consent of the participants according to a written protocol.



Total indicative costs:	£2,385 (ex VAT and optional transcription software)		
TPLink Switch	£40	Stem Table Microphones x 2	£1,478
TPLink Router	£30	Laptop	£400
Stem Hub	£440	Contingency/YouTube	£100



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee
of the Goring-On-Thames Parish Council
Tuesday 26th October 2021 at 7:30pm**

Public Participation:

A member of public made representation on Howgate Boathouse, objecting to the term “ancillary use” and highlighted some of the points from previous applications on this property.

A 2nd member of public made representation on Howgate Boathouse and highlighted issues regarding parking in that area of the village.

Members Present:

Vice Chairman	Cllr S Lofthouse (SL) [Chairman for the Meeting]
Members	Cllr J Wills (JW)
	Cllr L Reavill (LR)
	Cllr D Brooker (DB)
Substitute Members	Cllr B Urbick (BU)

Officers Present:

Clerk	Mrs L White (LW)
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Members of the Public and Press: More than 8

21.06.1. To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given. [LGA 1972 s85(1)]

Apologies Received from: M Brown; M Bulmer

Resolved: It was approved to accept the reasons given, Unanimous.

21.06.1.1. To Record Councillor Substitutions, allowed under the Terms of Reference of this Committee.

Cllr Urbick attended the meeting as a substitute member for this meeting.

21.06.2. Declarations of Interests [LA 2011 s31]

SL declared an interest in P21/S4302/HH and will excuse themselves from that item on the agenda

21.06.3. To consider requests for Dispensations [LA 2011 s33]

None



21.06.4. To approve the minutes of previous council meetings [LA 1972 Sch 12. Para 41(1)]

21.06.4.1. Meeting held on 28th September 2021

Resolved: It was agreed the minutes were an accurate record and it was approved that they be signed, Unanimous

21.06.4.2. Matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.

SODC Planning Committee Meeting has been confirmed for 3rd November; P20/S4706/FUL; Temporary planning permission for 25 years for the development and operation of a Transitional Hybrid Energy Project and associated infrastructure.

21.06.5. To consider applications and approve response to planning authority.

21.06.5.1. P21/S4302/HH - Howgate Boathouse, Cleeve Road, Goring, RG8 9BT

Variation of condition 5 (use for storage purposes only) to ancillary use in application P17/S1850/HH. New pitched roof to existing garage, including ground floor alterations and 'Studio' accommodation in roofspace.

[SL left the meeting, BU Chaired the meeting for this item only]

The agent for the applicant gave further details to the committee on the building. The garage is the entrance to the Howgate Boathouse, therefore the front door to the garage is the entrance to the house. A staircase has been installed to access the roof/loft space. The ridge height is only above 2m for a width of 1m, therefore not tall enough to partition this small room or install a door. The owner of the property must pass through the boathouse to access their property.

Resolved: Approved to Submit the Response: supports the application, by majority.

[SL returned to the meeting]

21.06.5.2. P21/S3156/FUL - Croft House, Limetree Road, Goring RG8 9EY

Erection of single-storey side extension to form double garage

This application was approved by SODC in advance of the meeting.

21.06.5.3. P21/S4104/HH - 9 Lockstile Way, Goring, RG8 0AJ

Add an additional storey to existing bungalow.

Concerns were raised over changing both appearance and changing to grey slate. The pre-application stated to ensure the roof height increase was modest and used sympathetic materials.



Resolved: Approved to Submit the Response: No Objections subject to the planning officer's confirmation that the materials being used are sympathetic to the surroundings, due to the concerns of using the grey slate, and attach the standard planning conditions to the response, By Majority.

21.06.5.4. P21/S4218/HH - 80 Wallingford Road, Goring, RG8 0HN

Single storey glazed rear extension to dining area.

Resolved: Approved to Submit the Response: No Objections, and attach the standard planning conditions to the response, Unanimous.

21.06.5.5. P21/S4145/HH - Mulberry Croft, Limetree Road, Goring, RG8 9EY

Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) in application P20/S4579/HH. To reduce the side of the rear outbuilding as shown on the submitted drawings. Proposed single-storey rear extension and detached rear outbuilding.

Resolved: Approved to Submit the Response: No Objections, Unanimous.

21.06.5.6. P21/S4182/LDP – The Hollies Howgate Drive, Goring, RG8 9DQ

Proposed garage conversion

Resolved: Approved to Submit the Response: No Objections, subject to clarification there is no dormer. The Committee would also like to comment that the lack of detail on the plans make it very difficult to make appropriate comments on this application, and attach the standard planning conditions to the response, Unanimous.

21.06.5.7. P21/S4298/HH - Icknield Lodge Icknield Road Goring RG8 0DQ

Carport extension to garage block

Resolved: Approved Unanimously to Submit the Response: The Committee resolved to submit the response: No Objections, as long as the tree officer assesses the impact on the trees which have been designated to be protected in the plans, and attach the standard planning conditions to the response.

It should also be noted that the application says not in the AONB despite it being so.

21.06.5.8. P21/S4279/LB - Elm Cottage Station Road Goring RG8 9HA

Replacement of two ground floor windows.

Resolved: Approved to Submit the Response: Supports the application subject to listed building officer approval, Unanimous.



21.06.5.9. P21/S4275/HH - High Winds Bridle Way Goring RG8 0HS

Single storey, side garage extension in the form of a lightweight lean-to structure.

Resolved: Approved to Submit the Response: No Objections, and attach the standard planning conditions to the response, Unanimous.

21.06.5.10. P21/S3832/FUL – Notley, Little Croft Road, Goring, RG8 9ER; *UPDATED*

Replacement dwelling (As amplified by Energy Information received 18 October 2021)

Resolved: Unanimously approved to Submit the Response: No Objections, and attach the standard planning conditions to the response.

In addition, the Planning Committee of the Parish Council thanks the applicant for listening to the previous comments of this committee.

21.06.5.11. P21/S4353/HH - South Woden, Manor Road, Goring, RG8 9EB

Erection of single storey side extension

Resolved: Approved to Submit the Response: No Objections, and attach the standard planning conditions to the response, Unanimous.

21.06.6. To note planning authority decisions on applications.

Resolved: all of the following SODC decisions where noted, Unanimous.

21.06.6.1. P21/S3176/FUL - Ridgeway Rise Goring RG8 0JY; *GRANTED*

GPC Planning Committee: No Objections, Subject to planning officer considering objections submitted by Ross Acre.

21.06.6.2. P21/S2627/FUL - 28 Homelea Road, Goring, RG8 9EX; *GRANTED*

GPC Planning Committee: No Objection Subject to Planning Officer's Satisfaction regarding the Energy Statement

21.06.6.3. P21/S2772/HH - Icknield Lodge, Icknield Road, Goring, RG8 0DG; *GRANTED*

GPC Planning Committee: No Objections, subject to the Planning Officer's satisfaction regarding the forestry issues

21.06.6.4. P21/S3325/O - 14 Milldown Avenue, Goring, RG8 0AS; *OUTLINE PLANNING GRANTED*

GPC Planning Committee: No Objections

21.06.6.5. P21/S3479/HH - Primrose Cottage, Fairfield Road, Goring, RG8 0EU; *GRANTED*

GPC Planning Committee: No Objections



21.06.6.6. P21/S3709/FUL – Goring Surgery, Red Cross Road, Goring, RG8 9HG; *GRANTED*

GPC Planning Committee: supports this application, on the grounds of convenience for parishioners and reducing the need to go into the surgery to collect prescriptions.

21.06.6.7. P21/S3532/HH - Thurle Down Bridle Way Goring RG8 0HS; *GRANTED*

GPC Planning Committee: NO OBJECTION, subject to a condition being placed that the room above "shall not be occupied at any time other than for purposes ancillary to the residential use of the dwelling known as Thurle Down, Bridle Way, Goring, RG8 0HS

21.06.6.8. P21/S2821/FUL – 7 Summerfield Rise, Goring, RG8 0DS; *GRANTED*

GPC Planning Committee: No Objects, But ask that the General Conditions be observed.

21.06.7. To note Discharge of Conditions (DIS), Modifications of Planning Obligations (MPO), Change of Use (N5B), Tree Preservation Orders (TPO), Screening Opinion (SCR) and Certificates of Lawful Development (LDP)

Resolved: all of the following where noted, Unanimous.

21.06.7.1. P21/S2290/DIS - 2 Elvendon Road, Goring, RG8 0DU

Discharge of conditions- 3 (Schedule of Materials) & 8 (Contaminated Land (preliminary risk assessment)) in application P19/S1832/FUL. Demolition of existing boiler showroom and erection of two new semi-detached dwellings and associated external works as amplified by the supplementary contamination assessment received 19 October.

21.06.8. To review Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) status / payments

Resolved: It was noted, £30,986, received September 2021 and moved to the CIL EMR to reserve the monies.

21.06.9. To note any changes to the Goring Enforcement Register since last meeting and consider reporting issues not already being progressed by SODC. **Appendix A**

- Consider action regarding installation of a Second Dormer, without Planning Permission, Greencourt, Upper Red Cross Road.

Resolved: It was unanimously approved that the Clerk should write to the homeowners, suggesting that due to the home being within the conservation area, it is likely that the improvements to their home should have received planning permission prior to commencement of the works. We would expect to see a retrospective application submitted within 2 calendar months, or the council will put a report in to the Enforcement team at SODC as recommend by a member of their team.

21.06.10. To consider correspondence received

None



21.06.11. Matters for future discussion

It was discussed as to whether Gatehampton Farm was within the Goring Conservation Area. A member of the conservation area appraisal team will be consulted.

21.06.12. To confirm the date of the next meeting – Tuesday 23th November 2021

Confirmed

Meeting Closed: 20:24



GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee of the Goring-On-Thames Parish Council Tuesday 23rd November 2021 at 7:30pm

Public Participation:

MoP's will speak at the relevant application, at the invitation of the chairman.

Members Present:

Vice Chairman	Cllr S Lofthouse (SL) [Chairman for the Meeting]
Members	Cllr J Wills (JW)
	Cllr L Reavill (LR)
	Cllr D Brooker (DB)

Officers Present:

Clerk	Mrs L White (LW)
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Members of the Public and Press: 3

The meeting Started: 19:32

21.08.1. To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given. [LGA 1972 s85(1)]

Cllrs M Brown & M Bulmer were absent.

21.08.1.1. To Record Councillor Substitutions, allowed under the Terms of Reference of this Committee.

None

21.08.2. Declarations of Interests [LA 2011 s31]

None

21.08.3. To consider requests for Dispensations [LA 2011 s33]

None

21.08.4. To approve the minutes of previous committee meetings [LA 1972 Sch 12. Para 41(1)]

21.08.4.1. Meeting held on 26th October 2021

The Clerk highlighted MoP's comments regarding these minutes.



Resolved: It was agreed the minutes were an accurate record and it was approved that they be signed, Unanimous

21.08.4.2. Matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.

None

21.08.5. To consider applications and approve response to planning authority.

21.08.5.1. P21/S4722/HH - 2 Long Meadow, Goring, RG8 9EG

New extension above the existing single storey room at the front with additional smaller two storey extension at the front. Small extension to enlarge utility room to rear. New porch and canopy above entrance. Amendments within existing dwelling. Demolish existing garage & workshop, and construct new separate garage & workshop, both to be attached to the existing dwelling, and with associated changes to the garden. Widen vehicle access & improve parking space.

It was commented that from a planning perspective there was no objections, however it was noted that the village generally needs more smaller properties, not more 6 bedroom houses.

The agent confirmed that the garage is to be taken down and moved to be incorporated in the house.

Resolved: Approved to Submit the Response: No Objections and attach the Planning Informative, unanimous.

21.08.5.2. P21/S4279/LB - Elm Cottage Station Road Goring RG8 9HA - AMMENDED

Replacement of two ground floor windows.

GPC Planning Committee Previous Response: Supports the Application, Subject to Conservation Officer

Resolved: Approved to resubmit the previous comments and note the Conservation Officer's remarks, unanimous.

21.08.5.3. P21/S4620/HH - The Coach House, Icknield Road, Goring, RG8 0DG

First floor side extensions to dwelling and single storey extension

Resolved: Approved to Submit the Response: No Objections and attach the Planning Informative, unanimous.

21.08.5.4. P21/S4145/HH - Mulberry Croft, Limetree Road, Goring, RG8 9EY

Erection of single-storey rear extension and detached rear outbuilding (resubmission of P20/S4579/HH)

GPC Planning Committee Previous Response: No Objections

Resolved: Approved to Submit the Response: No Objections and attach the Planning Informative, and we note the comment by the tree officer, unanimous.



21.08.6. To note planning authority decisions on applications.

Resolved: All the below decision were Noted, unanimous.

- 21.08.6.1. P21/S2290/DIS - 2 Elvendon Road, Goring, RG8 0DU – FULLY DISCHARGED**
Discharge of conditions- 3 (Schedule of Materials) & 8 (Contaminated Land (preliminary risk assessment)) in application P19/S1832/FUL. Demolition of existing boiler showroom and erection of two new semi-detached dwellings and associated external works as amplified by the supplementary contamination assessment received 19 October.
- 21.08.6.2. P21/S3879/HH - St Katherines House Lyndhurst Road Goring RG8 9BL – GRANTED**
Replacement Garden Room
GPC Planning Committee Response: No Objections
- 21.08.6.3. P21/S2635/FUL – Heathercroft, Elvendon Road, Goring, RG8 0DT – GRANTED**
S73A Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) in application P20/S4051/FUL Variation of conditions 2 (Approved plans) & 10 (Landscaping) on application P20/S0017/FUL (Additional Information received 8 December 2020). P20/S0017/FUL - Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and the erection of three dwellings with detached garages. Associated landscaping works to include the formation of a new access.
GPC Planning Committee Response: No Objection + General Planning Informative
- 21.08.6.4. P20/S4706/FUL - Land to the west of Wallingford Road, Adjacent to Sewage Works, between Goring and South Stoke, RG8 0JA - REFUSED**
Temporary planning permission for 25 years for the development and operation of a Transitional Hybrid Energy Project and associated infrastructure including access (2021-08-16 Amended Plans to extend red line, include additional landscaping and landscape details and temporary construction compound, and additional landscape and air quality details submitted 20/04/21 and 21/05/21).
GPC Planning Committee Response: Objection
- 21.08.6.5. P21/S2025/HH – Jordleys, Manor Road, Goring, RG8 9EN - GRANTED**
Recladding, Single storey rear and front extensions and provision of open covered way to existing annex
GPC Planning Committee Response: No Objections
- 21.08.6.6. P21/S4531/DIS - 28 Holmlea Road, Goring, RG8 9EX – FULLY DISCHARGED**
Discharge of condition 3 (Surface Water Drainage) on planning application P21/S2627/FUL. (Demolition of existing dwelling. Erection of replacement dwelling.)
- 21.08.6.7. P21/S3156/FUL - Croft House, Limetree Road, Goring RG8 9EY - GRANTED**
Erection of single-storey side extension to form double garage
- 21.08.6.8. P21/S3646/LDE - Gatehampton Farm, Nursery Farm, Gatehampton Road, Goring, RG8 9LU – CERTIFICATE ISSUED**
Lawful Development Certificate for an existing dwelling.
- 21.08.7. To note Discharge of Conditions (DIS), Modifications of Planning Obligations (MPO), Change of Use (N5B), Tree Preservation Orders (TPO), Screening Opinion (SCR) and Certificates of Lawful Development (LDP)**

Resolved: All the items below were Noted, unanimous.



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21.08.7.1. P21/S4794/DIS – 6B Chestnut Corner, Summerfield Rise, Goring, RG8 0DS

Discharge of condition 4 (Tree Protection) in application P20/S4126/HH. Construction of single storey rear and side extensions with the addition of a dormer window and roof light to existing pitched roof.

21.08.8. To review Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) status / payments

Next payment due April 2022, the Clerk will continue to monitor the CIL register on the SODC website.

Nothing to Note at this meeting.

21.08.9. To note any changes to the Goring Enforcement Register since last meeting and consider reporting issues not already being progressed by SODC. Appendix A

Further to comments made last month regarding a potential dormer without planning permission in the conservation area. The homeowner feels they already have planning permission. However, they have a subsequent planning permission, which was approved, which does not include this update. It is suspected that this later application supersedes the 2009 permission for the dormer. Clerk awaiting update from Enforcement and will keep the Planning Committee informed of progress.

Former Hairdresser, adjacent to Goring Hardware. There have been a number of member of public reports that work may be ongoing at the property without planning permission. Building Control have also visited because of the damaged front wall. SODC have advised that if work is indeed ongoing to submit an enforcement report, with evidence,

21.08.10. To consider correspondence received

None

21.08.11. Matters for future discussion

- Hairdresser discussions

21.08.12. To confirm the date of the next meeting – Tuesday 14th December 2021 (2nd Tuesday of the Month)

Confirmed.

Meeting Closed: 20:00



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Appendix D3

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee of the Goring-On-Thames Parish Council Tuesday 14th December 2021 at 7:30pm

Public Participation:

No Representations.

Members Present:

Members Cllr J Wills (JW) [Chairman for the Meeting]
Cllr D Brooker (DB)
Cllr B Urbick (BU) [Substitute Member]

Officers Present:

Clerk Mrs L White (LW)

Members of the Public and Press: 1

The meeting Started: 19:32

21.10.1. Motion without Notice: To select a Chairman for the meeting.

Resolved: To appoint J Wills as Chairman, Unanimous.

21.10.2. To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given. [LGA 1972 s85(1)]

Apologies Received from Cllrs; M Bulmer; M Brown & S Lofthouse.

Resolved: The reasons given for absences were approved.

Cllr L Reavill was absent.

21.10.2.1. To Record Councillor Substitutions, allowed under the Terms of Reference of this Committee.

Cllr B Urbick was present as a substitute member.

21.10.3. Declarations of Interests [LA 2011 s31]

None



21.10.4. To consider requests for Dispensations [LA 2011 s33]

None

21.10.5. To approve the minutes of previous committee meetings [LA 1972 Sch 12. Para 41(1)]

21.10.5.1. Meeting held on 23rd November 2021

Resolved: It was agreed unanimously that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting and they were duly signed.

21.10.5.2. Matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.

None

21.10.6. To consider applications and approve response to planning authority.

Proposed: It was proposed that in light of the increased rates of COVID and instigation of further COVID restrictions by central government, to delegate to the Clerk responses to items under item 5 and 6 on the Agenda.

Resolved: Approved to delegate responses on all applications on the agenda for this meeting to the Clerk, Unanimous.

Proposed: to close the meeting and move items 7 onwards on the agenda to a future meeting of the Planning Committee.

Resolved: Unanimously approved to close the meeting and move all items to the next meeting of this Committee.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed: 19:37



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Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee of the Goring-On-Thames Parish Council Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 7:30pm

Public Participation:

MoP1: Spoke regarding GNP3; raising points regarding flood zone and suitability for 20 homes. Asked specifically how the design has been assessed on scale of the development on edge of villages. The Chairman responded with details of the SODC density criteria (30 per hectare) and the density of this development and other streets in the village (ranging from 13 – 20+).

MoP2: Spoke regarding GNP3; raising points on housing Density. Originally density of 13 houses / hectare. Further stating their assessment showed the current plan is 25 houses / hectare due to the reduced area which can now be used. Chairman responded that our current analysis is showing 15 houses per hectare, and encouraged all members of public to submit comments directly to SODC.

MoP3: Spoke as a representative of the applicant for GNP3. Highlighting some of the considerations when designing the scheme, including the layout being updated with respect to design guides and statements etc and neighbourhood plan policies.

MoP4: Resident of Waterfield Cottage (Direct Neighbour), spoke regarding P21/S5389/HH; highlighting that the large windows at the back would look directly in to their home. If the applicant does genuinely need the large windows at the rear, can they be obscured.

Members Present:

Members

- Cllr S Lofthouse (SL) [Chairman for the Meeting]
- Cllr J Wills (JW)
- Cllr D Brooker (DB)
- Cllr L Reavill (RV)
- Cllr B Urbick (BU) [Substitute Member]

Officers Present:

Clerk Mrs L White (LW)

Members of the Public and Press: At least 11

The meeting started: 19:41

21.14.1. To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given. [LGA 1972 s85(1)]

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Bulmer & M Brown

21.14.1.1. To Record Councillor Substitutions, allowed under the Terms of Reference of this Committee.

Cllr B Urbick attended as a substitute member.



21.14.2. Declarations of Interests [LA 2011 s31]

None

21.14.3. To consider requests for Dispensations [LA 2011 s33]

None

21.14.4. To approve the minutes of previous committee meetings [LA 1972 Sch 12. Para 41(1)]

21.14.4.1. Meeting held on 14th December 2021

Resolved: It was agreed unanimously the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting and they were duly signed.

21.14.4.2. Matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.

21.14.5. To consider applications and approve response to planning authority.

21.14.5.1. P21/S5389/HH – Hartswood, Manor Road, Goring, RG8 9EN

Demolition of garage wing, and two storey rear bay, and erection of part two storey, part single storey front, side and rear extensions.

The Chairman highlighted some of the details of the plans, and that the direct neighbour has attended the meeting to object to the large overlooking windows. It was further highlighted by the committee members that the application states remove the garage, but there are no details on where the cars would be parked instead.

Resolved: Approved to submit the response, No Objections, subject to the design being suitably updated to address the concerns raised by Waterfield Cottage, and attach the Planning Informative, Unanimous.

21.14.5.2. P22/S0003/RM - Land to the east of Manor Road to the south of Little Croft Manor Road Goring RG8 9EJ

Reserved Matters application for Appearance, Layout, Landscaping and Scale following Outline approval P19/S2923/O. Outline application was not subject to an environment impact assessment. Erection of 20 dwellings and associated works.

It was commented that the density is quite low, compared to SODC design requirements. The design includes an open space and meadow and appears to be a nice design.

The public comment of low-cost housing being mixed with the other housing from a comment on the SODC website was raised, and details were given that the studies show that mixing different types of housing is good for many reasons.

It was commented that the updated design was preferred to the original design for the GNP3 area.



After concerns were raised regarding Construction Traffic Management Plan [CTMP], the representative of the applicant confirmed that the draft CTMP (which is already a condition for this site), will be forwarded to the Planning Committee for consideration prior to submission to the SODC.

Resolved: Approved unanimously, to submit the response Fully Supports; attach the Planning Informative; and submit the assessment as completed by members of the Former Neighbourhood Plan members [Attached to these minutes].

21.14.5.3. P22/S0126/HH – 4 Walnut Tree Court, Goring, RG8 9HW

Replace existing conservatory roof with traditional tiled roof with plain tiles to match main roof.

It was noted there are no objections submitted to this application on the SODC website.

Resolved: Approved unanimously, to submit the response: No Objections and attached the Planning Informative.

21.14.5.4. P21/S4718/HH – 1 Holmlea Road, Goring, RG8 9EX - **AMMENDED**

An L-shaped ground floor extension (to the side and rear of existing property) with a porch extension at the front
GPC Planning Committee Previous Response: *No Objections to this application, and attach the General Planning Informative. It is however noted that there are windows very close to boundaries in some instances. We would like to ask the planning officer if they are satisfied with this in design terms, is this acceptable with respect to planning policy; building regulations; fire spread policy, and zone of light requirements?*

Resolved: Approved unanimously, to submit the same response as previously submitted.

21.14.5.5. P21/S4432/FUL - Goring and Streatley Station, Gatehampton Road, Goring ,RG8 0EP

The removal of the existing 12m High Phosco Phase 1 Monopole and the removal of the existing cabinet and their replacement with a 20m High Apollo pole, a GPS module, installation of a Lancaster Cabinet, a side pod and a meter cabinet, proposed 0.8m brick wall and ancillary development thereto.

It was raised that this is very tall compared to what is already installed, and further asked if other locations been considered.

Resolved: Approved unanimously, to submit the response OBJECTS on the grounds of, impact in the AONB; no LVIA (Landscape Visual Impact Assessment), and no consideration on alternative sites outside the AONB.



21.14.5.6. P22/S0057/HH - 94 Elvendon Road, Goring, RG8 0DR

Variation of condition 2(plans) on application P20/S3006/HH - materials to be used for the external walls of the development to be rendered in K Rend Scraped Polar White Silicone Scraped Texture. (Part single, part double storey rear extension, Part garage conversion. Additional window to ground floor shower room).

Resolved: Approved unanimously, to submit the response: No Objections and attached the Planning Informative.

21.14.6. To note planning authority decisions on applications.

All below were noted.

21.14.6.1. P21/S5012/HH – 2 Heron Shaw, Goring, RG8 0AU - **GRANTED**

Existing porch to be demolished and replaced with single storey extension

GPC Planning Committee Response: No Objections, and attach the General Planning Informative.

21.14.6.2. P21/S5021/HH - 18 Clevedon Goring RG8 9BU - **GRANTED**

Single-storey ground floor rear extension to a 3-storey terraced dwelling-house

GPC Planning Committee Response: No Objections, as long as the planning officer is satisfied that the comments from the immediate neighbour have been addressed, similar extensions have already been completed on similar properties in the same road. To also attach the General Planning Informative

21.14.6.3. P21/S4945/HH - 3 Kings Mews, Goring, RG8 0BS - **GRANTED**

Loft conversion including installation of two roof-lights to the rear elevation, to form additional habitable space.

GPC Planning Committee Response: No Objections, and attach the General Planning Informative.

21.14.6.4. P21/S4565/HH - 4 Walnut Tree Court, Goring, RG8 9HW - **GRANTED**

Enlargement of dining room window, cut down to floor level to create new patio doors to garden. Small window opening in east wall of living room to be increased in width & height, Width to match dining & kitchen windows, height to match proposed new patio doors to dining room, lintel to incorporate double header curved brick arch to match existing window head details. Replacement windows throughout to be uPVC with grey exterior finish in lieu of existing brown stained finish. Windows will be similar casement style with window bar, but note casement heads will be square in lieu of arched. 1 no garage door opening to be bricked up in matching brickwork to facilitate creation of new utility room.

GPC Planning Committee Response: No Objections, and attach the general planning informative.

21.14.6.5. P21/S4595/HH – Sangalala, Elmhurst Walk, Goring, RG8 9DE - **GRANTED**

Extensions and alterations to existing dwelling.

GPC Planning Committee Response: No Objections, and attach the general planning informative.

21.14.6.6. P21/S4722/HH - 2 Long Meadow, Goring, RG8 9EG – **GRANTED**

New extension above the existing single storey room at the front with additional smaller two storey extension at the front. Small extension to enlarge utility room to rear. New porch and canopy above entrance. Amendments within existing dwelling. Demolish existing garage & workshop, and construct new separate garage & workshop, both to be attached to the existing dwelling, and with associated changes to the garden. Widen vehicle access & improve parking space.

GPC Planning Committee Response: No Objections, and attach the general planning informative.



21.14.6.7. P21/S2769/FUL – Hartswood, Manor Road, Goring, RG8 9EN – GRANTED

The replacement of the footbridge at Hartswood Manor boathouse.

GPC Planning Committee Response: *In full support of the response sent by MIGGS on the SODC Planning Website*

21.14.6.8. P21/S4248/HH - 15 Grange Close, Goring, RG8 9DY – GRANTED

Front porch and alterations.

GPC Planning Committee Response: *No Objections, and attach the general planning informative.*

21.14.6.9. P21/S4145/HH - Mulberry Croft, Limetree Road, Goring, RG8 9EY - GRANTED

Erection of single-storey rear extension and detached rear outbuilding

GPC Planning Committee Response: *No Objections, and attach the general planning informative.*

21.14.6.10. P21/S4302/HH - Howgate Boathouse, Cleeve Road, Goring, RG8 9BT – GRANTED

Variation of condition 5 (use for storage purposes only) of application P17/S1850/HH to allow for ancillary use.

New pitched roof to existing garage, including ground floor alterations and 'Studio' accommodation in roofspace.

GPC Planning Committee Response: *Supports the Application.*

**21.14.7. To note Discharge of Conditions (DIS), Modifications of Planning Obligations (MPO),
Change of Use (N5B), Tree Preservation Orders (TPO), Screening Opinion (SCR) and
Certificates of Lawful Development (LDP)**

All below were noted.

21.14.7.1. P21/S5126/DIS - Howgate Boathouse, Cleeve Road, Goring, RG8 9BT – FULLY DISCHARGED

Discharge of condition 7 (foul drainage) on planning application P17/S1850/HH (New pitched roof to existing garage, including ground floor alterations and 'Studio' accommodation in roofspace).

21.14.8. To review Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) status / payments

Next payment due April 2022, the Clerk will continue to monitor the CIL register on the SODC website.

No further Comments.

**21.14.9. To note Enforcement Register is no longer publicly available on SODC website, and will no
longer be considered by this Committee**

Noted

21.14.10. To Consider Responding to SODC Request for input on the Draft Joint Design Guide

Joint Design Guide

Resolved: Approved unanimously to not submit a response.

21.14.11. To consider correspondence received

None



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Appendix D4

21.14.12. Matters for future discussion

None

21.14.13. To confirm the date of the next meeting – Tuesday 22nd February 2022 (4th Tuesday of the Month)

Confirmed, Cllr Wills gave their apologies for the next meeting.

Meeting Closed: 20:15

Title	Clerk's Report
Authors	Clerk
Meeting	Goring-on-Thames Parish Council Meeting – 21 st March 2022

9.1. To approve OALC membership for the Financial Year 2022-2023; £606.25 (excluding VAT)

Membership of OALC provides access to support and information in an ever changing local government context. Each year there is new legislation which councils are required to implement on top of the challenge of coping with covid. We aim to assist our member councils by alerting them to forthcoming changes, offer briefings, templates and training as appropriate, answering questions and providing guidance.

OALC is entirely independent of all of the Oxfordshire district councils and the county council as well. Our income comes from just two sources, **SUBSCRIPTIONS AND TRAINING**. Our subscription is calculated on electorate and is a combination of the NALC affiliation and OALC's membership fees. This year there will be an increase of 2% (equivalent to 0.42 pence per elector). An invoice for the annual subscription is attached to this email. We would encourage your council to pay the invoice by BACS, if at all possible, quoting the invoice number as reference. This helps us to keep administrative costs down.

What are the benefits of membership?

- **Representation at district, county, regional and national level**, 95% of town and parish councils, in Oxfordshire belong to OALC; we represent your interests at all levels of local government. Membership of OALC includes membership of the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) which lobbies Ministers and central government on your behalf. They have successfully lobbied with our help to ensure there continues not to be a cap on precepts. NALC also respond on your behalf to the flow of government consultations, to emphasise the issues affecting town and parish councils.
- **Advice, guidance, briefings and information**, we answer hundreds of queries by phone and email for member councils, the queries cover all manner of governance, procedure and administration. If we don't know the answer, we can pass the query on to NALC solicitors for their opinion or to other experts in appropriate organisations without cost.
- **Monthly Update for councils**; keeping you and your council up to date on new legislation, news and consultations – these updates have been particularly relevant throughout the continuing coronavirus pandemic and will continue to provide important information as the pandemic hopefully abates.
- **Specialised advice from OALC consultants** on HR/Employment issues and Finance, Audit and VAT. Initial expert advice is free of charge. We pay for member councils to benefit from this specialised advice.
- **Training**; an expanding training programme for clerks and councillors, with reduced rates for member councils. Look at the [events section](#) of our website. Twelve training sessions are planned for the first six months of this year, most of which will take place on-line until we are sure of the safety of physical events. Topics include Clerks training, Finance, Risk Management, Archives, Legal Update, Employment basics, charity law, Councillor and Chairmanship training. We also run free sessions only for member councils on topics such as digital mapping, Operation London Bridge and Gypsies and Travellers.
- **Access to the Members Areas of OALC and NALC websites**, which provides many useful reference documents, briefings, including 88 Legal Topic Notes.

Members of our Executive Committee represent the interests of local councils on various outside bodies at both county, regional and national level. We participate in County and District partnerships where they still exist. We work to improve the efficiency, transparency and professionalism of town and parish councils and parish meetings and use every opportunity to lobby relevant bodies on parishes' behalf.

9.2. To approve Clerk project Management training, “for Non-Project Managers”, budget £100.

EGERTON-CONSULTING are offering a 50% discount for SLCC members; course cost £100, entitles Project Management Tools and Techniques.

For more [information](#) on the course content.

The Clerk recently attended an Oxfordshire Branch SLCC meeting, where this was recommended / advertised. This course was recommended as Clerks and other Council officers often have to Project Manage jobs/projects of various sizes, inputs, budgets etc. The course is aimed at non-project-managers.

The Clerk kindly requests the Council consider sponsoring them to attend this course. As a larger Parish Council, there are a number of projects which could be considered as it being worthwhile for, including for example the Summer of Play events and Public Spaces project. The later will continue past the term of this Council

9.3. To approve sending a letter on behalf of the Council to our local MP, asking for their support for the SLCC Civility and Respect project and support of an Early Day Motion in this matter.

For more [information](#).

The Civility and Respect Project Working Group set out a mission statement summarising the core aims and values for securing permanent change in the sector:

‘Civility and respect should be at the heart of public life and good governance is fundamental to ensuring an effective and well-functioning democracy at all levels.

The intimidation, abuse, bullying and harassment of councillors, professional officers and staff, in person or online, is totally unacceptable; whether that is by councillors, professional officers, staff or members of the public.

This can prevent councils from functioning effectively, councillors from representing local people, discourage people from getting involved including standing for election, and undermine public confidence and trust in local democracy.

National Association of Local Councils (NALC), county associations of local councils and One Voice Wales (OVW), as the membership organisations representing the first tier of local government in England and Wales, and Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) as the professional body for clerks, are committed to working together to promote civility and respect in public life, good governance, positive debate and supporting the well-being of councillors, professional officers and staff.

To that end the Group will be working to deliver tangible resources, actions and interventions in four main areas: providing councils with the tools to support good governance; lobbying to strengthen the standards regime and encourage more people to get involved; training; and processes to intervene to provide support to struggling councils.’

Early Day Motion for Sanctions

An early day motion (EDM) has been registered by an MP calling for the government to establish an appropriate and effective sanctions mechanism to deal with local councillors who have been found guilty of

bullying and harassment following an independent investigation. The MP was alerted to the issue when an ALCC* member contacted him with regards to the behaviour she had suffered.

*The Association of Local Council Clerks (ALCC) is the independent trade union for clerks.

What are EDMs?

EDMs are motions submitted for debate in the House of Commons for which no day has been fixed. Whilst few are debated, many attract a great deal of public interest and media coverage.

They are used to put on record the views of individual MPs or to draw attention to specific events or campaigns. By attracting the signatures of other MPs, they can be used to demonstrate the level of parliamentary support for a particular cause or point of view.

The more MP's that support this EDM, the more likely it is to get discussed in parliament. The Clerk kindly asks the Council to consider supporting writing to our MP asking that they back this motion and have it discussed in parliament. [Click here to view the EDM](#). The drive to improve standards in our sector is being included as a topic on NALCs lobby day on 23rd March.

SLCC have designed [template letter](#) which we can use, if the Council so chooses.

9.4. To agree actions pertaining to the upcoming election for the vacant seat. (Clerk Availability etc)

The Election will be held, if contested, on the 21st April 2022. The notice of Election going out on the 15th March and the nomination period closing on the 23rd March.

The legal requirements of the Parish Council have been verified, and are limited to; publishing the appropriate notices as provided by SODC on our noticeboards; website and other communication channels, throughout the entire period.

In addition, the Elections Office have confirmed it would be useful if the Clerk were available as an in-village place to collect nomination papers and have their nominators verified as in parish electors / provide elector numbers for the nomination forms.

Clerk proposes to be available the Parish Office in the Gardiner Pavilion **10am – 12noon, Mon – Fri** throughout the nomination period. Noting: completed nomination papers are to be delivered directly to SODC, not the Parish Office. SODC also offer an informal check of nomination papers to check for errors, if photographed or scanned and e-mailed directly to the elections team at SODC. The scanning facility at the Parish Office can be available for this purpose as well during the agreed times.

9.5. To approve a request to attach flagpole holders to the bridge lampposts for the Jubilee celebrations.

As part of one of the festival planning teams responsible for decorating the village for the Jubilee celebrations, which will include attaching our flag pole holders to the bridge lampposts as we do every festival and Jubilee, could you please confirm the council will consent to this.

All other decorations on the bridge and elsewhere throughout the two High Streets and other locations will be covered by our various Street Party, Road Closure and other specific permissions currently being sought

by our licensing team working with SODC, OCC and WBC and will be agreed during our round of SAG meetings.

We plan to put these flag holders and the flags up on/about 1 June, the same time we normally attach the hanging baskets, in time for the first day of the Jubilee and Festival on 2 June.



FEBRUARY 2022 CONSULTATION

Feedback of Results

BACKGROUND

The Parish Council sought feedback on three topics:

- 1** About a proposed TRIAL SCHEME TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN STATION ROAD
- 2** About a proposal to CHANGE THE ROAD SIGNAGE INTO THE VILLAGE from 'Goring' to 'Goring on Thames'
- 3** About the Parish's FIVE OPEN SPACES: Rectory Garden, the Ferry Lane open space, Sheepcot Recreation Ground, Bourdillon Recreation Ground and Gardiner Recreation Ground.

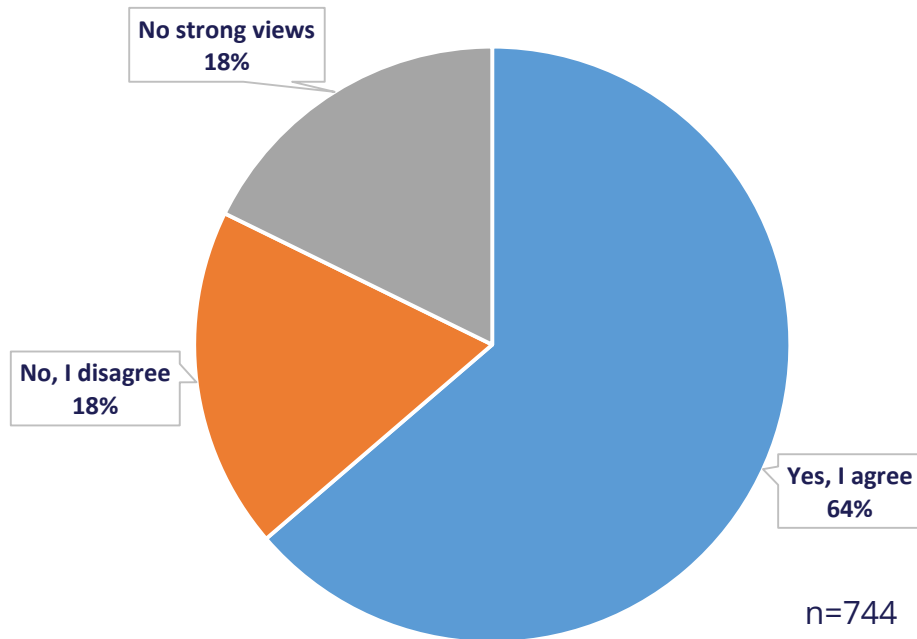
The survey was delivered to all homes in the Parish, along with a freepost envelope. There was also an on-line version of the survey. The deadline was Friday 18th February 2022, though acceptance of the hard-copy surveys was until the morning of 23rd February due to inclement weather and resulting postal delays. (A copy of the survey questionnaire is available at Appendix A.)

DATA COLLECTION DETAILS

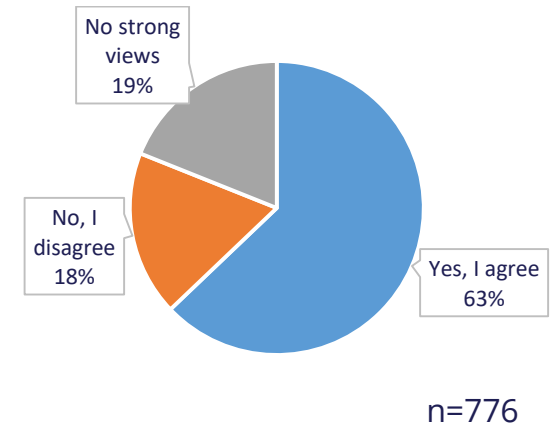
- The consultation survey questionnaire was drafted and provided to all Parish Councillors prior to its printing. All Councillors agreed on the final language of the questions and questionnaire.
- After printing the surveys and FREEPOST envelopes, distribution was done by Dor2Dor to all homes in the built-up areas in the parish. Parish Councillor volunteers delivered to the areas not covered by the paid distribution. The bulk of surveys were distributed between 1st and 4th February 2022 (two roads were delivered a couple days later), the online survey was opened on the 1st February.
- The deadline for submission was 18th February. Because of the storm warnings on 18th February, responses received up to the morning 23rd February were accepted.
- A total of 815 responses were received by hard copy and on-line
 - 744 responses confirmed from Goring (names are on the electoral register or address confirmed by follow-up)
 - 32 responses were from outside Goring (usually local villages Streatley, Woodcote and Goring Heath)
 - 10 on-line responses were deleted as they were: duplicated entries, did not provide an accurate address, or did not respond to the follow-up email asking for confirmation of address.
 - 29 responses were received well after the 23rd February. These were not included in any of the analyses, though any original comments/suggestions regarding the Open Spaces will be included with the submission to the Landscape Architect as the final report is prepared.
- Data input notes
 - All hard copy responses were input into the software programme used for the on-line survey.
 - If a survey was signed by two people, the views were duplicated so as to be considered as two entries.
 - All responses were promised to be anonymous, and the published data will not contain names or addresses. All personally identifying information will also be redacted. The contact information (name, address and e-mail address) will be deleted and the hard copies of the survey and the electronic input will not be retained.
 - It is envisaged that all comments will, in due course, be made available online at the Parish Council website. There is the need for all comments to be reviewed and appropriately redacted (removing any personally identifying information) – and this will take some time. The aim is to have this available on-line in mid-April or earlier.

1 TRIAL SCHEME TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN STATION ROAD

Do you agree or disagree that the parking bays should be suspended to enable a trial scheme to improve pedestrian safety in Station Road?



Including all Goring responses and those responses from outside Goring



TRIAL SCHEME TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN STATION ROAD (CONT'D)

Consistent comments from across the range of responses

- Numerous comments of general support for pursuit of pedestrian safety and the dangers on Station Road; many felt that there are also other areas in the village that should be considered for pedestrian safety issues (Wallingford Road had several mentions, the junction of Red Cross Road and High Street, as well as other roads coming off Station Road/Manor Road/Croft Road).
- Many questioned if parking would be made available elsewhere during the trial
- Some suggestions that a one-way system should be developed, with one individual strongly opposed to any one-way system in the village centre; and perhaps trial other schemes such as residents' parking, stop lights, new road signage and markings, etc.
- Some requested that key success measures in the trial were established to be able to properly consider success/failure after the trial period has ended; that there be a further consultation after the trial before anything becomes permanent.

Comments from those who support temporarily removing the parking bays to conduct the trial – 64% of those who responded

- Several comments about particular danger and frustration on Station Road for those who are mobility impaired (this opinion appears to be a strong driver of support).
- Many suggestions that the road surface should be repaired at the same time (not just potholes filled); that current parking restrictions should be enforced; that a permanent pavement should be considered
- Some concerns were raised that whatever is done must be appropriate for a Conservation Area.

Comments from those who had 'no strong views' – 18%

- Concerns raised that speed limits and parking are not enforced.
- Concerns about the parking/problems being forced onto other nearby roads
- Improved lighting was suggested by a few.

Comments from those who were against – 18%

- Serious concerns about removal of parking bays as these naturally restrict speed.
- Many do not think there is an issue with pedestrian safety on Station Road
- Many indicated that parking is already difficult in the village, this would only make things worse.
- A few mentioned that pedestrians already have priority in the new Highway Code (so this trial is unnecessary)
- It was suggested by a few that spending money on road resurfacing would be better

TRIAL SCHEME TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN STATION ROAD (CONT'D)

Next steps

- Note the consultation survey results and provide the information to the Traffic Management, Parking & Pedestrian Safety Committee with the recommendation to pursue the trial PPL scheme with Oxfordshire County Council.
 - Take note of request by several respondents to establish key success measures in the trial to be able to properly consider after the trial period has ended.
- It is proposed that the full Council consider providing some temporary parking places in the Community Car Park or elsewhere for the trial period. If agreed, suggest to delegate to the Traffic Management, Parking & Pedestrian Safety Committee to organise all the details with the Clerk.

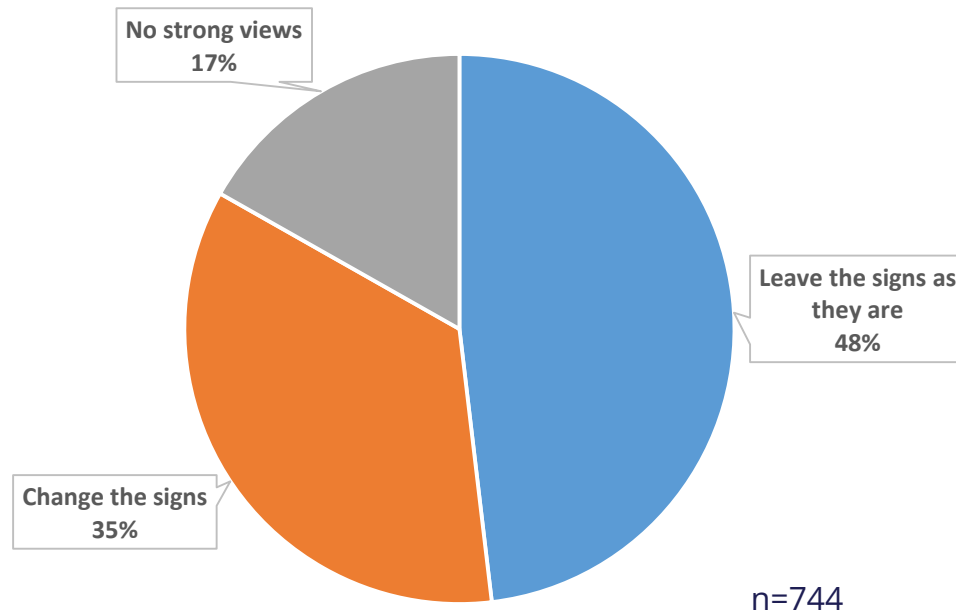
2 PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE ROAD SIGNAGE INTO THE VILLAGE FROM 'GORING' TO 'GORING ON THAMES'

Background

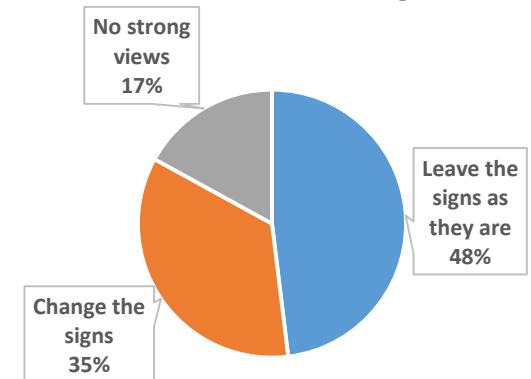
- Goring in Bloom (GiB) put forward a proposal to change three of the road signs (the main roads) into the village to read 'Goring on Thames', and they had raised about one-half of the funds (of the c. £5k total) with OCC Highways agreeing to fund the rest subject to application by the Parish Council.
- At the time of the proposal the PC originally approved the signs, subject to confirmation by the PC to OCC Highways of whether the signs should read 'Goring' or 'Goring on Thames'. Several members of public, however, raised concerns: waste of public money, waste of resource ("...perfectly good signs that have 10+ years of life..."), "...no real benefit", and other strongly held opinions as to why this action shouldn't be pursued.
 - Because of these opposing views, the consultation questionnaire was designed specifically to obtain the views of parishioners on this matter, to understand how much support for the GiB proposal and the level of concern (if any) highlighted by the other parishioners.
 - It should also be noted that OCC have had representation that the road signs should not be changed.
- Though three of the road signs coming into the village may be changed, no other signs will change (no mileage signs, no roads signs leading traffic to Goring, nor would the entry signs on the smaller roads change or be added).
- The PC looked into the matter and found that the legal name of the village is 'Goring', and though it is possible to change the postal address, it is a time-laden and costly process. There has also been shown that Goring on Thames has been used, but not on any signage. Apparently this is not uncommon usage of place names evolve. It has been brought to the Council's attention that 'Goringe' was historically used, predating current modern nomenclature.
- The change of the Parish Council name from 'Goring Parish Council' to 'Goring-on-Thames Parish Council' was instigated fairly recently (2013), with some Cllrs at the time believing that the village name would change as a result. The Councillors at the time were given re-assurances that there would be no costs, no public money spent on changing signs, etc. The change of name of the Parish Council from 'Goring' to 'Goring-on-Thames' has generated some confusion, with some believing that the name of the Parish is the name of the village.
 - Parish Councils throughout the country frequently do not have the exact name of the village(s) in their name. Many Councils have more than one village making that unfeasible, and the name of the Council is therefore different from the name of the village(s) they encompass. Some Oxfordshire examples: The Baldons Parish includes Marsh Baldon, Toot Baldon & Little Baldon; Shilton Parish includes Bradwell Village, Shilton, Stonelands and Sturt.
 - In our own history, Goring Parish once included Goring village and Cleeve village. The nod to this history is evident, for example, in the Women's Institute name: 'Cleeve-by-Goring WI'.

2 PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE ROAD SIGNAGE INTO THE VILLAGE FROM 'GORING' TO 'GORING ON THAMES' (CONT'D)

Do you think the road signs entering the village should be changed from 'Goring' to 'Goring on Thames', or left as they are?



Including all Goring responses and those responses from outside Goring



PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE ROAD SIGNAGE

Comments from those who support 'leaving the signs' – 48% of all responses; just under 1.4:1 against changing the signs.

- The vast majority of those who were against stated that it was 'a waste!' – referring to public money, but also to the waste of resources ("the signs are perfectly adequate", "waste of natural resources and energy", etc), with some suggesting that Goring in Bloom shouldn't waste their money but "focus on flowers/greening Goring".
- Many commented that to change the signs is not necessary and that to do so is pretentious/a vanity project/trying to be 'posh' – especially as there was not tangible benefit for the road signs being changed and that no other signs would change, neither would SatNavs, etc.
- Some suggested that the matter could be reconsidered when the signs need replacing.

Comments from those who support changing the signs – 35%

- Many commented that the name 'Goring on Thames' sounds nice/nicer; that it is good to separate from Goring by Sea, that it is good to connect with the Thames heritage; that Goring has been known as 'Goring on Thames' for many, many years.
- Erroneously, many felt that Goring on Thames is the village's legal name, and because of that the signs should reflect that; that because the Parish Council name is Goring-on-Thames that is 'proof' that the road signs should reflect that.
- Even some that supported changing the signs felt that it was perhaps not a necessary cost at this time and could be considered when the current signs reach the end of their utility.

Comments from those who had 'no strong views' – 17%

- Many suggested that it would be better to wait until the signs need replacing.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE ROAD SIGNAGE (CONT'D)

Next steps

- Note the consultation survey results.
- It is proposed to amend the previous decision and to leave the signs as they are. OCC Highways should be notified immediately of the consultation results and that the signs should remain 'Goring' and that there should be no change, no new signs at this time.
 - The matter could be reconsidered at the time the signs would naturally need to be changed.
- POTENTIAL ITEM FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION: Consider to request SODC to revert to the name of the Parish Council to 'Goring Parish Council' (or, as a nod to history, possibly 'Goring & Cleeve Parish Council') because the past name change decision in 2013 has created some confusion in the community. This can be considered in 2023/2024, when South Oxfordshire District Council conducts its ten-yearly Community Governance Review.

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FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE PARISH'S FIVE OPEN SPACES (BOURDILLON, FERRY LANE, GARDINER, RECTORY GARDEN, SHEEPCOT)

	Priorities	Weighting		Priorities	Weighting	
First	All family/general areas for all ages	960		Gardiner	1110	First
Second	Teens (12/13yrs+)	915		Bourdillon	1091	Second
Third	Older primary children (8-11/12yrs)	703		Sheepcot	1088	Third
	Young primary children (4-7yrs)	678		Rectory Garden	345	
	Young children/toddlers (up to 3yrs)	465		Ferry Lane	339	
	Adult (for exercise)	414			n=744	

Weighting score calculation: 1st priority = x3, 2nd priority X2, 3rd priority X1

3 FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE PARISH'S FIVE OPEN SPACES (BOURDILLON, FERRY LANE, GARDINER, RECTORY GARDEN, SHEEPCOT) (CONT'D)

Overarching comments

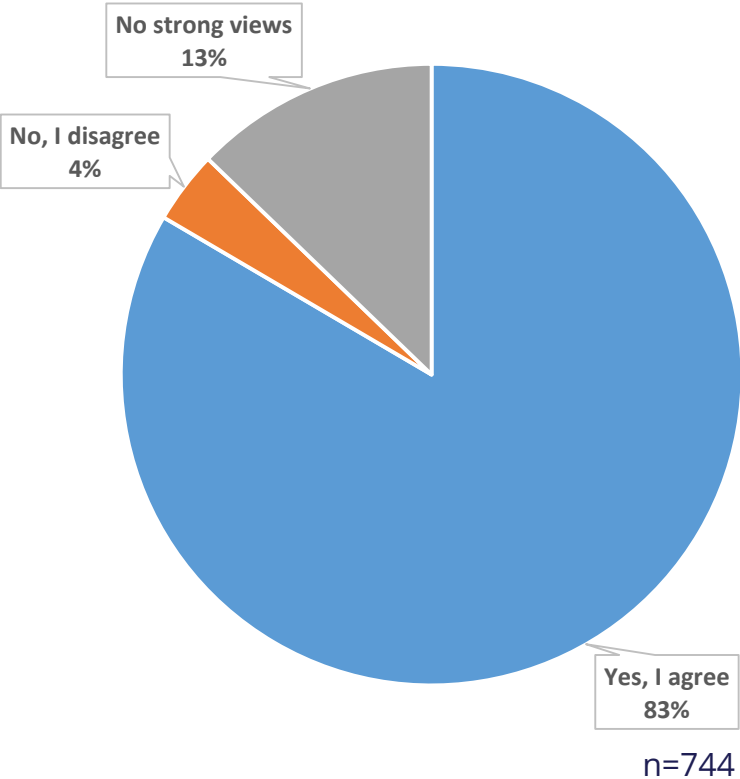
- There was incredibly strong support for the proposed future direction of all the open spaces, with no exception. The learnings from the Summer of Play consultations and observations (as indicated in the statements for each space) have very strong community support.
- There is also broad alignment between 'Goring only' responses and those that include those from individuals who live outside Goring.
- There are polarised views about the proposed shelters: many liking the idea, and many with concerns that the shelters may be abused (vandalism, hidden-from-view behaviours like drug use, etc) or are inappropriate in a rural area/would seem urban.
- There were several comments that the different play areas should have provision for more than one age-group of child. It was frequently indicated that households often have differing ages of children and that it was good if the family could go to one location and satisfy younger and older primary as well as very young children.
 - There was acknowledgement of the particular need for 'teen spaces', and though the Sheepcot idea got very strong support, there were suggestions that others of the open spaces could also provide teen-targeted facilities.
- There were several comments about the lack of provision for and support of dogs/dog walking, with some indicating that there should be some dog 'no go areas'.
- Though mentioned by only one individual, there was suggested that the edges of all the open spaces could be used for biodiversity and nature-recovery. This is broadly consistent with the Parish Council's sustainability policy and could be considered as the site designs are finalised.
- It is intended that the detail of all comments for each open space to be provided to the Landscape Architect to review prior to finalising the report.

BOURDILLON FIELD

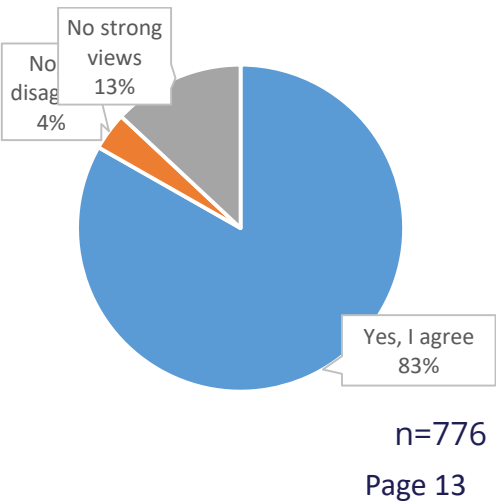
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In principle, do you agree that this is the right approach?



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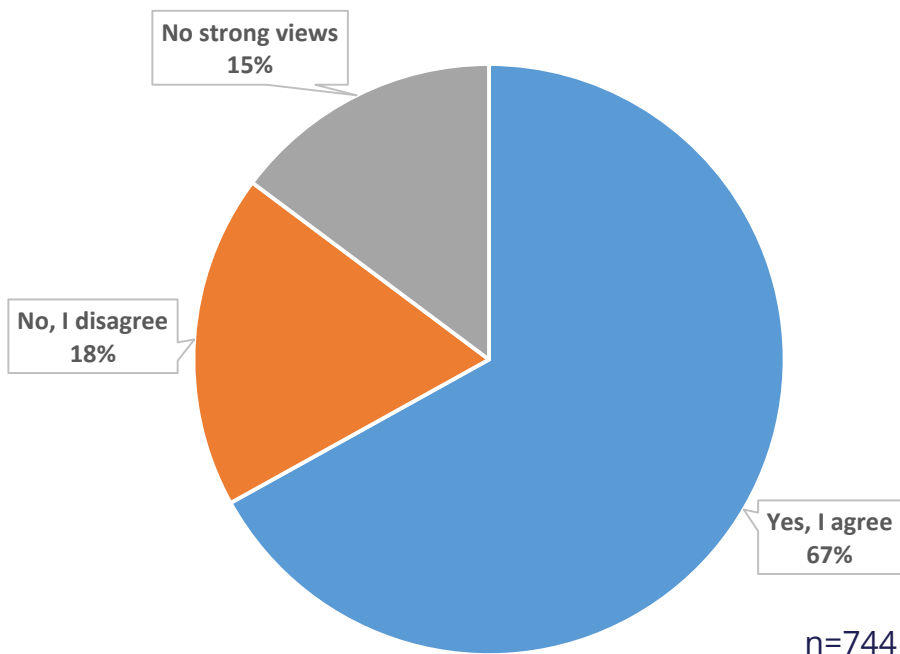
- There was very strong support for this proposed future direction.
- There were some comments to ensure the retention of the open playing field.



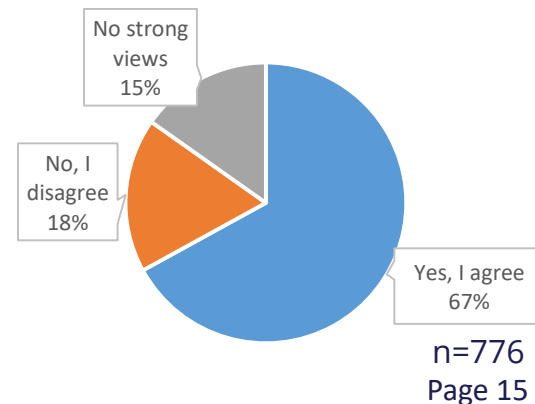
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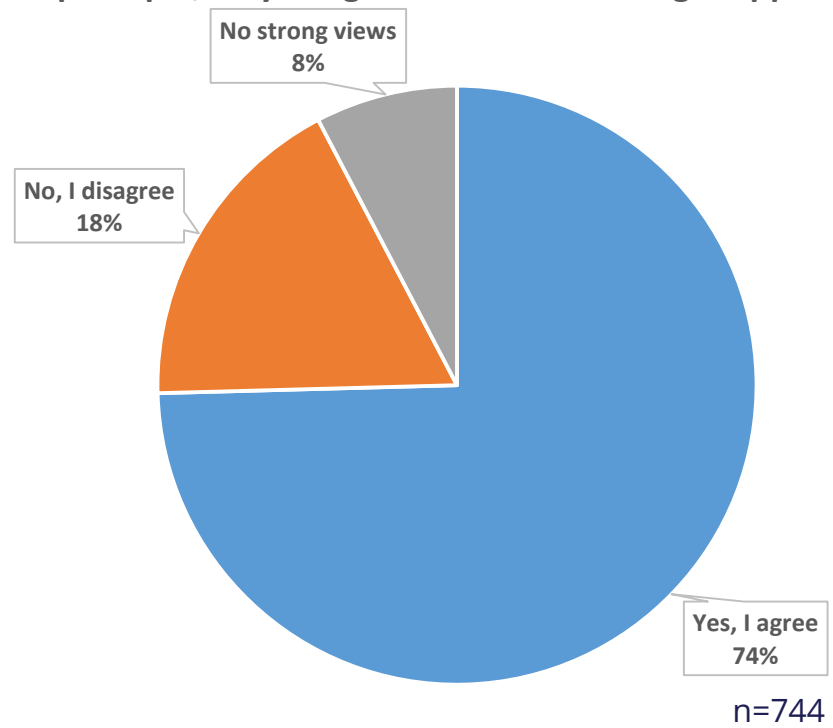
- There were some polarising views about the use of this space, with some wanting it left untouched.
- There were several comments that this should be made a non-motored craft (canoes, kayaks, paddle boards) launching point into the river. There were several comments that to be a river community without access to the river seems lacking.
- Though there was strong support for the proposed idea, some felt that the sensory play area would not be well-utilised, or that it would become a focal point for inappropriate activities.
- Some mentioned flooding and that this would need to be considered when determining the future of the site.
- There were some strong concerns about the access road and lack of appropriate parking and that this needs to be considered, no matter what is done.



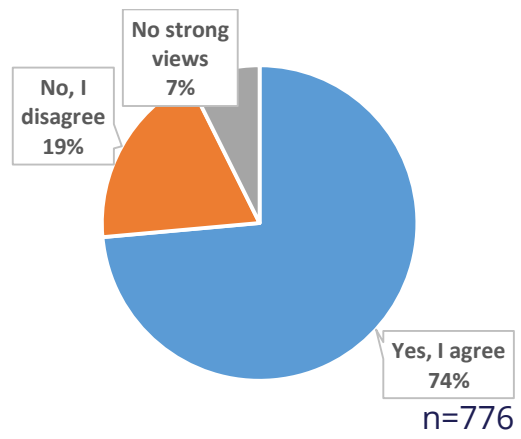
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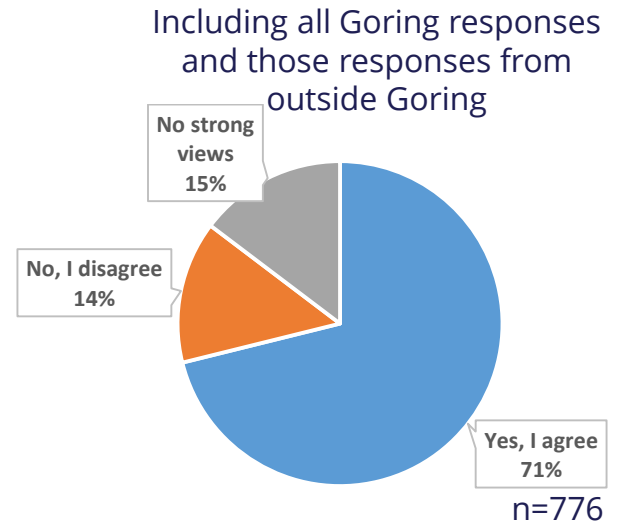
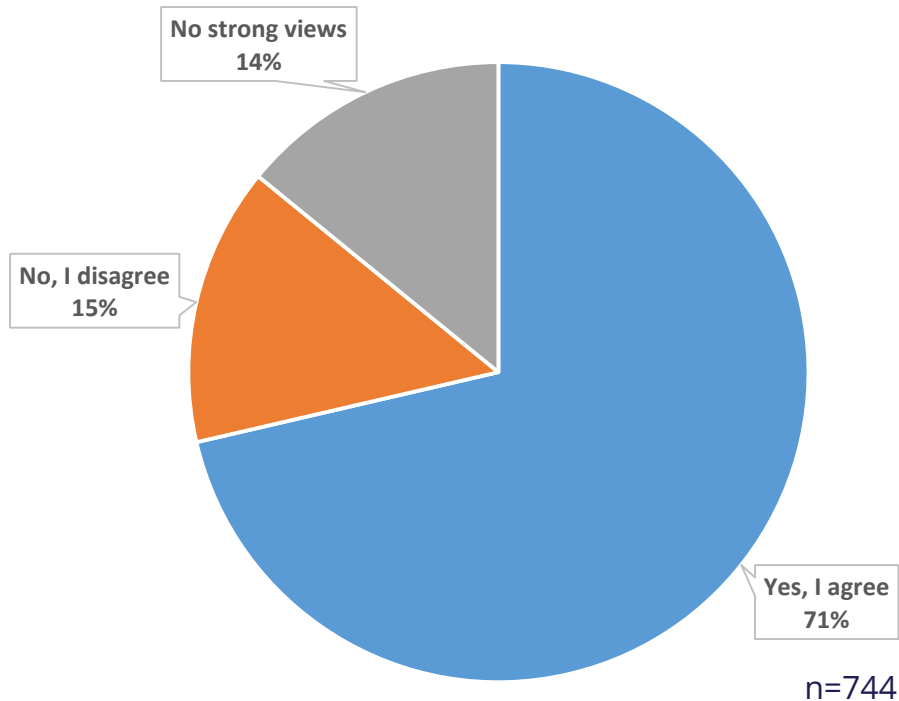
- There were some polarising views about the use of the field for football as well as cricket.
 - Several commented on the long heritage of playing football on this site.
 - Several commented that football should be moved to the Sheepcot.
- There were some polarising views about the adult exercise equipment, with some concerns raised about whether it would be used or not.
 - It was suggested to look at other local areas who have adult exercise equipment to learn which are well-utilised and which are not.



RECTORY GARDEN

When considering RECTORY GARDEN (next to the Village Hall), the current thinking is that it should be a more quiet, reflective space, with areas for exercise (like yoga, tai chi, possibly pilates) during spring and summer. A seasonal covered structure would be built for non-amplified concerts and outdoor events. The area would have benches as well as covered areas to shelter from rain and sun.

In principle, do you agree that this is the right approach?





RECTORY GARDEN

- There were some comments that the deed of covenant for the Rectory Garden space would not allow any buildings or structures. The gift was made under the Open Spaces Act of 1906, which has provision for buildings, though buildings may not exceed 5% of the total space.
- There were some concerns raised about the wishes of the family of Peggy Edmondson (in whose memory the land was donated). A close family member made the following comment on the proposed plans:

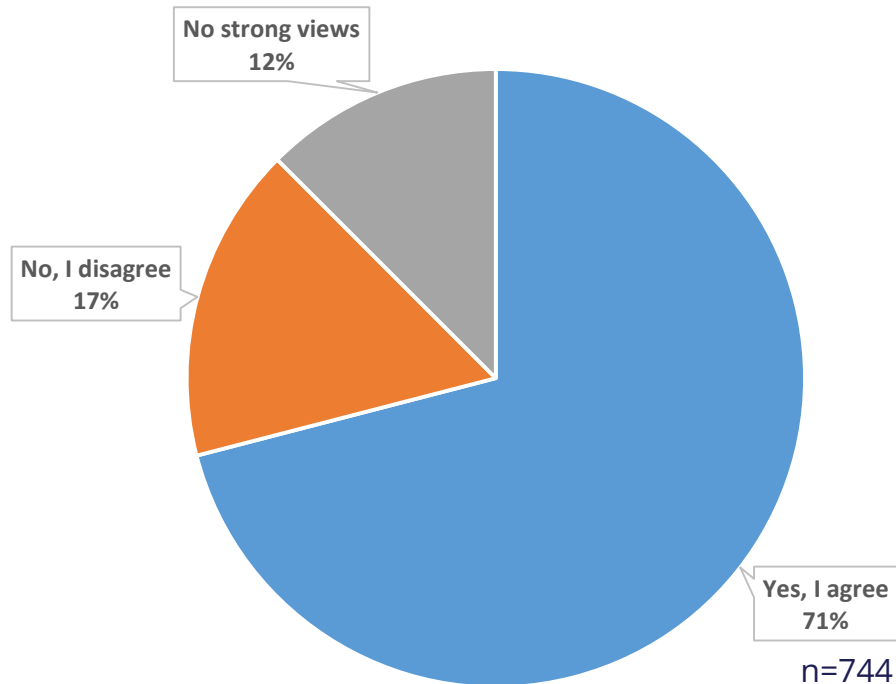
"...I do happen to be the niece of Peggy Edmondson to whom this garden is dedicated as it once belonged to my father's family. I think it would be a splendid idea to develop the garden for quieter more reflective activities and the erection of a seasonal covered structure for unamplified musical events and shows . On behalf of our family, I think this would be a perfect way of developing this site allowing it play a fuller role in the community."

SHEEPCOT

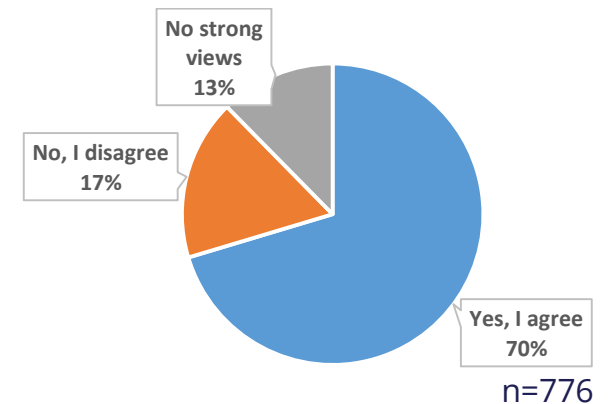
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In principle, do you agree that this is the right approach?



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SHEEPCOT



- There was very strong support for this proposed future direction overall, with particular support for refurbishing/completely rebuilding the pavilion.
 - Many suggestions that the parking area could be enlarged as well.
- There were some concerns raised about the potential reduction of football space if there are other uses on the field, though there were many that felt that football 'isn't the only sport', and that the multi-purpose court had strong appeal.
- There were some concerns raised about the idea of a skate park/pump track, but much more support for the idea that rejection.
 - Very strong support for the general idea of a teen space, a skate park/pump track, and that this field and the location on the field seemed most appropriate.
 - Concerns were about the access, inappropriate use, attraction of those from outside the local area, 'too far away to keep an eye on it'.
- Though there were some positive comments about croquet and that it would be good to have, most felt it would not appeal to very many, that it is unnecessary and would not be well-used.

3 FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE PARISH'S FIVE OPEN SPACES (BOURDILLON, FERRY LANE, GARDINER, RECTORY GARDEN, SHEEPCOT)

Next steps

- Note the consultation survey results.
- Provide the overview and detail of all comments to the Public Spaces Working Group, that will further provide it to the appointed Landscape Architect so as to finalise the report and make recommendations for the Public Spaces Strategy document.

APPENDIX A: SURVEY



YOUR OPINIONS MATTER.

There are three topics about which we would very much like to learn your views. All Goring residents aged 16yrs and over are encouraged to respond to this consultation. If your household requires more paper copies, please contact the Clerk, or better, please use the online form on the Council website (www.goringparishcouncil.gov.uk).

1 About a proposed TRIAL SCHEME TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN STATION ROAD

2 About a proposal to CHANGE THE ROAD SIGNAGE INTO THE VILLAGE from 'Goring' to 'Goring on Thames'

3 About the Parish's FIVE OPEN SPACES: Rectory Garden, the Ferry Lane open space, Sheepcot Recreation Ground, Bourdillon Recreation Ground and Gardiner Recreation Ground.

The consultation questions are divided into three sections and can be completed on this handout and returned to the Parish Council Offices. We have provided a FREEPOST envelope should you wish to post the completed survey, or you can drop it off at the Parish Council Offices at the Gardiner Pavilion. Alternatively, you may answer on-line at www.goringparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this consultation survey.

To ensure that the consultation surveys (paper and online versions) are completed by Goring households, we will require that names and addresses are provided. These will never be made public and will be deleted once confirmed and the consultation is closed.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

POSTCODE:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

The Parish Council will be deciding how to progress each of these matters at its March meeting, so we would appreciate all responses to be returned by Friday 18th February 2022.

If you have any questions or need more forms for your household, please contact the Clerk at clerk@goringparishcouncil.gov.uk or 07928 857 549.

1

A previous MIGGS survey discovered that there was a strong majority (6:1) in favour of some sort of pedestrian safety activity in Station Road.

Subject to review of this consultation, the Parish Council has agreed, in principle, to ask the Highways Authority (Oxfordshire County Council) to implement in Station Road a TRIAL scheme to improve pedestrian safety, especially for people with mobility issues and parents with pushchairs. To facilitate the trial, it would be necessary to suspend the existing two-hour parking bays in Station Road. Alternative, free parking is available nearby (see notes below).

Do you agree or disagree that the parking bays should be suspended to enable a trial scheme to improve pedestrian safety in Station Road? (Please tick one box)

☐ YES, I AGREE ☐ NO, I DISAGREE ☐ NO STRONG VIEWS

Comments and/or questions:

Notes:

- 1 In Station Road parking is permitted for up to five vehicles in the marked bays for up to two hours.
- 2 Nearby in Croft Road parking is permitted on single yellow lines on Mondays to Fridays without time limit except that parking is not allowed on the east side (railway side) from 10am to 11am and on the west side (Manor Rd side) from 3pm to 4pm. This is to ensure spaces are always available for local shoppers, patients visiting the surgery and local residents and their visitors, and are not taken by all-day train commuters. You may park at any time on single yellow lines on Saturdays and Sundays.
- 3 A survey of traffic speeds in Station Road will be conducted on behalf of the Parish Council in conjunction with the speed survey on Wallingford Road.
- 4 Other actions will be taken in preparation for the trial Pedestrian Priority Lane, including removal of excess vegetation and potentially some minor improvements to the road surface.
- 5 The start of the trial period and other details will be considered by the Parish Council and Highway Authority together, in cooperation with road safety experts and the SODC conservation officers.

2

A local group, Goring-on-Thames in Bloom (GiB), has proposed that the road signs upon entering into the village should be changed from 'GORING' to 'GORING-ON-THAMES'. The cost for making the change is expected to be just over £5,000. GiB have raised half the funds and have got agreement from Oxfordshire County Council Highways that they may be willing to fund the other half. THIS WOULD ONLY CHANGE THE ROAD SIGNS, the legal village name and postal address would remain 'Goring, Reading, RG8'.

The GiB group and some members of public feel that it would enhance the entrance roads, better connect our village with its river heritage and differentiate from Goring-by-Sea. Some members of public have raised concerns that it is wasteful because the current signs have years of life remaining and is perhaps not a necessary use of public funds from OCC Highways.

Do you think the road signs entering the village should be changed from 'Goring' to 'Goring-on-Thames', or left as they are? (Tick one box)

☐ CHANGE THE SIGNS ☐ LEAVE THE SIGNS ☐ NO STRONG
AS THEY ARE VIEWS

Please explain why you gave that answer:

3

The Parish Council is working on its Public Spaces strategy. After very good feedback about the public spaces during Summer of Play 2021, we would like some feedback on how the thinking is progressing and most importantly, a sense from the community about the priorities.

It is important to note that all new ideas and designs for the public spaces will be separately consulted, providing fuller designs to enable more detailed comment.

Please rank your TOP THREE priorities for establishing or renewing equipment and/or spaces for the different ages/groupings. (Indicate a '1' for first priority, a '2' for second priority and '3' for third priority.)

- ___ Young children/toddlers (up to 3 yrs)
- ___ Young primary children (4 - 7 yrs)
- ___ Older primary children (8 - 12 yrs)
- ___ Teens (12+ yrs)
- ___ Adult (for exercise/sport)
- ___ All family/general areas for all ages

Please rank your TOP THREE priorities for LOCATION to establish or renew equipment/ areas. (Indicate a '1' for first priority, a '2' for second priority and '3' for third priority.)

- ___ Bourdillon Field (behind Goring Primary)
- ___ Ferry Lane Open Space (next to the river)
- ___ Gardiner Recreation Ground & Pavilion (often referred to as 'the cricket ground')
- ___ Rectory Garden (next to the Village Hall)
- ___ Sheepcot Field & Pavilion (past the train station, entrance to the left)



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In principle, do you agree that this is the right approach?

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Comments and suggestions for BOURDILLON FIELD:

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In principle, do you agree that this is the right approach?

- ☐ YES, I AGREE ☐ NO, I DISAGREE ☐ NO STRONG VIEWS

Comments and suggestions for SHEEPCOT RECREATION GROUND:

THANK YOU

Title	Future Use of Bowls Green
Authors	Clerk
Meeting	Goring-on-Thames Parish Council Meeting – 21 st March 2022

11.6. To receive proposals and approve use of the current Bowls Green going forward.

3 Representations have been made to the Council for future use of the current Bowls green. These representations have been made after the previous publicity and indications from the Bowls Club directly to the Council that they were planning to have moved permanently to their new home at the Almshouses, Goring Heath likely in time for the forthcoming season.

Representation 1 – From the Bowls Club, received in late January 2022.

The bowls club had a committee meeting this last week, and we agreed that I should write to bring you and Goring PC fully up to date with our situation. As you know, our hope is to upgrade and expand the green at The Almshouses so that we can move all our matches there and hand the green at The Gardiner Recreation Ground back to you. We understand that you have various possibilities for making use of it.

However, we have been double-whammied by Covid. The first whammy, is that in the last year, the cost of building materials and labour has escalated due to the various supply chain issues. Last year, we were looking at quotes of the order of £17,000 for the work, but this year it is looking more like £24,000. The second whammy is that the usual sources of improvement grants (e.g. Sport England) have diverted all their funding streams into Covid relief, so none of the usual grants are open to us.

Following our fundraising efforts over the last year, that means we are still about £9,000 short of having the funding we need for the Almshouses green. South Oxfordshire District Council have opened a grant scheme, to which we have applied for a £9,000 grant. I have no idea whether we will succeed, or how much we will be granted if we do succeed. We probably will not know until March.

Clearly we need a "Plan B", if that not a rude term at present. So the purpose of this email is to alert you to the possibility that our best (and possibly only) option might be to continue playing in Goring after 2022, almost certainly as our only green. Our budget projections show that maintaining two greens is not financially viable in the long term.

So we felt we needed to keep you in the picture, so that you can properly plan the future of the Gardiner Recreation green. Hopefully we will know the true position in a couple of months, and in the meantime are exploring every possible avenue we can think of. We will keep you up to date as soon as we know anything.

The Clerk followed up asking if the bowls Club would like to share the funding sources they had received from / looking toward and whether the Council or an individual Councillor could help in their search to facilitate the move. The Bowls club kindly passed on the appropriate information and proffered their thanks for the offer. To date no further funding has been found by the Clerk..

Representation 2 – From a local Croquet Coach.

I have carefully considered the possibilities for a croquet club based on the Sheepcot and have found it to be completely unviable for several reasons. In particular, "proper" croquet (as much as bowls) requires a very level fine-grass lawn area, separate from field sports and dog walkers. Our three nearest croquet clubs (Caversham, Blewbury and Harwell) all achieve this.

I feel that the bowling club green (soon to be available) is the only realistic home for a croquet club in the village and I attach my 2-page "Croquet Club Proposal" for GPC consideration.

Please distribute this communication, with its attachment, to the Goring Parish Councillors

Proposal for Croquet in Goring

The proposal is to establish a croquet club in Goring at the Gardiner Recreation Ground.

Croquet is a classic village green sport played to the official laws of the Croquet Association and involving great interaction and tactical play (in addition to a surprising range of physical skills), all of which make it both highly enjoyable and intriguing for players (and spectators).

Playing on "field" is not practical and this proposal depends vitally on leasing the bowling club green at the Gardiner, that being the only realistic public space in Goring appropriate for croquet, and the green (including its irrigation system) is readymade for it.

Being sited at the Gardiner, croquet would be a great attraction for the village, and many older players would be within walking distance from their homes. There would be some storage opportunity in the pavilion for the heavy hoops, etc, and having toilets nearby would be a benefit.

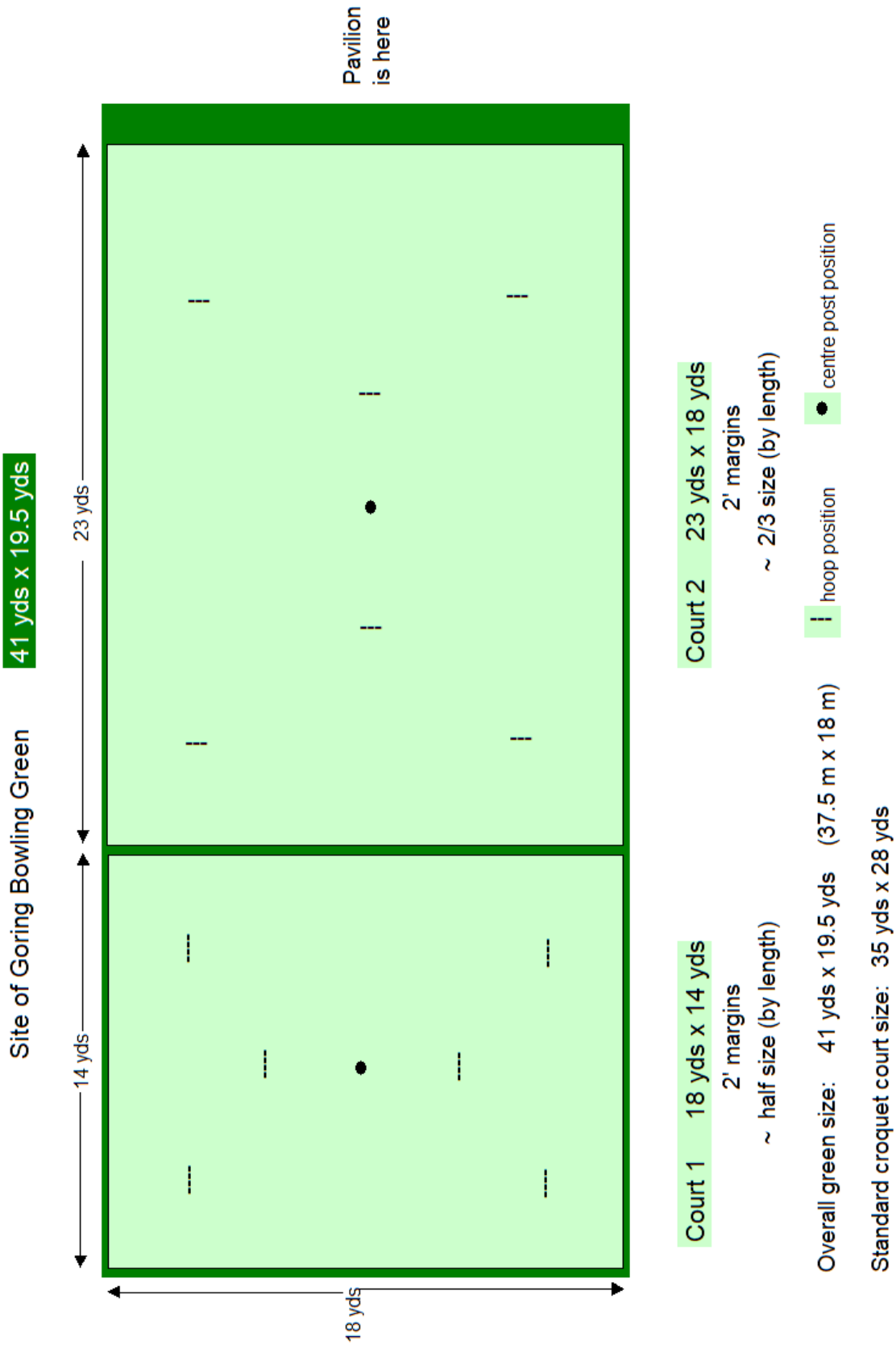
A standard croquet court measures 35 yards by 28 yards (the sport still uses imperial measurements), plus some surrounding margin. Many croquet clubs operate on reduced size courts. The bowling club green could accommodate 2 reduced size courts (see ground plan below). This would enable a maximum of 16 players at any one time.

As well as the popular game of Golf Croquet (as currently played on the field), the more complex game of Association Croquet would be offered. The latter demands very fine lawns.

The two courts would not be affected by other sports and would be available for play at all times, except when mowing or lawn treatment is underway or when conditions are deemed too wet or frosty to avoid lawn damage.

There would be a weekly schedule of club sessions, including sessions exclusive to the Goring U3A Croquet Group, and perhaps a junior session at weekends (with coaching).

Ground plan of the bowling green below:



Representation 3 – From the Cricket Club

Follows.



Proposal for a New Non-Turf Cricket Practice Facility on the Bowling Green Footprint (the “Nets Facility”)

1. Introduction

This formal proposal for the Nets Facility is submitted by Jonny Russell and Chris Walsh (both of whom are long-term Goring residents) on behalf of Goring-on-Thames Cricket Club (“GCC”), following a number of conversations over the past six months or so between them and Bryan Urbick and Laura White on behalf of Goring Parish Council, and most recently an email exchange between Chris Walsh and Laura White on 14/15 February 2022 in which Laura asked for GCC to submit a formal proposal by 1 March 2022.

In short, GCC learned last year that the Goring Bowls Club had merged with Goring Heath Bowls Club and was re-locating from its current bowling green site (the “Bowling Green”) adjacent to the Gardiner Recreation Ground, where GCC has been based and played its home matches since 1888.

We understand that this move was driven by steadily dwindling membership numbers at Goring Bowls Club.

GCC therefore proposes, subject to Goring Parish Council approval, to build a state-of-the-art new enclosed artificial turf cricket practice facility (also known as a “cricket nets facility”) on the Bowling Green in March 2023.

2. Executive Summary

Key points to note when considering the Nets Facility proposal are:

- A Nets Facility is critical for the operation of a cricket club (and in particular for the purposes of an academy for young players) as it is the only safe environment in which players can practice with hard cricket balls.
- The current self-built facility is not fit for purpose and poorly located.
- The location on the Bowling Green is widely considered the perfect location for a nets facility by both cricket facility specialists and by GCC – in terms of orientation, proximity to the pavilion and benefit to the build process.

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- The existing cricket nets facility will be fully removed – providing a substantial additional area of the recreation ground for the Parish Council to consider as part of their Open Spaces Strategy.
- Primary purpose of the facility is for usage by our 250+ academy members (local girls and boys), but also for the many adult members of GCC.
- We currently have waiting lists across a number of our age groups due to lack of capacity with the existing sub-optimal nets facility, so local children are missing out.
- Wider community benefit as facility would also be available to local non-members free of charge.
- The Nets Facility will be a state-of-the-art facility for the village to be very proud of – we have only considered the best contractors in the industry.
- Fully enclosed facility with zero safety risk to anyone in the adjacent playground or anywhere else outside of the Nets Facility.
- 36-year warranty provided on Nets Facility and minimal ongoing maintenance required.
- GCC have an extensive range of relevant experience to support in delivery of the project within its membership / Academy parents.
- Time sensitive as process will require grant and funding applications to commence as soon as possible if target build date of March 2023 is to be achieved (and therefore also need prompt confirmation of Bowls Club vacating the site by the end of 2022).
- Revenue generation opportunity for Parish Council.

In summary, there is an urgent need for a new nets facility and the Bowling Green is the perfect solution.

We and the GCC Committee strongly believe that this will be a fantastic asset for GCC, the children of Goring and the wider local community.



Artist's impression of what Nets Facility would look like on the Bowling Green site

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3. Dream Opportunity for Many Hundreds of Adult and Junior Cricketers

The Bowling Club's move presents a huge and unique opportunity for GCC and the wider local community. We are hugely excited by the wide range of benefits the Nets Facility can bring.

The Bowling Green is the perfect footprint for such a facility both in terms of its dimensions and its very flat nature, which helps to significantly reduce the cost of the facility too.

GCC is thriving as a club, with the men's league team playing in the Premier/First Division of the Berkshire Cricket League for the past 20 years and lifting the Berkshire Cricket League Knockout Cup as recently as 2020.

However, the biggest GCC success story in recent years and one of the big drivers for this proposal has been the GCC Academy, which provides cricket coaching and matches for boys and girls from the age of 4 to 15 and is proving to be a fantastic village success story. The GCC Academy has grown exponentially in recent years under the tireless leadership of long-term Goring resident, Andy Ankerson, and his dedicated and enthusiastic team of local parent manager and coaches.

For the 2022 season, we have a record of over 250 boys and girls registered to play across the above age groups and waiting lists in most of the age groups, which are as follows:

- All Stars (ages 4-7)
- Under 9s
- Under 11s
- Under 13s
- Girls only squad
- Development squad (Under 15s)

Note: The teams for the U9, U11, U13 and girls only squads are all currently capped and have a waiting list.

We have multiple teams across the above age groups and a large team of volunteer local parents who work with professional cricket coaches from Performance Cricket (<https://performancesportsgroup.co.uk/performance-cricket/>) to run the training sessions and who also manage the teams for their many matches throughout the summer from April to September each year. Cricket training or matches take place on the Gardiner Rec every weekday evening (different age groups on different evenings) and there are also matches every Saturday and Sunday.

Our cricket nets are also made available for use by the wider community free of charge, at times when GCC sessions are not taking place. This results in near constant use of the existing nets during the Spring and Summer period.

In short, there is ever-increasing demand for GCC's (currently limited) playing and practice facilities.

Amongst a number of recent highlights, our Under 11 team went unbeaten in the 2021 season, winning all 18 matches, including multiple victories over local cricketing powerhouses such as Henley Cricket Club, Aston Rowant Cricket Club and Peppard Stoke Row Cricket Club.

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In 2022, GCC expects approximately 20 of its boys and girls to be selected to represent Oxfordshire in their county age-group teams (up from 13 players in 2021), which is a reflection of the quality of the club and the talent it is increasingly attracting – and importantly, needs to retain.

BUT, we do not have fit-for-purpose practice facilities to support this amazing Academy set-up. The two current cricket nets at the bottom of the Gardiner Rec were self-built in the early 1990's (and are "patched up" annually) and are neither sufficient in terms of capacity nor of a satisfactory condition/standard to support the rapidly increasing number of young and adult players who are now training with and representing GCC.

We also do not believe that the existing cricket nets will be sufficiently safe, from a health and safety perspective, to last beyond the forthcoming 2022 cricket season. The existing nets are open-ended, which essentially means they cannot be used during games at all, with the risk of hard balls being hit on to the pitch – or balls being hit from the pitch into the nets area. An open-ended net also causes safety risks for runners, dog walkers and children etc. passing behind the bowlers.

In other words, they need to be replaced or re-constructed later this year anyway, which means that a re-location of the nets to a new facility on the Bowling Green is perfectly timed.

GCC has one of the most beautifully appointed cricket grounds in the region, but one of the lowest quality practice facilities. It will become impossible to sustain the growth of GCC without better practice facilities. This is the perfect opportunity to address this.

It also enables Goring Parish Council to re-develop and re-purpose the existing cricket nets site on Gardiner Rec. GCC will no longer need that footprint if the Nets Facility is constructed.

4. Preferred Construction Quote – Total Play

Off the back of positive preliminary conversations with Bryan and Laura, GCC has obtained two competitive quotes from two of the most reputable net construction specialists in the UK, both of whom conducted in-person site visits at GCC with Chris Walsh.

As a result, we have a preferred quote for the all-weather enclosed cricket nets facility which we would like to proceed with, subject to obtaining council approval, planning permission and the Bowling Club vacating the bowling green site by the end of 2022.

GCC would very much like to build the Nets Facility on the Bowling Green footprint in March 2023 so that it is ready for use in April 2023. The build-time for the Nets Facility from start to finish is only 3 weeks.

Our preferred company is Total Play whose HQ is in Northampton. They are one of the few such companies approved by the national governing body of cricket (the England and Wales Cricket Board) and have many years of experience of installing these kinds of facilities, including recent similar Nets Facility installations at Banbury Cricket Club, Marlow Cricket Club, Oxford Cricket Club and Challow & Childrey Cricket Club.

We have spoken to a number of these clubs who not only vouch for the professionalism of Total Play's construction services, but also the huge positive difference it has made for their cricket

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clubs and local communities in terms of much improved cricket practice facilities and a far superior cricketing experience and environment for more local men, women, boys and girls.

We enclose a full copy of the Total Play Proposal, Specification and Quote at the attached Schedule to this proposal.

Key points/features to highlight are:

1. Total Play's credentials as one of the UK's top constructors of this kind of cricket nets facility and one of the few to be officially approved by the England and Wales Cricket Board (the national governing body for cricket in England and Wales).
2. "Artist's impressions" of what the Nets Facility would look like on the bowling green site, which show that it will sit below the tree line on Upper Red Cross Road – see pages 10 and 11 of the Total Play proposal at the attached Schedule. Images of similar Total Play nets facilities are at pages 18 to 20 of the Total Play proposal at the attached Schedule.
3. There would be 4 nets within the facility which will enable up to 20-24 adults or juniors to practice in the nets at any given time. GCC really NEEDS this extra capacity and as soon as possible.
4. The artificial turf surface is state-of-the-art and will provide an excellent all-weather practice surface.
5. The quoted cost is c. £65k plus VAT (as to funding see Section 5 below).
6. It would be fully enclosed with the highest quality re-inforced netting material meaning that there is zero safety risk to anyone in the adjacent playground or anywhere else outside of the Nets Facility. In addition, the facility will be permanently set up so that batters are always hitting balls away from the playground and in the direction of the pavilion.
7. Total Play offer a 36 year warranty on the Nets Facility – a sign of their confidence in the longevity of their net facilities. It should however be noted that these facilities are not suitable for use by football or other sports, in part because such sports can damage the surface which is specifically designed for cricketing use. Consideration could however be given to potential use by low impact, non-evasive activity such as yoga/fitness classes – we can discuss the potential for this further with Total Play.
8. Minimal maintenance is required for the Nets Facility.

5. Funding

The above quote has not yet been negotiated by GCC because we wanted to obtain Goring Parish Council approval for the project first. We are however confident that we can reduce the quote to no more than £60k plus VAT in total.

We are also confident of being able to fund the Nets Facility through a combination of GCC reserves, grant funding from bodies such as the ECB, Sport England, Berkshire Cricket League,

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donations from existing members/parents and GCC fund-raising activities (including potentially a big fund-raising dinner later this year).

We envisage the Nets Facility being a Goring Parish Council asset as it will be a permanent facility on Goring Parish Council land and we therefore believe that the funding can be structured in a tax-efficient way for VAT purposes.

Our team of volunteers do however need to get the grant applications and wider fund-raising process started ASAP to enable us to hit our target of a March 2023 build.

GCC has a sub-committee set up to deliver the Nets Facility with relevant professional and other experience, including legal, finance, cricket, health & safety and safeguarding and once approved we will supplement with those with additional relevant experience from our wide player and parent network, including additional planning, construction and fund-raising experience.

6. Revenue-Generating Opportunity for GCC/Goring Parish Council

The Nets Facility can be revenue-generating too, if considered appropriate by Goring Parish Council.

We would fully expect a number of other cricket clubs in the area and both Oxfordshire Cricket Board and Berkshire Cricket Board to be prepared to use it on a paid-for basis. This paid-for model operates well at other cricket clubs with similar facilities.

Both of the above County Cricket Boards are constantly looking for good artificial nets facilities to use for their many boys and girls county age group pathway programmes.

There is obvious scope to use the Nets Facility as an opportunity to build a bit more of a social hub for the village community at the GCC pavilion, noting for example the possibility of installing a small bar in the pavilion for use by GCC, the village community and those clubs hiring the Nets Facility. The location of the Nets Facility is perfect for this.

7. Bowls Club Delay Problem?

We have been concerned by a recent suggestion from the Bowls Club that they now may want to delay their move to Goring Heath until after 2022.

Jonny Russell and Chris Walsh have both spoken recently with the Bowling Club Chairman, Clive Goodman, who lives in Woodcote. He has now told us that their merger with, and move to, Goring Heath Bowls Club may be delayed because they need funding to improve the facilities at Goring Heath Bowls Club (c. £7-9k as we understand it). They have applied to South Oxfordshire District Council for this funding and have told us they expect a decision in March 2022 (and we separately understand that they have their own surplus funds/reserves in any event).

We hope that the Bowls Club can therefore confirm, by 31 March 2022 at the latest, that they will vacate the Bowling Green by the end of 2022, so that we and the other Cricket Club volunteers can then move forward with all the considerable work in terms of applying for grants, organising the planning permission application and the related fund-raising programme which

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will be needed in order to hit our target deadline of having the facility ready to use from April 2023.

It would be incredibly galling for GCC if the Bowls Club do not move at the end of 2022, in circumstances where their very small and dwindling membership (they now only have about 10 members) would then be preventing many hundreds of local children and adults benefitting from the new Nets Facility (and many thousands over the life of the Nets Facility).

Any help that Goring Parish Council could provide in providing us with formal certainty that the Bowls Club will vacate the Bowling Green site at the end of 2022 would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions on this proposal, please do let Jonny Russell and Chris Walsh know.

If not, we would be enormously grateful for the Goring Parish Council's approval to move forward with the fund-raising for and construction of the Nets Facility in March 2023.

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SCHEDULE

Total Play Proposal

Title	Jubilee Garden Update
Authors	Assistant Clerk
Meeting	Goring-on-Thames Parish Council Meeting – 21 st March 2022

Work on the Jubilee Garden is due to start on the 28th of March 2022 with the Landscapers coming in. To date, there has been no request for extra help for Julia Charles Designs.

A few questions have been raised:

Access to water will be required for making concrete to fix the decorative posts and sign. Can we run a hose from the tennis pavilion?

Assistant Clerk has contacted the local residents and the Tennis Club about use of water and is awaiting a response.

Can the council identify a spot where we can stack the turf that will be removed to make way for the flower beds. Presumably in the recreation ground. They will be stacked neatly and properly in order for them to break down (which creates a lovely loam that can be used in flower beds etc later)

Suggestion requested from the Council

As part of the brief for the garden design we asked for a plaque to be included, It has also been suggested that if the Budget allows it would be a nice addition to have a plaque that shows we are part of the Queens Canopy which also plots any trees planted for the Platinum Jubilee on a map.

Following are the suggestions:

Request for Volunteers.

A request for volunteers to help has been made for the Friday 1st April. Details of how many volunteers are needed and what they should bring with them has been asked for.

Proposed signage for Goring Parish Council Jubilee Garden

The signs in two colour ways. *For illustrative purposes only.*

This will be set by a graphic designer before printing to ensure that the font and colour match to the published Platinum Jubilee specifications.

1. Purple on platinum



Logo text will be set
in purple to match

2. Platinum on purple



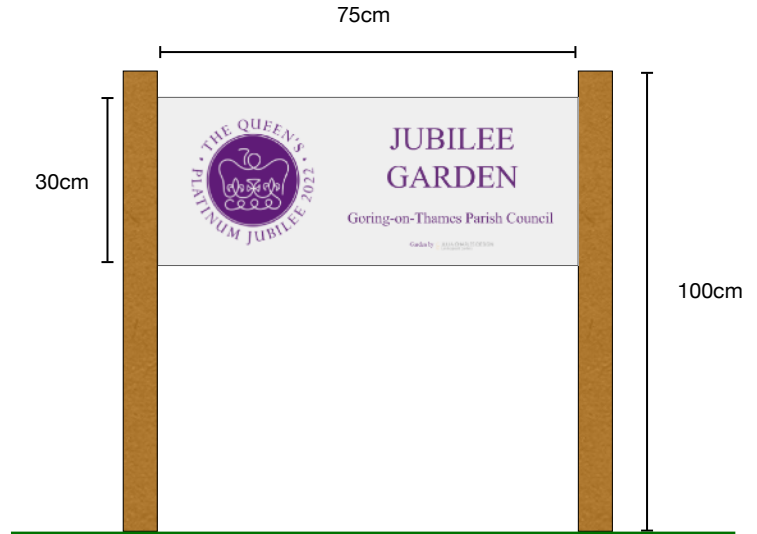
Option 1

Hardwood posts

This is the preferred option

Cost: £600 incl VAT

*Board material for all is
Aluminium composite.
Background colour is
Platinum*



Option 2

Plain bare metal posts

Cost: £400 incl VAT



Option 3

Powder coated metal posts
(any colour post with either
colour of board)

Cost: £550 incl VAT



Proposed signage for Goring Parish Council Jubilee Garden

Julia Charles Design
juliacharlesdesign@gmail.com

Plaque proposal -

If the approved signage budget allows, I'd like to propose a stainless steel A5 size plaque be installed within the garden, close to the new trees. It is stipulated that it must be stand-alone and not fixed to a tree or tree stake.



If there are not sufficient funds within the Jubilee Garden budget, the council might like to think of installing a sign at a later date along with 'pinning' the new trees on the Queens Green Canopy map.

There are several authorised suppliers of the plaque, but this plaque seems to be the most suitable, from ward-signs.co.uk.

Cost for A5 x Stainless steel. including shipping and VAT = £108

Queen's Green Canopy Plaques

Beautify your newly planted saplings



Queen's Green Canopy Plaques

Commemorating your contribution to The Queen's Green Canopy is a wonderful way to celebrate the planting of Jubilee trees which will mark the occasion for generations to come.

Sizes	<div>A4</div> <div>A5</div> <div>A6</div>
Materials	<div>Acrylic</div> <div>Brass</div> <div>Bronze</div> <div>Stainless Steel</div>
Language	<div>English</div> <div>Clear</div>

£85.00 exc. VAT

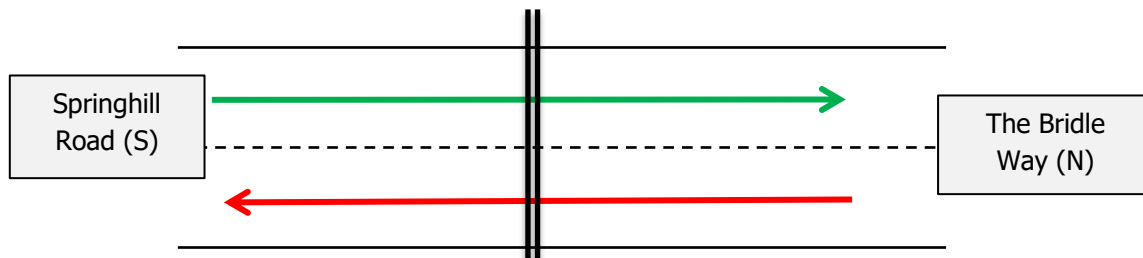
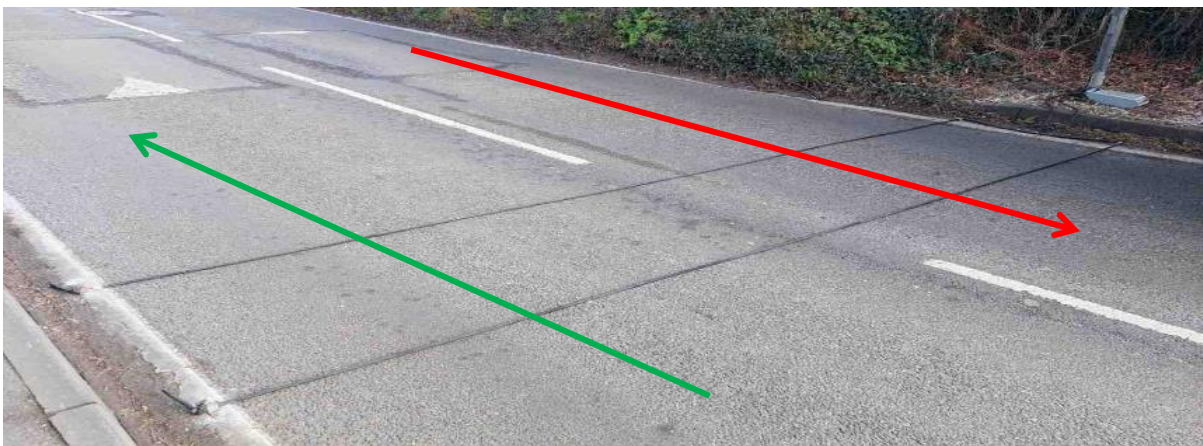
Title	Speed Surveys
Authors	Assistant Clerk
Meeting	Goring-on-Thames Parish Council Meeting – 21 st March 2022

Speed surveys for Wallingford Road and Station Road were in situ from 07/02/2022 for 7 days, and recorded speeds of cars from both directions over this period.

Wallingford Road

The average speed over the week was 25.83pmh, which falls slightly above the requirement for automatic 20pmh zone at 24pmh.

Below is some information regarding the averages and the location of the survey.



5-day AM Peak Ave Flow - 258
5-day AM Peak Speed (mph) - Mean 25.28 / 85th%ile 29.9
5-day PM Peak Ave Flow - 303
5-day PM Peak Speed (mph) - Mean 24.96 / 85th%ile 29.49
5-day Average Weekday HGV% - 5.1%

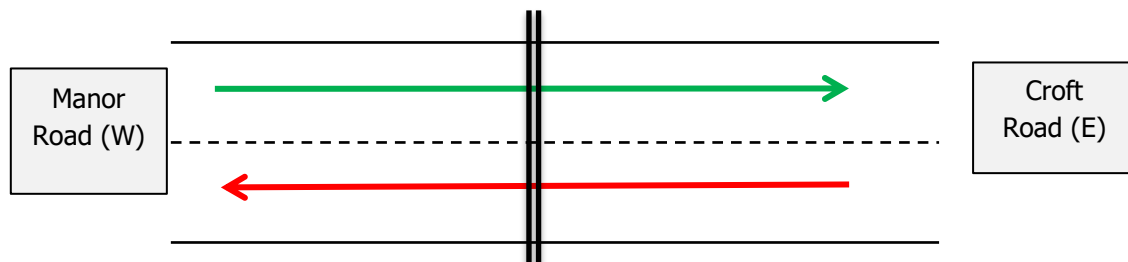
5-day AM Peak Ave Flow - 285
5-day AM Peak Speed (mph) - Mean 26.06 / 85th%ile 31.22
5-day PM Peak Ave Flow - 273
5-day PM Peak Speed (mph) - Mean 26.64 / 85th%ile 31.68
5-day Average Weekday HGV% - 5.6%

The minimum speed threshold to include vehicles in the reports is 5mph. Unclassified vehicles are excluded.

Station Road

The average speed over the week was 18.19mph, which falls within the requirement for automatic 20mph zone.

Below is some information regarding the averages and the location of the survey.



5-day AM Peak Ave Flow - 91
5-day AM Peak Speed (mph) - Mean 19.82 / 85th%ile 23.19
5-day PM Peak Ave Flow - 122
5-day PM Peak Speed (mph) - Mean 18.39 / 85th%ile 22.32
5-day Average Weekday HGV% - 3.4%

5-day AM Peak Ave Flow - 74
5-day AM Peak Speed (mph) - Mean 19.79 / 85th%ile 22.14
5-day PM Peak Ave Flow - 67
5-day PM Peak Speed (mph) - Mean 17.96 / 85th%ile 20.83
5-day Average Weekday HGV% - 3.7%

The minimum speed threshold to include vehicles in the reports is 5mph. Unclassified vehicles are excluded.

The Assistant Clerk has replied to Highways for next steps to implement the 20mph zone, I have had the following feedback: it would be helpful to gauge the level of support for the 20 limits; this could be a petition, survey or poll that allows you to demonstrate its popularity amongst your community. This is not mandatory, and there are no criteria on how this should look. However, we anticipate strong demand, and

the better communities can demonstrate that they've consulted their residents the easier it is for us to factor that into the decision-making process.

The Assistant Clerk is also waiting for feedback from OCC highways on proposed areas for 3 additional surveys, the proposed areas are:

- Wallingford Road, between Springhill Road and the Mill Road/Elvendon Road (away from the speed humps)
- Cleeve Road
- Springhill Road

Title	Finance
Authors	Clerk
Meeting	Goring-on-Thames Parish Council Meeting – 21 st March 2022

13.1. To approve payments for January, February & March 2022

All Payments from Current Account.

Additional Payments to be approved at next meeting.

Voucher	Code	Date	Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
392	Bank Charges	01/01/2022	Bank Fees	TSB Bank plc	5.00	0.00	5.00
393	Rates and Taxes	04/01/2022	Rates 5350540	South Oxfordshire District Council	95.00	0.00	95.00
396	Rates and Taxes	04/01/2022	Rates 5136641	South Oxfordshire District Council	55.00	0.00	55.00
400	Property Sundries	07/01/2022	Pavilion Cleaning	J Hatton	372.86	0.00	372.86
401	Utilities - Gas, Water, Electricity	07/01/2022	Water - WHBG	Castle Water	116.68	0.00	116.68
402	Staff Costs	07/01/2022	Salary	J Merrill			
399	Postage, copies and printing	07/01/2022	Printer Quarterly Maintenance	Xerox	34.87	6.97	41.84
406	Waste / Litter / Street Cleaning	07/01/2022	Bins & Litter	BGG Garden & Tree Care	400.00	80.00	480.00
372	GNP Misc Expenses / Purchases	08/01/2022	GNP Website Hosting	Google ireland Ltd	9.20	0.00	9.20
407	Staff Costs	12/01/2022	Payroll Deductions	HM Revenue & Customs	331.22	0.00	331.22
408	Staff Costs	18/01/2022	Pension	LGPS Oxfordshire			
409	Waste / Litter / Street Cleaning	20/01/2022	Office Waste	Grundon Waste Management	9.42	1.88	11.30
410	WHBG Waste	20/01/2022	WHBG Waste	Grundon Waste Management	5.47	1.09	6.56
411	Telephone & Internet	20/01/2022	Website, Phone & Internet	Public Internet	85.00	17.00	102.00
418	Allowances, Expenses & Training	24/01/2022	Training -Reimb L White	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	50.00	0.00	50.00
414	Street Lighting	24/01/2022	Unmetered Electricity - Streetlamps	SSE	1,315.87	263.17	1,579.04
415	General Maintenance & Repair	24/01/2022	Moving Costs	Harry Denison	650.00	130.00	780.00
416	General Maintenance & Repair	24/01/2022	Maintenance / Installation	Harry Denison	550.00	110.00	660.00
417	Publications	24/01/2022	REIMB BURbick - Public Consultation	Solopress	215.04	43.01	258.05
419	Allowances, Expenses & Training	24/01/2022	Stationery - Refund L White	Amazon Svc Eur SarL	4.99	1.00	5.99
420	Allowances, Expenses & Training	24/01/2022	Stationery - Refund L White	Amazon.co.uk	2.49	0.50	2.99
421	COVID-19 Response (not Staff)	24/01/2022	Sanitiser - Refund L White	Wrimex Cosmetics Ltd	78.33	15.67	94.00
422	COVID-19 Response (not Staff)	24/01/2022	Handwashing - Refund L White	Amazon.co.uk	37.88	7.57	45.45
423	COVID-19 Response (not Staff)	24/01/2022	Handwashing - Refund L White	Amazon.co.uk	33.92	6.78	40.70

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Voucher	Code	Date	Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
424	Property Sundries	24/01/2022	Cleaning Supplies - Refund L White	Amazon.co.uk	10.00	2.00	12.00
425	COVID-19 Response (not Staff)	24/01/2022	Handwashing - Refund L White	Triency Ltd	112.42	22.49	134.91
426	Property Sundries	24/01/2022	Cleaning Supplies - Refund L White	Amazon.co.uk	3.33	0.67	4.00
427	Property Sundries	24/01/2022	NewStarter Equipment - Refund L White	Amazon Svc Eur SarL	28.32	5.67	33.99
428	Property Sundries	24/01/2022	NewStarter Equipment - Refund L White	Amazon.co.uk	24.99	5.00	29.99
429	Property Sundries	24/01/2022	Christmas Decs - Refund L White	Amazon Svc Eur SarL	8.32	1.67	9.99
430	Property Sundries	24/01/2022	Christmas Decs - Refund L White	Tinyyo Limited	39.98	8.00	47.98
431	Property Sundries	24/01/2022	Christmas Decs - Refund L White	Amazon.co.uk	7.07	1.41	8.48
432	Property Sundries	24/01/2022	Refund L White	Amazon.co.uk	7.49	1.50	8.99
433	Property Sundries	24/01/2022	Refund L White	Amazon Svc Eur SarL	5.82	1.17	6.99
434	Property Sundries	24/01/2022	Stationery - Refund L White	Amazon.co.uk	5.83	1.17	7.00
435	Property Sundries	24/01/2022	Stationery - Refund L White	Amazon.co.uk	7.47	1.50	8.97
437	Car Park	24/01/2022	Car Park	Oxfordshire County Council	1,200.00	240.00	1,440.00
436	Summer of Play 2021	24/01/2022	Events - Reimb L White	L White	150.00	0.00	150.00
438	Utilities - Gas, Water, Electricity	28/01/2022	Water - OJFS	Castle Water	7.56	0.00	7.56
441	Utilities - Gas, Water, Electricity	28/01/2022	Water - Gardiner	Castle Water	12.40	0.00	12.40
444	Utilities - Gas, Water, Electricity	28/01/2022	Water - Sheepcot	Castle Water	50.00	0.00	50.00
447	Staff Costs	31/01/2022	Salary	L White			
450	Staff Costs	31/01/2022	Salary	R Wood			
453	Staff Costs	31/01/2022	Salary	S Archer			
403	Staff Costs	31/01/2022	Salary	J Merrill			
460	Postage, copies and printing	31/01/2022	Stationery - Refund B Urbick	Envelopes Printing 4 Less Limited	196.00	39.20	235.20
456	Staff Costs	31/01/2022	Salary	J Wood			
459	Office Equipment	31/01/2022	Office Equipment - Refund L White	L White	50.10	0.00	50.10
461	Software and back-ups	31/01/2022	Norton - Refund C Ratcliff	C Ratcliff	84.99	0.00	84.99
464	Bank Charges	01/02/2022	Bank Fees	TSB Bank plc	3.50	0.00	3.50
466	Postage, copies and printing	02/02/2022	Printing - Consumables	Xerox	9.64	1.93	11.57
467	Software and back-ups	02/02/2022	Office 365 & Back-ups	Get Support IT Services Ltd	36.45	7.29	43.74
462	GNP Misc Expenses / Purchases	08/02/2022	GNP Website Hosting	Google ireland Ltd	9.20	0.00	9.20
468	Staff Costs	09/02/2022	Payroll Deductions	HM Revenue & Customs	636.87	0.00	636.87
469	Staff Costs	09/02/2022	Pension	LGPS Oxfordshire			
482	Publications	11/02/2022	Henley Standard	Westholm Stores	17.40	0.00	17.40
488	Allowances, Expenses & Training	11/02/2022	Incorrect Payment - To Be Reclaimed	L White	50.10	0.00	50.10
489	Property Sundries	11/02/2022	Pavilion Cleaning	J Hatton	341.20	0.00	341.20

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470	Waste / Litter / Street Cleaning	11/02/2022	Dog Waste	South Oxfordshire District Council	897.00	179.40	1,076.40
471	Allowances, Expenses & Training	11/02/2022	Training -Reimb R Wood	High Speed Training	30.00	6.00	36.00
472	Allowances, Expenses & Training	11/02/2022	Training -Reimb R Wood	High Speed Training	60.00	12.00	72.00
473	Inspections Surveys & Reports	11/02/2022	Monthly Temp & Shower	SMS Environmental	51.50	10.30	61.80
474	Street Lighting	11/02/2022	Monthly Maintenance - Streetlamps	Enerveo	777.39	155.48	932.87
475	Street Light Repalcements	11/02/2022	Street Light Replacement	Enerveo	346.13	69.23	415.36
476	Street Light Repalcements	11/02/2022	Street Light Replacement	Enerveo	346.13	69.23	415.36
477	Street Light Repalcements	11/02/2022	Street Light Replacement	Enerveo	346.13	69.23	415.36
478	Street Light Repalcements	11/02/2022	Street Light Replacement	Enerveo	346.13	69.23	415.36
479	Street Light Repalcements	11/02/2022	Street Light Replacement	Enerveo	346.13	69.23	415.36
480	Street Lighting	11/02/2022	Street Light Maintenance	Enerveo	649.56	129.91	779.47
481	Publications	11/02/2022	Consultation	Dor2Dor Oxford	110.00	22.00	132.00
483	Inspections Surveys & Reports	11/02/2022	Electrical Maintenance	Smartway Electrical Services	238.09	47.62	285.71
484	Inspections Surveys & Reports	11/02/2022	Electrical Maintenance	Smartway Electrical Services	238.09	47.62	285.71
485	Telephone & Internet	11/02/2022	Office Phone - Refund L White	YayYay Limited	24.98	5.00	29.98
486	Street Light Repalcements	11/02/2022	Street Light Replacement	Enerveo	346.13	69.23	415.36
487	Waste / Litter / Street Cleaning	11/02/2022	Bins & Litter	BGG Garden & Tree Care	400.00	80.00	480.00
490	Street Lighting	11/02/2022	Monthly Maintenance - Streetlamps	Enerveo	777.39	155.48	932.87
491	Postage, copies and printing	11/02/2022	Postage Licence	Royal Mail Group Limited	99.70	19.94	119.64
492	Utilities - Gas, Water, Electricity	14/02/2022	Electric - Gardiner	SSE	511.68	25.58	537.26
493	Utilities - Gas, Water, Electricity	14/02/2022	Electric - OJFS	SSE	89.08	4.45	93.53
494	Utilities - Gas, Water, Electricity	14/02/2022	Gas - Gardiner	SSE	60.27	3.01	63.28
495	Utilities - Gas, Water, Electricity	14/02/2022	Gas - OJFS	SSE	193.51	9.67	203.18
412	Telephone & Internet	15/02/2022	Website, Phone & Internet	Public Internet	265.00	53.00	318.00
496	Utilities - Gas, Water, Electricity	18/02/2022	Gas - Sheepcot	SSE	44.72	2.23	46.95
498	Utilities - Gas, Water, Electricity	21/02/2022	Electricity - Sheepcot	SSE	115.91	5.79	121.70
497	Street Lighting	21/02/2022	Unmetered Electricity - Streetlamps	SSE	1,087.48	217.49	1,304.97
499	Waste / Litter / Street Cleaning	21/02/2022	Office Waste	Grundon Waste Management	2.43	0.49	2.92
500	General Maintenance & Repair	24/02/2022	Boiler Service	PUMps UK Limited	310.00	62.00	372.00
442	Utilities - Gas, Water, Electricity	28/02/2022	Water - Gardiner	Castle Water	12.40	0.00	12.40
439	Utilities - Gas, Water, Electricity	28/02/2022	Water - OJFS	Castle Water	7.56	0.00	7.56
445	Utilities - Gas, Water, Electricity	28/02/2022	Water - Sheepcot	Castle Water	50.00	0.00	50.00
448	Staff Costs	01/03/2022	Salary	L White			
454	Staff Costs	01/03/2022	Salary	S Archer			
451	Staff Costs	01/03/2022	Salary	R Wood			

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413	Telephone & Internet	01/03/2022	Website, Phone & Internet	Public Internet	35.00	7.00	42.00
404	Staff Costs	01/03/2022	Salary	J Merrill	138.21	0.00	138.21
501	Software and back-ups	01/03/2022	Office 365 & Back-ups	Get Support IT Services Ltd	36.45	7.29	43.74
504	General Maintenance & Repair	01/03/2022	Maintenance / Installation	Harry Denison	160.00	32.00	192.00
502	Staff Costs	01/03/2022	Pension	LGPS Oxfordshire			
503	Staff Costs	01/03/2022	Payroll Deductions	HM Revenue & Customs	480.63	0.00	480.63
465	Bank Charges	01/03/2022	Bank Fees	TSB Bank plc	5.00	0.00	5.00
505	Telephone & Internet	01/03/2022	Office Phone - Refund L White	YayYay Limited	4.99	1.00	5.99
506	Street Lighting	01/03/2022	Monthly Maintenance - Streetlamps	Enerveo	777.39	155.48	932.87
507	Defibrillator	01/03/2022	Defibrillator Pads	WEL Medical	249.65	49.93	299.58
508	Street Light Repalcements	01/03/2022	Street Light Replacement	Enerveo	974.50	194.90	1,169.40
509	WHBG Plot Preparation	01/03/2022	Plot Preparation	M&C Landscapes	313.20	62.64	375.84
457	Staff Costs	01/03/2022	Salary	J Wood			
510	Property Sundries	06/03/2022	Pavilion Cleaning	J Hatton	240.00	0.00	240.00
463	GNP Misc Expenses / Purchases	09/03/2022	GNP Website Hosting	Google ireland Ltd	9.20	0.00	9.20
519	Hire of Meeting Room	10/03/2022	Meeting Room Hire	Goring & District Community Centre Trust	38.50	0.00	38.50
511	WHBG General Maintenance	10/03/2022	Property Sundries - Refund L White	ScrewFix	9.15	1.83	10.98
512	Telephone & Internet	10/03/2022	Refund L White	GiffGaff Ltd	46.67	9.33	56.00
513	Postage, copies and printing	10/03/2022	Stationery - Refund L White	Amazon Svc Eur SarL	27.70	5.53	33.23
514	Postage, copies and printing	10/03/2022	Stationery - Refund L White	Amazon Svc Eur SarL	16.73	3.35	20.08
515	Postage, copies and printing	10/03/2022	Stationery - Refund L White	Wrap It and Pack It Ltd	7.59	1.52	9.11
516	Legal Fees	10/03/2022	Legal Fees	Fenton Elliott Solicitors Ltd	420.00	84.00	504.00
517	General Maintenance & Repair	10/03/2022	Maintenance / Installation	Goddard & Son Construction Ltd	1,350.00	270.00	1,620.00
518	Waste / Litter / Street Cleaning	10/03/2022	Bins & Litter	BGG Garden & Tree Care	400.00	80.00	480.00
520	Inspections Surveys & Reports	10/03/2022	Monthly Temp & Shower	SMS Environmental	51.50	10.30	61.80
521	Property Sundries	10/03/2022	Flags - Refund S Archer	FlagMakers	394.95	78.99	473.94
522	General Maintenance & Repair	10/03/2022	Boiler Service	PUmps UK Limited	310.00	62.00	372.00
528	Subscriptions	15/03/2022	OFP A Membership	Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association	56.00	0.00	56.00
527	Subscriptions	15/03/2022	OALC Membership	Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils	606.25	121.25	727.50
524	WHBG Waste	17/03/2022	WHBG Waste	Grundon Waste Management	5.47	1.09	6.56
523	Street Lighting	19/03/2022	Unmetered Electricity - Streetlamps	SSE	1,087.47	217.50	1,304.97
525	WHBG Waste	20/03/2022	WHBG Waste	Grundon Waste Management	5.47	1.09	6.56
526	Waste / Litter / Street Cleaning	20/03/2022	WHBG Waste	Grundon Waste Management	7.90	1.58	9.48

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Voucher	Code	Date	Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
443	Utilities - Gas, Water, Electricity	28/03/2022	Water - Gardiner	Castle Water	12.40	0.00	12.40
440	Utilities - Gas, Water, Electricity	28/03/2022	Water - OJFS	Castle Water	7.56	0.00	7.56
446	Utilities - Gas, Water, Electricity	28/03/2022	Water - Sheepecot	Castle Water	50.00	0.00	50.00
449	Staff Costs	30/03/2022	Salary	L White			
452	Staff Costs	30/03/2022	Salary	R Wood			
455	Staff Costs	30/03/2022	Salary	S Archer			
405	Staff Costs	30/03/2022	Salary	J Merrill			
458	Staff Costs	30/03/2022	Salary	J Wood			
529	Staff Costs	31/03/2022	Pension	LGPS Oxfordshire			
					34,358.96	4,154.75	38,513.71

13.2. To note receipts for 1st January 2021 → 16th March 2022

Voucher	Code	Date	Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
96	VAT Refund	07/01/2022	VAT Refund	HM Revenue & Customs		£ 4,163.53	£ 4,163.53
66	Bank Interest	10/01/2022	Bank Interest	TSB Bank plc	£ 49.79	£ -	£ 49.79
89	Memorials; Including Bench Donations	13/01/2022	Memorial Permit	SPB Stoneworks Ltd	£ 105.52	£ 21.10	£ 126.62
88	Memorials; Including Bench Donations	01/02/2022	Memorial Permit	ET Sheppard / AF Jones	£ 105.52	£ 21.10	£ 126.62
97	Property Income	02/02/2022	Wayleave	SSE	£ 11.33	£ -	£ 11.33
87	Community Car Park	05/02/2022	Car Park	J Franklin	£ 181.99	£ 36.40	£ 218.39
98	General Maintenance & Repair	07/02/2022	Boiler Service	British Gas Limited	£ 437.87	£ -	£ 437.87
67	Bank Interest	10/02/2022	Bank Interest	TSB Bank plc	£ 49.80	£ -	£ 49.80
86	Community Car Park	15/02/2022	Car Park	GapHR Services	£ 74.68	£ 14.94	£ 89.62
85	Memorials; Including Bench Donations	18/02/2022	Memorials 2nd Inscription	SPB Stoneworks Ltd	£ 177.78	£ 35.56	£ 213.34
82	Events Income	18/02/2022	GoTSoP - Income	David Brooker	£ 27.79	£ 5.56	£ 33.35
83	Community Car Park	19/02/2022	Car Park	D McPherson	£ 363.99	£ 72.80	£ 436.79
84	Community Car Park	21/02/2022	Car Park	Richard Wilson Long	£ 545.99	£ 109.20	£ 655.19
90	Events Income	22/02/2022	GoTSoP - Income	Sonia Lofthouse	£ 51.85	£ 10.37	£ 62.22
93	Property Income	24/02/2022	U3A Croquet	U3A	£ 116.67	£ 23.33	£ 140.00
91	Property Income	28/02/2022	Occasional Use of Pavilions	FM Fitness	£ 104.00	£ 20.80	£ 124.80
92	Property Income	28/02/2022	Cricket Club Fees	Cricket Club	£ 888.58	£ 177.72	£ 1,066.30
94	Property Income	01/03/2022	Goring United Fees	Goring United Football Club	£ 694.63	£ 138.93	£ 833.56
95	Property Income	02/03/2022	Gardiner - Full Day - Running Reborn	Running Reborn	£ 122.90	£ 24.58	£ 147.48
99	Memorials; Including Bench Donations	04/03/2022	Memorial Permit	Howard Chadwick Funeral Service	£ 68.82	£ 13.77	£ 82.59
100	Interments and Plots	04/03/2022	PLot & Interment	Howard Chadwick Funeral Service	£ 802.92	£ -	£ 802.92
101	Interments and Plots	04/03/2022	PLot & Interment	Howard Chadwick Funeral Service	£ 240.00	£ -	£ 240.00
102	Events Income	04/03/2022	GoTSoP - Income	L White	£ 91.12	£ 18.22	£ 109.34
103	Property Income	04/03/2022	Wayleave	Kent FE	£ 1.00	£ -	£ 1.00
104	Grants/S106/Donations	08/03/2022	Summer of Play Grant	Oxfordshire County Council	£ 7,000.00	£ -	£ 7,000.00
107	Community Car Park	09/03/2022	Car Park	T Adcock	£ 182.00	£ 36.40	£ 218.40
68	Bank Interest	10/03/2022	Bank Interest	TSB Bank plc	£ 44.99	£ -	£ 44.99
106	Property Income	11/03/2022	Schools Cross Country	Goring Primary School	£ 50.18	£ 10.04	£ 60.22
109	Property Income	14/03/2022	Bowls Club Fees	G&A Bowls Club	£ 257.39	£ 51.48	£ 308.87
105	Community Car Park	14/03/2022	Car Park	Davis Tate	£ 606.08	£ 121.22	£ 727.30
108	Property Income	16/03/2022	Goring 10k	Goring Primary School PTA	£ 34.41	£ 6.88	£ 41.29
					£13,489.59	£5133.93	£18,623.52

13.3. To note the reconciled bank account and reserves balances as at 28th February 2022

A	Bank Reconciliation at 28/02/2022		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2021		201,350.30
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2021 - 28/02/2022		261,726.27
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2021 - 28/02/2022		463,076.57
			184,592.46
	Cash in Hand 28/02/2022 (per Cash Book)		278,484.11
B	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 28/02/2022	0.00	
	TSB Reserve Account 28/02/2022	195,746.21	
	TSB Current Account 28/02/2022	82,737.90	
			278,484.11
	Less unrepresented payments		
			278,484.11
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
	Adjusted Bank Balance		278,484.11
	A = B Checks out OK		

13.4. To note the NJC salary rates for the Year 1st April 2021-31st March 2022 have been approved nationally with an across board rise of 1.75%. As the Council operates an NJC contract, back-pay to cover the uplift for all employees, employed during the applicable financial year will be paid in the March 2022 Payroll, reserves have been held to meet this requirement.

From NALC:

E01-22 | NATIONAL SALARY AWARD 2021/22

The National Association of Local Councils has been informed that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has agreed the new rates of pay applicable from 1 April 2021. They state:

- Pay Agreement has been reached on rates of pay applicable from 1 April 2021.
- Employers are encouraged to implement this pay award as swiftly as possible.
- Backpay for employees who have left employment since 1 April 2021 If requested by an ex-employee to do so, we recommend that employers should pay any monies due to that employee from 1 April 2021 to the employee's last day of employment.

- When salary arrears are paid to ex-employees who were in the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS), the employer must inform its local LGPS fund. Employers will need to amend the CARE and final pay figures (if the ex-employee has pre-April 2014 LGPS membership) accordingly. Further detail is provided in section 15 of the HR guide which is available on the employer resources section of www.lgpsregs.org.

13.5. To approve revised budget for 2021-2022 & 2022-2023; in light of resolutions regarding; the upcoming Election; Jubilee Garden; Jubilee morning of fun and games.

		2020-2021		2021-2022			2022-2023	
		2020-21 (Last Year)						
		Actual YTD	TO/FROM EMR	Budget	ACTUAL YTD 31 Dec		Proposed Updated Budget 2022-2023	
100	General Income							
1010	Bank Interest	949		560	543		560	
1020	CIL Receipts	11798		51463	51463	All to EMR		
1030	Community Car Park	416		3930	2238		2400	
1040	Events Income			1764	1668			
1050	Grants/S106/Donations	28255		4853	4853	All grants/donations to EMRs		
1060	Insurance			0				
1070	Miscellaneous Income / Other	1		50	135		200	
1080	Precept	150768		158306	158306	(37k straight to EMR)	160065	
1090	Property Income	4542		4000	2177		3500	
Total	General Income	196729	0	224926	221383		166725	
200	Burial Ground Income	15695						
2010	Grazing & Miscellaneous			59			14	
2020	Interments and Plots			14000	13256		14000	
2030	Memorials; Including Bench Donations			5986	3370		6000	
Total	Burial Ground Income	15695	0	20045	16626	(1k straight to EMR)	20014	
Total	All Income	212424	0	244971	238008		186739	
300	Administration							
3010	Allowances Expenses Training	603		1700	1242		2000	
3020	Awards and honours	466		1000	0	Move to EMR	1000	
3030	COVID-19 Response (not Staff)	1131		0	2969	From EMR		
3040	Election fees	0		0	0			
3050	Hire of Meeting Room	0		40	39		500	
3060	Postage, copies and printing	365		1500	919		2000	
3070	Publications	42		582	582		400	
3080	Subscriptions	792		940	938		800	
3090	Legal Fees	35		3000	2617		2500	
3100	Rates and Taxes	1497		2000	1497		2000	
3110	Website	15		100	69		0	
Total	Administration	4946	0	10862	10802		11200	

400	General Finance & Grants							
4010	Audit and Accountancy	250		1000	2950	Rest from EMR - Historical Audits	1000	
4020	Bank Charges	60		65	64		100	
4030	Churches S214(6) LG Act 1972	0			0		0	
4040	Miscellaneous Expenditure	1873		306	0		306	
4050	S137 and Other (Non-Grant) Payments	0		452	452	£452 as now have GPoC Cannot Use S137	0	
4060	Staff Costs	31813		36000	28276		50000	
4070	Transport S26-29 LGR Act 1997	350		350	350	For Readibus	700	For Readibus
Total	General Finance & Grants	34346	0	38173	39404		52106	
500	Burial Ground							
5010	General Maintenance	1629		450	201		1000	
5020	Mowing & Hedges			2500	2253		3500	
5030	Plot Preparation	3417		3000	1346		3000	
5040	WHBG Waste			1200	725		1200	
Total	Burial Ground	5046	0	7150	4526		8150	
600	Facilities							
6010	Car Park	2400		2400	1200		3000	
6020	Defibrillator	299		250	250		1000	
6030	General Maintenance & Repair	2901		6500	6484		4000	
6040	Grass Weeding Strimming Fertil	12799		13000	12713		18500	
6050	Hedges/Fences/Paddocks/Gates	2550		1000	0		1000	
6060	Pedestrian Safety Projects	29865		1000	25000	Some Came from CIL EMR; Some from Grant	3000	
6070	Inspections Surveys & Reports	3717		5000	4585		5000	
6080	Insurance	1756		1749	1749		1749	
6090	Office Equipment	1575		2000	1288		2000	
6100	Playground Equipment Maintenance	471		2500	24	Move Any Remaining to Play Equipment EMR	2500	
6110	Property Sundries	173		2400	2348		1000	
6120	Public Spaces Review	0	Moved to EMR		1993	From EMR - Original Budget 10K	3000	
6130	Security, Fire & Safety	310		450	285		450	
6140	Software and back-ups	1256		4000	3823	(Caused by Buying SCRIBE)	4000	
6150	Street Furniture & Seats	0		820	812	Move to EMR	500	
6160	Street Lighting	20247		24000	21926		22000	
6170	Street Light Replacements	1313			4123	(Paid from EMR)		
6180	Summer of Play			2757	12757	10K budget supplimented by events	9000	
6190	Telephone & Internet	626		1200	1156		1050	
6200	Traveller Eviction & Cleanup	4525			0			
6210	Trees	5535		258	258	(Rest of Christmas trees covered by GGBN EMR)	1500	(Includes Christmas Trees)

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6220	Utilities - Gas, Water, Electr	6286		5000	4016		5000	
6230	Vandalism	0		500	135		500	
6240	Waste / Litter / Street Cleaning	7058		8600	8559		7500	
6250	Winter & Flooding	0		0	0		600	
6260	Village Planting						4000	
Total	Facilities	105662	0	85384	115483		101849	
700	Neighbourhood Plan							
7040	Misc Expenses/ purchases NP	87		110	110		120	
Total	Neighbourhood Plan	87	0	110	110		120	
Total	All Expenditure	150087	0	141679	170325		173425	
TOTAL	INCOME	212424	0	244971	238008		186739	
TOTAL	EXPENDITURE	150087	0	141679	170325		173425	
SURPLUS	`--> EMR	62337	0	103292	67684		13314	
TOTAL	INCOME (IGNORE CIL)	0		193508			186739	
TOTAL	EXPENDITURE (IGNORE CIL)	150087		141679			173425	
SURPLUS	`--> EMR	-150087		51829			13314	

		EMRs 2020-2021		EMRs 2021-2022			EMRs 2022-2023	
	Account	End 2020-2021	Immediate Modifications - Start of Year	Current Balance (16 March 2022)	From budget 2021-22	Projected End of Year, if Nothing Spent 2021-2022	From budget 2022-23	Projected End of Year, if Nothing Spent 2022-2023
320	EMR Operating Reserve	61463		61464	10000	71464	-10581	60883
325	EMR Tree Felling & Replacement	10000		10000	2000	12000		12000
330	EMR Playground Equipment	13500		13500	7000	20500		20500
335	EMR MIGGS Pavement Widening	5000		5000		5000		5000
340	EMR Car Park Reserves	2000		2000	10000	12000		12000
345	EMR CIL	0		31415		31415		31415
350	EMR High Street Strategic Project	25000		20048	-20048	0		0
355	EMR Street Lighting Replacement	29645		25164	19639	44287		44803
360	EMR Covid-19 Response	7533		4555		4818		4555
365	EMR Security	3249		3249		3249		3249
370	EMR Public Spaces Strategy	2400	14000	6004	5000	11007		11004
375	EMR GGBN Reserved Monies	1031		1031		1031		1031
380	EMR External Audit Costs	6000		3700		3700		3700
385	EMR WHBG Reserved Plots	5500		5500		5500		5500
390	EMR Summer of Play		10000	19	5152	5171		5171
395	EMR Winter of Play			3000	-3000	0		0
400	EMR Jubilee 2022				7219	7219	7781	15000
405	EMR Back Dated Staff Costs							
410	EMR WHBG - 99y Maintenance				5000	5000		5000
415	EMR Public Buildings						8114	8114
420	EMR Election Costs						8000	8000
425	EMR Freedom of Goring				1000			
		193920	Monies Already Moved from this year Budget)	5848	48962	231392		
				TOTAL EMR Move this Year	51829		13314	260503

13.6. To approve the tariff list for the financial Year 2022-2023.

NOTE: annual RPI rate at the time of producing this report: 4.9%

Sports Facilities

The sports teams/clubs continue to be significantly subsidised by the Parish Council each year. Looking at it most favourably, in 2019/2020 the subsidy was 2/3 the costs of maintaining the sports fields and facilities. If the spend on the Gardiner Pavilion refurbishment would be amortised over say, 20 years, the subsidy is calculated to be much greater. **Noting** that at the July 2020 meeting, the resolution was to "Accept the proposal". That proposal from BU being: "I propose that we take a modest approach and increase by 10% until we get to a subsidy level of less than 50% (without amortisation of Gardiner Pavilion refurb costs)". Options have once again been given below of increasing inline with the RPI (3.3%) or other options. It is also noted at 10% was accepted for August 2021 – March 2022, and the billing cycle has change this there runs the risk of a double increase for 5 months of the year. Proposal of 7.5% increase for this financial year has been included, to adequately account for RPI and reduce subsidy of the sports clubs.

					Some options to consider			
Sports Clubs					4.90%	7.50%	10%	25%
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023 (ex-VAT)			
	(ex-VAT)	(ex-VAT)	(ex VAT)	(ex VAT)				
Bowling Club Licence***	£ 551.34	£ 567.88	£ 624.66	£ 549.70	£ 576.64	£ 590.93	£ 604.67	£ 687.13
Cricket Club Licence	£ 1,307.15	£ 1,346.36	£ 1,481.00	£ 1,629.10	£ 1,708.93	£ 1,751.28	£ 1,792.01	£ 2,036.37
Goring United Licence**	£ 1,021.83	£ 1,052.49	£ 1,157.74	£ 1,273.51	£ 1,335.91	£ 1,369.03	£ 1,400.86	£ 1,591.89
Goring Robins Licence	£ 1,145.46	£ 1,179.83	£ 1,297.81	£ 1,427.59	£ 1,497.54	£ 1,534.66	£ 1,570.35	£ 1,784.49
Tennis Club Lease Rent *	£ 606.31	£ 624.50	£ 624.50	£ 645.11	£ 645.11			
Tennis Club Licence	£ 497.80	£ 512.74	£ 564.01	£ 582.62	£ 582.62			

Burial Ground

Introduction to the significant change to the charging structure for the Burial Ground.

Discussions have been had with funeral directors who use our facilities regularly; and research done in to the charging structure for local, similarly priced facilities. With that in mind, and to add transparency for all users, the following update is proposed.

Current Tariff Structure

Burials (VAT Exempt)								
	Goring				Non-Goring			
Exclusive Rights	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-2022	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-2022
Double depth Burial Plot ⁵⁶	£ 749.39	£ 771.87	£ 777.27	£ 802.92	£ 1,819.94	£ 1,874.54	£ 1,887.66	£ 1,949.95
Triple depth Burial Plot	£ 920.67	£ 948.29	£ 954.93	£ 986.44	£ 2,237.44	£ 2,304.57	£ 2,320.70	£ 2,397.28
Cremated remains plot	£ 240.88	£ 248.10	£ 249.84	£ 258.08	£ 610.21	£ 628.52	£ 632.92	£ 653.80
Non-exclusive – Coffin burial plot (No rights to erect memorials etc.) ****	£ 481.75	£ 496.20	£ 499.68	£ 516.17	£ 1,209.72	£ 1,246.01	£ 1,254.73	£ 1,296.14
Reopen existing grave	£ 695.85	£ 716.73	£ 721.75	£ 745.57	£ 1,043.79	£ 1,075.10	£ 1,082.63	£ 1,118.35
Reopen existing CR Plot			£ 231.99	£ 239.65			£ 363.00	£ 374.98
Interment Fees								
Adult	£ 321.16	£ 330.80	£ 333.11	£ 344.10	£ 610.21	£ 628.52	£ 632.92	£ 653.80
Stillborn or under one month	£ 74.93	£ 77.18	£ 77.72	£ 80.29	£ 214.11	£ 220.54	£ 222.08	£ 229.41
Cremated remains	£ 128.47	£ 132.32	£ 133.25	£ 137.65	£ 369.34	£ 380.42	£ 383.09	£ 395.73
Additional Fees								
Administration of a Cremated Remains Interment, where no Funeral Director has been engaged.				£125				£200
Transfer of ERB Ownership or addition of new owner; other than when the owner has died				£30				£50
Replacement Copies of Deeds				£20				£35
Searches of the Electronic Register				£20				£35
Searches of the Burial Register, not yet digitised (per hour)				£20				£35
5 Year Top-up of Exclusive Rights of Burial (10% of new purchase cost)				£80				£195

Proposed Tariff Structure

Accounting for 4.9% RPI.

	Goring	Non-Goring
Exclusive Rights		
Single or Double Depth Plot	£ 840.00	£ 2,016.00
Triple Depth Plot	£ 1,000.00	£ 2,400.00
Cremated Remains Plot	£ 270.00	£ 648.00

Interment Fees		
Adult	£ 100.00	£ 240.00
Stillborn or under one month	£ 50.00	£ 120.00
Cremated remains	£ 75.00	£ 180.00
Double Cremated Remains (at the same time)	£ 100.00	£ 240.00

Grave Digging		
New Grave	£ 400.00	£ 960.00
Reopen Grave	£ 350.00	£ 840.00
Cremated Remains	£ 150.00	£ 360.00
Levelling Fee*	£ 50	£ 120.00

* Funeral Directors who wish to employ our preferred Grave Digger directly, may do so by arrangement; however a levelling fee will be charged for levelling the grave one year after burial.

Additional Fees		
Administration of a Cremated Remains Interment, where no Funeral Director has been engaged.	£ 125.00	£ 200.00
Transfer of ERB Ownership or addition of new owner; other than when the owner has died	£ 30.00	£ 50.00
Replacement Copies of Deeds	£ 20.00	£ 35.00
Searches of the Electronic Register	£ 20.00	£ 35.00
Searches of the Burial Register, not yet digitised (per hour)	£ 20.00	£ 35.00
5 Year Top-up of Exclusive Rights of Burial for single or double plot (10% of new purchase cost)	£ 84.00	£ 201.60
5 Year Top-up of Exclusive Rights of Burial for triple plot (10% of new purchase cost)	£ 100.00	£ 240.00

Memorials (+ VAT)		
Headstone etc	£ 145.00	£ 350.00
Wooden cross	£ 75.00	£ 180.00
Tablet	£ 110.00	£ 265.00
Second Inscription	£ 60.00	£ 145.00
Renewal / Repair	£ 40.00	£ 95.00

Public Spaces (all + VAT)

Proposal to increase tariff charges by approximately the 4.9% RPI, whilst rounding to whole numbers. Fees

	Charity - Tariff						
	2020-21	2021-2022			2022-2023		
		Full Day (8 Hours)	Half Day (4 hours)	Additional Hour	Full Day (8 Hours)	Half Day (4 hours)	Additional Hour
Gardiner Recreation Ground	£ 97.16	£ 100.37	£ 70.26	£ 12.55	£ 105.00	£ 74.00	£ 13.00
Pavilion	£ 27.76	£ 28.67	£ 20.07	£ 3.58	£ 30.00	£ 21.00	£ 14.00
Sheepcot Recreation Ground	£ 111.04	£ 114.70	£ 80.29	£ 14.34	£ 120.00	£ 84.00	£ 15.00
Pavilion	£ 27.76	£ 28.67	£ 20.07	£ 3.58	£ 30.00	£ 21.00	£ 4.00
Bourdillon Field	£ 33.31	£ 34.41	£ 24.08	£ 4.30	£ 36.00	£ 25.00	£ 5.00
Rectory Garden							
Ferry Lane Space		£ 34.41	£ 24.09	£ 4.30	£ 36.00	£ 25.00	£ 5.00

	Non-profit / quasi-comm'l - Tariff						
	2020-21	2021-2022			2022-2023		
		Full Day (8 Hours)	Half Day (4 hours)	Additional Hour	Full Day (8 Hours)	Half Day (4 hours)	Additional Hour
Gardiner Recreation Ground	£ 194.31	£ 200.73	£ 140.51	£ 25.09	£ 210.00	£ 147.00	£ 25.00
Pavilion	£ 55.51	£ 57.35	£ 40.14	£ 7.17	£ 60.00	£ 42.00	£ 8.00
Sheepcot Recreation Ground	£ 222.08	£ 229.41	£ 160.59	£ 28.68	£ 240.00	£ 168.00	£ 30.00
Pavilion	£ 55.51	£ 57.35	£ 40.14	£ 7.17	£ 60.00	£ 42.00	£ 8.00
Bourdillon Field	£ 66.62	£ 68.82	£ 48.18	£ 8.60	£ 72.00	£ 50.00	£ 9.00
Rectory Garden	£ 111.04	£ 114.70	£ 80.29	£ 14.34	£ 120.00	£ 84.00	£ 15.00
Ferry Lane Space		£ 114.70	£ 80.29	£ 14.34	£ 120.00	£ 84.00	£ 15.00

	Commercial / for Profit - Tariff						
	2020-21	2021-2022			2022-2023		
		Full Day (8 Hours)	Half Day (4 hours)	Additional Hour	Full Day (8 Hours)	Half Day (4 hours)	Additional Hour
Gardiner Recreation Ground	£ 388.64	£ 401.46	£ 281.02	£ 50.18	£ 420.00	£ 295.00	£ 50.00
Pavilion	£ 111.04	£ 114.70	£ 80.29	£ 14.34	£ 120.00	£ 84.00	£ 15.00
Sheepcot Recreation Ground	£ 444.15	£ 458.81	£ 321.17	£ 57.35	£ 480.00	£ 137.00	£ 60.00
Pavilion	£ 111.04	£ 114.70	£ 80.29	£ 14.34	£ 120.00	£ 84.00	£ 15.00
Bourdillon Field	£ 133.25	£ 137.65	£ 96.35	£ 17.21	£ 145.00	£ 100.00	£ 18.00
Rectory Garden	£ 222.08	£ 229.41	£ 160.59	£ 28.68	£ 240.00	£ 170.00	£ 30.00
Rectory Garden Combined with Village Hall	£10.61 p.hr to the GVH	£10.96 p.hr to the GVH			£11.50 p.hr to the GVH		
Ferry Lane Space		£ 114.70	£ 80.29	£ 14.34	£ 120.00	£ 84.00	£ 15.00

In addition, we have some historic; separately negotiated tariffs which I ask the Council to reconsider.

£12 per month for “occasional use” by Physical Trainers / similar professions, this is significantly below even the hourly rate for just use of the Pavilion.

£44.90 per full day use (9am – 4pm) by Physical Trainers / similar professions, this is significantly below the day rate for the Pavilion.

Clerk requests the Council to suggest appropriate tariffs for these two items.

Mason’s Fun Fair (+ VAT)

Proposal: £500 per year.

White Hill Burial Ground Paddock Rent (+VAT)

Note, Billed Yearly in December.

	3% RPI	0.7% RPI	3.3% RPI	4.9% RPI
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-2022	2022-2023
Grazing for sheep	£ 12.88	£ 12.97	£ 13.39	£ 14.05
Contribution to water rates	£ 43.12	£ 43.42	£ 44.85	£ 47.05

Community Centre Car Park (+VAT)

	3% RPI	0.7% RPI +10%	3.3% RPI	4.90% RPI
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-2022	2022-2023
Per Space	£ 329	£ 364	£ 376	£ 394

Miscellaneous Charges

	2021-2022	2021-2022
Proof of Residency / "Certificate of Life"	£20	£20
Copies at the Time of Signature	£1	£1



EQUALITY POLICY

1. Introduction

The Parish Council is committed to pursuing an equal opportunities approach in the employment of its staff and in every aspect of Council activity and recognises its statutory duties under legislation in terms of service provision and employment and is committed to meet them by complying with this policy.

2. Legislation and Codes of Practice

The Council Recognises its responsibilities under equality legislation and related codes of practice including the following:

- The Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (amended 1976)
- The Equal Pay Act 1970
- The Race Relations Act 1976, 2000(amended) and 2003 (amended)
- The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and amendments
- The Human Rights Act 1998
- Equalities Act 2010

It is **unlawful** to discriminate against an individual on the following “protected characteristics”:

- age
- disability
- gender reassignment
- marriage and civil partnership
- pregnancy and maternity
- race
- religion or belief
- sex
- sexual orientation

3. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide equal opportunities to all employees, irrespective of their characteristics (unless there are genuine occupational qualifications or objectively justified reasons for a different approach to be taken) and an equality of opportunity in the provision of services and access to Parish Council facilities.

The Council believes that opportunity and freedom from discrimination are fundamental human rights, and actively opposes all forms of discrimination, victimisation or harassment on the grounds of any of the protected characteristics defined in the Equality Act 2010.



4. The Council as a Service Provider

The Council recognises and welcomes the changing pattern of households and population in the parish and is aware of the diverse requirements that will need to be met in the future.

The Council aims to provide its services without discriminating against any part of society or the residents on the grounds of sexual orientation, religion or belief, disability, gender or age.

5. The Council as an Employer

The Council recognises its responsibilities to provide equal opportunities in employment, and to avoid discrimination and harassment. All employees whether full-time, part-time, fixed term contract, agency workers or temporary staff, will be treated fairly and equally.

Selection for employment, promotion, training, remuneration or any other benefit will be on the basis of aptitude and ability. All employees will be helped and encouraged to develop their full potential and the talents and resources of the workforce will be fully utilised to maximise the efficiency of the council. Every employee is entitled to a working environment that promotes dignity and respect to all. No form of intimidation, bullying or harassment will be tolerated. The commitment to equal opportunities in the workplace is good management practice and makes sound business sense as it seeks to utilise the talents available from the local community, representing Society as a whole.

Breaches of the Parish Council's equal opportunities policy will be regarded as serious misconduct and could lead to disciplinary proceedings. Employees are entitled to complain about discrimination or harassment or victimization through the council's Grievance procedure.

Prospective candidates wishing to raise a complaint should do so, in writing, to the Clerk within 15 working days, at the latest, of the alleged incident. An investigation will then be conducted by the Clerk, or an independent person appointed for the purpose, who will report to the Council

6. The Council as a Body of Elected Representatives

The Council recognises its responsibilities under the Public Sector Equality Duty (Equality Act 2010, s.149) to provide equal opportunities for any member or prospective member wishing to serve their community as an elected or co-opted member of The Council,

6.1. Use of Amanuenses

A councillor with a disability that impairs their ability to carry out day-day council communications shall have an amanuensis appointed to (a) assist them with their responsibilities and (b) safeguard council rules of confidentiality, which would otherwise be breached if a councillor were to share confidential information or materials.



An amanuensis, or scribe is someone who, in the context of parish council activities, writes down or keys a councillor's dictated words, and reads materials aloud to a councillor.

A relevant disability is any physical, intellectual or mental health disability that affects written or spoken communication, and could involve, for example, impaired vision, hearing, dexterity, literacy or numeracy.

A councillor who declares a relevant need shall have an amanuensis appointed to them as soon as possible after taking up office. It shall be the responsibility of the clerk to the council, together with the chair or other designated councillor to organise the appointment of an amanuensis, in discussion with the councillor.

Where possible, the clerk shall be the appointed amanuensis. Where the amanuensis is not the clerk, they shall report to and be accountable directly to the clerk, unless the amanuensis is another councillor.

An amanuensis shall be acceptable to the councillor, the clerk and the chair of the council.

An amanuensis shall not advise or offer an opinion to the councillor on a council matter or join in discussion with the councillor as though they were a member of the council.

An amanuensis shall be able to produce an accurate record of the councillor's words. They must be able to write legibly and use a keyboard. They are not expected to have a knowledge of council terminology or regulations.

It is the councillor's responsibility to direct the amanuensis in day -to-day needs.

The amanuensis:

- Shall write or key communications and other documents exactly as they are dictated
- Shall read communications and other documents exactly as they are written
- Shall offer no content suggestions or interpretations to the councillor
- Shall not advise the councillor on what to think or how to respond to an issue
- Shall be subject to the same rules of confidentiality as the councillor.

6.2. Members who are also Carers

In law, it is illegal to discriminate against a carer because of their responsibilities as a carer, or because of the individual(s) they care for. A Councillor / Member who is a registered carer of a someone with a protected characteristic, is by extension also protected from discrimination against those same characteristics.

Where, in the duties of their caring of an individual, a Member has a requirement to be accompanied at a meeting of the Council or any Committee; Sub-Committee or Working Group by the individual they care for, they shall so be accompanied. In such situations it is acceptable to the Council that the person being cared for to remain present for the whole of the meeting, including any confidential section, where the public and press are excluded.



The cared for person, with a protected characteristic shall:

- offer no content suggestions their Member/Councillor/Carer
- not advise or offer any content suggestions to their Member/Councillor/Carer on what to think or how to respond to an issue
- be subject to the same rules of confidentiality as their Member/Councillor/Carer.

7. Commitment

The Parish Council will comply with all current and future legislation referring to equality and diversity and will aim to promote good practice in all aspects of the organisation. The Council will publicise this policy on the website with all other policy documents and will highlight it in recruitment and relevant official documentation.

8. Review

This document was approved for use at the meeting of the Parish Council on 21st March 2022, it shall be reviewed periodically, at least once per council term or if legislation dictates.

Signed:

Dated: 21st March 2022

K Bulmer, Chairman