

<b>Title</b>	Goring and District Twinning Association Report
<b>Authors</b>	Goring and District Twinning Association
<b>Meeting</b>	Goring-on-Thames Parish Council Annual Council Meeting – 09 <sup>th</sup> May 2022

This January, the Goring and District Twinning Association (GDTA) held its second AGM on Zoom, opening with a lively history of Twinning, from the earliest known twinning in Europe between Paderborn in Germany and Le Mans in France, in 836. Our twinning with Bellême dates only from 1979, but in that time:

- There have been approximately 1,368 individual Twinning visits to stay with host families in Bellême
- And approximately 1,463 individual Twinning visits from Bellême to host families in Goring and District;
- GDTA has donated money towards the upkeep of Goring Village Hall,
- And GDTA has subsidised many first-time visits to Bellême.

There have been numerous themed visits between the communities of Goring and District, and Bellême, including cookery, drink, fishing, firefighters, golf, gardens, tennis, schools, U3A, judo, windsurfing, singing, bridge, photography, walking, horses, Edwardian, carnival, food, dance, football, cycling, art, orchestra and mushrooms.

Our communities have exchanged many gifts: in Goring you can see the sun dial on the top of the Royal Mail building, and the water tap installed outside the Coppa Club, and in Bellême a red telephone box and the original community tapestry. In Goring we have Bellême Mews, and in Bellême there is a “Rue de Goring on Thames”.

GDTA has held numerous fund-raising events, including Las Vegas evenings, wine tastings, quiz nights, gourmet evenings, dance nights and craft fairs.

Our Twinning has a long and active history, and many happy memories and lasting friendships have been made.

In 2021, we planned to have a quiz evening, but Covid restrictions on numbers meant it would have been a significant loss-making event. We planned to – and did - hold an afternoon tea to thank ex-committee members who had done so much to make Twinning successful over the previous forty years. We planned to start arranging a carnival trip for early 2022, but the carnival was cancelled due to Covid. We increased GDTA’s social media presence with Instagram.

Now, though, it is not clear what lies ahead for GDTA, as we have three significant challenges.

Brexit has had a huge impact on Twinning. Only about 45% of French residents have passports (many fewer outside the major conurbations); ID cards are generally used for travel throughout Europe, and were used for trips to England. Now, a full passport is required, which makes a trip to Goring very expensive for individuals. For those travelling to France and staying in a private home (rather than a hotel or a guest house), an attestation d’accueil (proof of accommodation) may be required at a cost of 30 euros per person per visit. Arranging this is onerous for the host, who must provide details of each visitor to the Mairie (Town Hall). This is not a new regulation. It has always been the case for non-EU citizens entering France.

Covid has put Twinning on hold for more than two years – so far.

The GDTA committee is now too small to arrange visits or fund-raising events (between 1979 and 2019, there were 18+ committee members at any one time; now there are four). Despite publicising widely, and personally contacting all those who have agreed to have their details held by GDTA, we had a disappointing attendance at this year's AGM.

So, is this the end of GDTA?

Sadly, it looks as if it is. It could be rescued if enough people come forward to make a viable committee, although significant challenges will remain. It is with regret that the current committee plans to resign by the end of the year.

Our Twinning has had a remarkable journey over 40 years, and there have been wonderful links between our communities. Official links will fade away, but unofficial relationships, links and friendships which have evolved over the years will remain.

We would welcome your memories of Twinning over the years: please find us on Instagram @GoringTwinning or email [contactgdta@yahoo.com](mailto:contactgdta@yahoo.com) and we will collate a celebratory article for a future issue of GGN.

**Appendix B**

<b>Title</b>	Other Councillor Responsibilities
<b>Authors</b>	Clerk
<b>Meeting</b>	Goring-on-Thames Parish Council Annual Council Meeting – 09 <sup>th</sup> May 2022

<b>Other responsibilities</b>	<b>Currently:</b>	
Finance	BU	
MIGGS Liaison	LR	
Police Liaison	JW	
Transport Issues	JW	
White Hill Burial Ground	Vacant	
TSB Bank Signatories (Recommend 5)	BU; LR	



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee  
of the Goring-On-Thames Parish Council  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 at 7:30pm**

**Public Participation:**

**MoP1:** Here to answer any questions on Application: P22/S0370/LB & P22/S0369/HH

Members Present:

**Chairman**                    **Cllr S Lofthouse (SL)**  
**Vice – Chairman**        **Cllr D Brooker (DB)**  
                                     **Cllr L Reavill (LR)**

Officers Present:

**Clerk**                        **Mrs L White (LW)**

Members of the Public and Press:        At least 2

**The meeting started: 19:30**

**21.16.1.        To appoint a Chairman for the Committee**

**Resolved:** to Appoint Cllr S Lofthouse, Unanimous

**21.16.1.1.     To Receive declaration of acceptance of office**

The declaration was duly signed and countersigned by the Clerk.

**21.16.2.        To appoint a Vice-Chairman for the Committee**

**Resolved:** to Appoint Cllr D Brooker, by majority

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

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Wills & M Bulmer.

**Resolved:** The reasons for absence were approved, unanimous.

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

None



**21.16.4. Declarations of Interests [LA 2011 s31]**

None

**21.16.5. To consider requests for Dispensations [LA 2011 s33]**

None

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

**21.16.6.1. Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022**

**Resolved:** It was unanimously agreed the minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 were an accurate record of the meeting and they were duly signed.

**21.16.6.2. Matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.**

None

**21.16.7. To consider applications and approve response to planning authority.**

**21.16.7.1. P22/S0370/LB & P22/S0369/HH – Tudor Cottage, Manor Road, Goring, RG8 9DR**

*New single storey rear extension & minor internal alterations to ground floor.*

**Resolved:** Approved to submit the response No Objections, and attach the general planning informative unanimous.

**21.16.7.2. P21/S5261/HH – 18 Wallingford Road, Goring, RG8 0AY**

*Lower three kerb sections to allow for improved access.*

It was commented that it was odd that planning permission was being sought for a piece of land not owned by the property, namely the kerb – Highways Land.

**Resolved:** Approved to submit the response No Objections subject to a positive response from Highways Officer, and attach the general planning informative unanimous.

**21.16.7.3. P21/S5344/HH – Icknield Lodge, Icknield Road, Goring, RG8 0DG – **AMENDED****

*Single storey rear garden room extension*

Updated because originally too close to the trees.

**Resolved:** Approved to submit the response No Objections subject to the Tree Officers satisfaction the plans address the issues raised previously, and attach the general planning informative unanimous.



**21.16.7.4. P22/S0531/LDP – 78 Elvendon Road, Goring, RG8 0DR**

*Erection of single storey rear extension*

**Resolved:** Approved to submit the response No Objections, and attach the general planning informative unanimous.

**21.16.7.5. P22/S0435/N4C - Upper Gatehampton Farm, Gatehampton Road, Goring, RG8 9LY**

*Change of use of barn from agricultural to proposed vehicle storage.*

**Resolved:** Approved to submit the response Objects, this is a rural location, the track is not an appropriate access and there are concerns regarding traffic movements, and the increase of urban usage of this agricultural area, unanimous.

**21.16.7.6. P21/S3832/FUL – Notley, Little Croft Road, Goring, RG8 9ER – **AMENDED****

*Replacement dwelling*

*GPC Planning Previous Response: No Objections.*

**Resolved:** Approved to submit the response as before, No Objections, and attach the general planning informative unanimous.

**21.16.8. To note planning authority decisions on applications.**

All planning decisions below were noted.

**21.16.8.1. P22/S0057/HH - 94 Elvendon Road, Goring, RG8 0DR - **GRANTED****

*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).*

*GPC Planning Response: No Objections.*

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

*An L-shaped ground floor extension (to the side and rear of existing property) with a porch extension at the front*

**GPC Planning 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?

**21.16.8.3. 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 Response: No Objections*

**21.16.8.4. P21/S4298/HH - Icknield Lodge, Icknield Road, Goring, RG8 0DG- **GRANTED****

*Carport extension to garage block.*

*GPC Planning Response: No Objections*



**21.16.8.5. P21/S4907/HH - 70 Elvendon Road, Goring, RG8 0DR - *GRANTED***

*2 storey side extension with porch*

*GPC Planning Response: No Objections*

**21.16.8.6. P21/S5090/HH - Flat 3 Oriel House, Thames Road, Goring, RG8 9AH - *GRANTED***

*To mirror the current existing roof lantern to the left of the chimney stack, on the right side of the chimney stack.*

*This will improve the natural light coming into the kitchen and will aesthetically improve the look of the building from the front. The application will also mean the installation of two conservation rooflights under planning approval P14/S1133/HH would not be fitted*

*GPC Planning Response: No Objections*

**21.16.8.7. P21/S4620/HH - The Coach House, Icknield Road, Goring, RG8 0DG – *GRANTED***

*First floor side extensions to dwelling and single storey extension*

*GPC Planning Response: No Objections*

**21.16.8.8. P21/S4924/HH - 7 Nuns Acre, Goring, RG8 9BE - *GRANTED***

*Single storey rear extension with Ultraframe classic double glazed roof.*

*GPC Planning Response: No Objections*

**21.16.8.9. P21/S5017/HH - Grange Court, Grange Close, Goring, RG8 9DL – *GRANTED***

*Change previously proposed car port under original planning approval P19/S2397/FUL to a garage. The footprint and elevations will stay the same as the originally approved plans - change from the external materials to brickwork and adding doors.*

*GPC Planning Response: No Objections*

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

*Existing porch to be demolished and replaced with single storey extension.*

*GPC Planning Response: No Objections*

**21.16.9. 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)**

None

**21.16.10. 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 comment to note.

**21.16.11. To Consider request to respond to SODC Request to Consult and agree actions or response:**

- Draft Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule and
- Draft Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

**Resolved:** to not submit a response, unanimous.



# GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Appendix C

**21.16.12. To consider correspondence received**

None

**21.16.13. Matters for future discussion**

None

**21.16.14. To confirm the date of the next meeting – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month)**

*Urgent consultations to be considered at the full Council meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022.*

Confirmed.

**Meeting Closed: 20:05**





**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee  
of the Goring-On-Thames Parish Council  
Thursday 07<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 10:00**

**Public Participation:**

**MoP1:** Chairman of Thames Bank Association. All residents are appalled, with the issues which will relate to the Construction Phase and ongoing parking of the new residents and their deliveries.

**MoP2:** Stated the development is out of scale for this area of the village; and relative to the other properties. Also an area of ecological significance, would lose habitat.

**MoP3:** Loss of privacy; and issues with road and loss of green space.

**MoP4:** Thames Road is already a narrow road; part of the Ridegway, this will add to issues.

**MoP5:** Fully supports some sort of housing, Goring does need more homes, the architects have done a good job, but need to reconsider the access road.,

**MoP6:** Main issue is scale; so much bigger than the surrounding houses; and appears to be contrary to the neighbourhood plan.

**MoP7:** Over development; destruction of a nature corridor; agree we need more home; but not of this size.

**Neighbourhood Plan Advisor:** In planning law, the NFFP would trump the other policies in this area; the NPPF asks for the visual impact on the conservation area to be considered. The Development of the houses at the back is a separate issue to the change to the house at the front. There could be an argument for the main house to be converted to flats; with shared outside space. It could be argued that were the house to remain as one dwelling; a future owner may put a closed board fence and laurel hedge and the view of the period property would still be lost.

Members Present:

**Chairman** Cllr S Lofthouse (SL)  
**Vice-Chairman** Cllr D Brooker (DB)  
Cllr J Wills (JW)  
Cllr L Reavill (LR)  
Cllr B Urbick (BU) [Substitute Member]

Officers Present:

**Clerk** Mrs L White (LW)

Members of the Public and Press: More than 10.

**The meeting started: 10:15**

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

Apologies were received from Cllr M Bulmer.

**Resolved:** The reasons were given were approved, unanimously.



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

Cllr B Urbick attended as a substitute member.

**21.18.2. Declarations of Interests [LA 2011 s31]**

None

**21.18.3. To consider requests for Dispensations [LA 2011 s33]**

None

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

**21.18.4.1. Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021**

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

**21.18.4.2. Matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.**

None

**21.18.5. To consider applications and approve response to planning authority.**

**21.18.5.1. P22/S0788/FUL - Stow House; Thames Road; Goring; RG8 9AL**

*Demolition of a number of small ancillary structures and existing outbuilding and the erection of two three-bedroom semidetached dwellings, one four-bedroom dwelling and one five-bedroom detached dwelling with associated garages, parking provision, amended access and additional landscaping. (As amplified by section drawing received 31 March 2022)*

Comments made in the public forum were highlight; including access; green space. The neighbourhood plan gives weight to 2 & 3 bedroom homes; but these homes could be considered as 6/7 bedroom homes when you consider the “playroom” and “gym”.

Over Development and does not respect the area; or the neighbourhood plan.

**Resolved:** It was agreed unanimously to submit the response: Goring-on-Thames Parish Council Planning Committee OBJECT to this application. The application does not respect Policy 3 from the Goring Neighbourhood Plan, and is over development for this area. The houses are also too tall and oppressive to the neighbours; contravening neighbourhood plan policy 16. This is a Victorian area and developments should be in this style. It is felt is also contravenes the infill policy, GNP Policy 2; due to the size and the proposed development does not have appropriate access for refuse and other deliveries. The proposals do



not comply with the Oxfordshire parking policy and Policy 19 from the neighbourhood plan. The development also removes a vital ecological corridor which is against Policy 12 of the NP. The development is also adjacent to the Ridgeway Path and should have regard for Policy 20 of the neighbourhood plan. Should the application be approved, access via a different road should be given consideration.

**21.18.5.2. P22/S0785/HH - Stow House; Thames Road; Goring; RG8 9AL**

*Demolition of the single storey rear wing of Stow House and an existing outbuilding, removal of the swimming pool and the existing northern section of driveway and the erection of a one and a half storey outbuilding, consisting of a garage with ancillary accommodation.*

**Resolved:** It was agreed unanimously to submit the response: With reference to P22/S0788/FUL Goring-on-Thames Parish Council Planning Committee also OBJECT to this application. The application does not respect Policy 3 from the Goring Neighbourhood Plan, and is over development for this area; the houses are also too tall and oppressive to the neighbours; contravening neighbourhood plan policy 16. This is a Victorian area and developments should be in this style. It is felt is also contravenes the infill policy, GNP Policy 2; due to the size and the proposed development does not have appropriate access for refuse and other deliveries. The proposals do not comply with the Oxfordshire parking policy and Policy 19 from the neighbourhood plan. The development also removes a vital ecological corridor which is against Policy 12 of the NP. The development is also adjacent to the Ridgeway Path and should have regard for Policy 20 of the neighbourhood plan. Should the application be approved, access via a different road should be given consideration.

The entire development of this site needs to be reconsidered to be in line with the various applicable policies for the area. There are other locations in the village where developments such as this (for example Thames Bank; Court Gardens) have worked successfully.

It is noted that the developer was asked to consult with the Parish Council and to date; no consultation has been sought.

**21.18.5.3. P22/S1109/HH - 9 Springhill Road; Goring; RG8 0BY**

*Proposed ground and first floor side and rear extensions*

A comment as provided from an immediate neighbour was read out, they had been unable to attend the meeting.

There are no scaled plans showing both the extension and the neighbour. It is a substantial extension.

**Resolved:** It was agreed unanimously to submit the response: To submit a holding OBJECTION subject to the planning officer addressing the concerns raised by the immediate neighbour.



**21.18.5.4. P21/S5260/FUL - Bromsgrove Croft Road Goring RG8 9ES - AMENDED**

*Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) - partially convert the approved garage to a utility room; include two new rooflights at ground floor level, solar panels on the north elevation and minor changes to the approved landscaping on the landscaped boundaries on P19/S0540/FUL (As amended by plans and accompanying letter from agent dated 16 March 2022, received 17 March 2022) Demolition of existing attached triple garage and replacement with a detached triple garage, proposed railings to the front of the existing dwelling. Erection of a new 5-bed dwelling with linked garage on land to the rear.*

**GPC Planning Previous Response:** *Goring-on-Thames Parish Council maintains the previous OBJECTION to this application. The replacement garage still does not appear to be indicated on the drawings, this could be interpreted that a detached triple garage would be located at the rear of the existing house and may contain space not just for vehicles. So, full details should be provided.*

**Resolved:** It was agreed unanimously to submit the response: no objections to the variation of condition 2 amendments.

**21.18.5.5. P22/S0435/N4C - Upper Gatehampton Farm; Gatehampton Road; Goring; RG8 9LY – AMENDED**

*Change of use of barn from agricultural to proposed vehicle storage.*

**GPC Planning Previous Response:** *The Planning Committee OBJECTS to this application, this is a rural location, the track is not an appropriate access and there are concerns regarding traffic movements, and the increase of urban usage of this agricultural area.*

**Resolved:** It was agreed unanimously to submit the same response as before.

**21.18.6. To note planning authority decisions on applications.**

All items below were noted.

**21.18.6.1. P21/S5182/LB - Elm Cottage; Station Road; Goring; RG8 9HA – GRANTED**

*Replacement of kitchen window on the South side of the house (Additional information received 25 January 2022 as requested by Conservation and amended information received 09 March 2022).*

**GPC Planning Response:** *No Objections subject to Conservation Officer.*

**21.18.6.2. P21/S3832/FUL – Notley, Little Croft Road, Goring, RG8 9ER – GRANTED**

*Replacement dwelling*

**GPC Planning Response:** *No Objections.*

**21.18.6.3. P22/S0531/LDP – 78 Elvendon Road; Goring; RG8 0DR – CERTIFICATE ISSUED**

*Erection of single storey rear extension*

**GPC Planning Response:** *No Objections.*

**21.18.6.4. P22/S0126/HH - 4 Walnut Tree Court; Goring; RG8 9HW - GRANTED**

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

**GPC Planning Response:** *No Objections.*



**21.18.6.5. P21/S4426/HH – 23 Milldown Avenue; Goring; RG8 0AS – *REFUSED***

*Proposed ground and first floor side extension. Proposed new roof over existing garage (as amended by drawings received 15 December 2021, revising the single storey side element from solid wall and a flat-roof to a hipped roof sloping away from the neighbours boundary)*

**GPC Planning Response:** *No Objections; but The Parish Council does note however the detailed response to the planning consultation as submitted by the neighbour and ask that the planning officer reviewing this application ensures they are comfortable that the concerns of the neighbours have been address prior to a decision being made.*

**21.18.6.6. P22/S0057/HH - 94 Elvendon Road; Goring; RG8 0DR – *GRANTED***

*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).*

**GPC Planning Response:** *No Objections.*

**21.18.6.7. P22/S0370/LB & P22/S0369/HH – Tudor Cottage; Manor Road; Goring; RG8 9DR – *GRANTED***

*New single storey rear extension & minor internal alterations to ground floor.*

**GPC Planning Response:** *No Objections.*

**21.18.6.8. P21/S5261/HH – 18 Wallingford Road; Goring; RG8 0AY - *GRANTED***

*Lower three kerb sections to allow for improved access.*

**GPC Planning Response:** *No Objections, subject to a positive response from the Highways Officer*

**21.18.7. 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 items below were noted.

**21.18.7.1. P22/S1146/DIS - The Mill Cottage; Lock Approach; Goring; RG8 9AD**

*Discharge of condition 5(surface water drainage) on application P21/S3339/HH. (Demolition of existing day room and replace with new. Single storey link extension to provide main entrance and boot room. Demolition of existing sauna and replace with single storey extension to provide study. Internal alterations and external works. Demotion of storage sheds and extension to garage).*

**21.18.7.2. P22/S0654/DIS - 2 Woden House; Limetree Road; Goring; RG8 9EY**

*Discharge of conditions 4 (Tree Protection) and 5 (Surface Water Drainage) on planning application P21/S3944/HH (Proposed erection of a single storey rear extension.)*



**21.18.8. To note Withdrawal of Application; Prior to Decision by SODC.**

All items below were noted.

**21.18.8.1. 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.*

**21.18.9. 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.  
Expected Values: April 2022: £23,837.31; October 2022: £11,854.30; April 2023: £3,451.09*

**21.18.10. To Consider request to respond to SODC Request to Consult and agree actions or response:**

- Draft Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule and
- Draft Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Dealt with at a previous meeting, Not Applicable.

**21.18.11. To consider correspondence received**

None

**21.18.12. Matters for future discussion**

GNP3 Correspondence; to be noted at the next meeting.

**21.18.13. To confirm the date of the next meeting – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month)**

Confirmed

**Meeting Closed: 11:03**



<b>Title</b>	REPORT TO PARISH COUNCILS APR 2022
<b>Authors</b>	County Councillor K Bulmer
<b>Meeting</b>	Goring-on-Thames Parish Council Annual Council Meeting – 09 <sup>th</sup> May 2022

### FARMERS PROTEST AT CABINET MEETING – WITH JEREMY CLARKSON!



In December, the LibDem/Green/Labour administration at OCC forced through a motion at Full Council to “ensure that food provided at **all** council-catered events and meetings is entirely plant-based.” The motion also sought to “ensure that Council school meals services have plant-based menus available as part of their regular offer on at least **two** days per week.” In the face of a wall of negative publicity, including a demonstration by local farmers at County Hall that over-shadowed the council’s budget-setting meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February, the officer report published on 7<sup>th</sup> March massively scaled back the proposals. It recommended that the vegan diet was only to be imposed on councillors at Full Council meetings six or seven times a year and on the general public at civic events, with officers entirely exempt. A ‘graduated approach’, starting with one day per week, was to be applied to schools. The report was approved by Cabinet on 15<sup>th</sup> March, despite strong Conservative opposition. Once again, there was a large protest outside by farmers – including Jeremy Clarkson – as the meeting took place.

### PARTNERSHIP WITH CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Efforts to unpick the agreement between OCC and Cherwell District Council continue.

### INTERNATIONAL TRANS DAY OF VISIBILITY

On Thursday 31 March OCC celebrated the annual international Trans Day of Visibility (TDoV), which is dedicated to recognising the resilience and accomplishments of trans and non-binary people and raising awareness of discrimination and struggles faced by the trans community.

### FIRE AND RESCUE COMMUNITY RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

A four-year community risk management plan (CRMP) has been launched by OCC's Fire and Rescue Service as part of its commitment to reduce dangers from fires and other emergencies. The CRMP details priorities until 2026, divided into four categories: response, prevention, protection, and people and wellbeing. The plan's objectives include:

- Becoming a more diverse workforce.
- Targeting residents most at risk from fires and accidents.
- Reducing risks in commercial buildings and acting when dangerous situations are found.
- Maximising resources to provide the quickest responses to emergency calls.

### **FOCUS ON OXFORD CITY**

A large number of initiatives focusing on the city of Oxford have been announced or continue. These include: electric buses; e-cargo bikes; zero emission city grant; Folly Bridge repairs; Kennington improvement programme; Oxford City Football Club land issues.

### **WOMEN'S TOUR CYCLING RACE SET FOR OXFORDSHIRE FINALE**

The 2022 Women's Tour, an international women's cycling stage race, will end with an Oxfordshire finale in June. Stage six will start in Chipping Norton before culminating in Oxford city centre. OCC is one of race organiser SweetSpot's sponsors.

### **RESIDENTS URGED TO FOLLOW THE CODE AND 'SCRAP' FLY TIPPING**

The Oxfordshire Resources and Waste Partnership, made up of all the councils in Oxfordshire, has launched a campaign to SCRAP fly tipping by making sure people know their responsibilities when it comes to disposing of their waste.

Residents are being urged to follow the SCRAP code, developed by the Hertfordshire Waste Partnership, to avoid fines and prosecution:

- Suspect all waste carriers.
- Check with the Environment Agency through its [website](#) or on 03708 506 506 that the provider taking waste away is licensed.
- Refuse unexpected offers to have waste taken away.
- Ask what will happen to your waste.
- Paperwork should be obtained – such as a detailed invoice, waste transfer note or full receipt.

### **PRIORITIES OF LIBDEM/GREEN/LABOUR ADMINISTRATION**

The administration has re-announced its plan for the period of 2022 to 2025. The plan details nine key priorities the council aims to address, including tackling inequalities in the county, the climate emergency and creating more opportunities for children and young people. Unfortunately, Highways issues such as road repairs and drainage are not mentioned, despite these matters featuring in the majority of emails received by most councillors. Details can be found here: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/our-vision-0>



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<b>Authors</b>	District Councillor M Filipova-Rivers
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### **Homes for Ukraine**

SODC are redeploying staff to ensure Ukrainian refugees moving to the district get the support and help that they need. If a household has applied to be a host under the governments Homes from Ukraine scheme.

Please note, if you have applied to become a host and know the exact date of your ‘guests’ arrival, or your guests have arrived and you are yet to be contacted please let me know or email [communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk) so that your case can be escalated. The arrival dates on the government platform are on always reliable.

### **Accommodation**

The majority of the accommodation visits across the county have now either been carried out or booked in – the availability of hosts over Easter has played a part here.

The number of properties being rejected for overcrowding or poor housing conditions remains very low in every district. There are a small number of partially approved properties that are waiting for improvements. The number of properties where guests have arrived before the accommodation visit takes place is also very low. We will continue to book in visits for new host properties that enter the system over the next few weeks.

### **Community support**

As a partnership, we have been working with Asylum Welcome to ensure that both hosts and Ukrainians have access to a network of support – and that it is as safe and effective as possible. Asylum Welcome is keeping a track of all offers of community support across the county. To make best use of this significant response, together, we are proposing to expand the community liaison officer resource available in each district and the city to coordinate, advise and refer guests to the support that is available to them, including across housing, education and health.

### **Schools**

School places are being found for Ukrainian children. Applications for school places from guests are being considered alongside all other applications but the county council is working hard to ensure that places are offered as close as possible to where guests are living.

We recognise that schools provide significant wrap around support to all children and are often the first port of call for identifying welfare concerns, so we are encouraging hosts and guests to register the Ukrainian children in their care for school places as soon as possible once they have arrived in Oxfordshire.

The county council is also writing to all headteachers on Monday when schools return for the summer term, reminding them of their responsibility to provide free school meals for any Ukrainian children that are placed with them. Officers will contact any individual schools where issues are identified to resolve these quickly.

### **Health**

The government has recently published some [guidance](#) to help primary health care professionals assess and address the health needs of Ukrainian guests. Councillors may find some of the insight shared within this guidance helpful in understanding more about our guests.

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.

### **Power Plant Appeal**

An appeal relating to application number P20/S4706/FUL has been deposited with the District Council as Local Planning Authority. Full details of this application can be found on our website [here](#).

This is a sad but not unexpected. SODC will be defending the decision of the Planning Committee who refused the application.

The appeal will be determined **on the basis of written representations**. The procedure to be followed is set out in Part 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Written Representations Procedure) (England) Regulations 2009, as amended.

If you wish to make comments, or modify/withdraw your previous representation, you can do so online at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> If you do not have access to the internet, you can send your comments to:

Sophie Woodruff, The Planning Inspectorate Room 3B Eagle Wing Temple Quay House 2 The Square Bristol BS1 6PN

**All representations must be received by 17th May 2022. Any representations submitted after the deadline will not usually be considered and will be returned. The Planning Inspectorate does not acknowledge representations. All representations must quote the appeal reference.**

You can get a copy of one of the Planning Inspectorate's "Guide to taking part in enforcement appeals" booklets free of charge from GOV.UK at [Taking part in a planning, listed building or enforcement appeal - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

or from us. When made, the decision will be published online at:

<https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

### **Investment in Infrastructure**

In the budget for this year assigned 2.5 million from developer contributions to infrastructure across South Oxfordshire.

A further £6.5 million has been approved for OCC projects relating to transport and education.

### **Revenue Grants for Voluntary Sector Organisations**

Voluntary organisations in South Oxfordshire whose work includes supporting young people, providing vital help and advice for residents, and protecting the environment have been awarded £667,992 in grant funding.

South Oxfordshire District Council awarded the funds to 22 organisations to help them improve the quality of life for the residents and communities they serve, whilst making sustainable plans for their future work.

Environmental charities including Earth Trust, River Thame Conservation Trust and

Wild Oxfordshire were awarded funds to help with their work in our natural world benefitting nature and residents. All applications for the grant were asked to consider how their organisation, activities and services are working towards addressing the climate emergency – a key priority as set out in our Corporate Plan.

Supporting vulnerable residents is also a focus of the funding, with local information and advice services awarded funds. Riverside Counselling, a charity based in Henley, with services also in Wallingford, Didcot and Berinsfield, were awarded £45,568 to help them provide counselling services to adults and young people from the age of 12. Thomley Hall Ltd in Thame, a charity for children and families with autism and complex needs, received £70,000 from the grant scheme.

### **Performance management Report for SODC- Q3 2021**

Please find the latest published performance management report for SODC around the 6 Corporate Plan objectives:

<https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2022/03/Quarterly-Report-South-Q3-V5-draft-for-Cabinet-Members-Website.pdf>

### **Consultations**

#### **Register your interest in council consultations**

You can get involved and have your say by registering on our consultation database of contacts that we use for engaging and consulting local communities on a variety of matters, from helping us to prepare a new council website to being formally consulted on new policies or plans.

If you want to receive notifications and updates of future council consultations, please register <https://survey.southandvale.gov.uk/s/consultationsignup/>

#### **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](#).

#### **Street naming consultation**

The government is asking people to comment on proposals to alter process for changing street names. This includes replacing the current system with a single requirement for a residents' vote on any changes to street names and some changes to regulations and statutory guidance for councils. To find out more and to have your say visit <https://consult.communities.gov.uk/planning-reform-legislation/technical-consultation-on-street-naming/>

**Oxfordshire Climate Change survey**

The county council is running a survey to discover people's understanding of and opinions about climate change across Oxfordshire. This is part of a countywide project we're involved in to increase awareness of the impact of climate change and inspire behaviour change.

The survey results will be used to help develop a new online tool to help people across Oxfordshire find climate actions they can take which are relevant to them.

Residents can take part in the survey using these links: [https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/climate-change/survey\\_tools/survey14870](https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/climate-change/survey_tools/survey14870)



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Traffic Management, Parking & Pedestrian Safety  
Committee of the Goring Parish Council**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 10:30 am, Gardiner Pavilion

**Public Forum (prior to the start of the meeting)**

No comments

**Members Present:**

Chairman Cllr Sonia Lofthouse (SL)  
Members Cllr David Brooker (DB)  
Cllr Bryan Urbick (BU)

**Officers Present:**

Clerk Laura White (LW)

**Public and Press:** 1

**Meeting started 10:30**

**21.13.1. To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given. (LGA 1972 s85(1))**

None

**21.13.2. Declarations of Interests (LA 2011 s31)**

None

**21.13.3. To consider requests for Dispensations [LA 2011 s33]**

None

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

**21.13.4.1. Meeting held on 09<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021**

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

**21.13.4.2. Matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.**

None



**COMMITTEE PROJECTS**

**21.13.5. Station Road**

- 21.13.5.1. Noting the updated terms of Reference for this Committee, to disband the Station Road Sub-Committee in its current form.**

Noted

- 21.13.5.2. To approve Terms of Reference for a new Station Road Sub-Committee Appendix A**

**Resolved:** Approved as written, unanimous.

- 21.13.5.3. To appoint members to the Station Road Sub-Committee**

**Resolved:** Unanimously approved, to appoint the 3 councillors of this Committee and to appoint Ms B Cooke, subject to further discussion with them about taking up the position. Should Ms Cooke decline the appointment, to advertise to the wider community the open position.

- 21.13.5.4. To approve the wording; distribution and data collection method for the informal consultation. Appendix B**

Various items were discussed, including an e-mail received from a Member of Public, suggesting that the consultation on the parking suspension should include all homes in the village.

Minor wording corrections where made, the updated version appended to these minutes.

**Resolved:** Unanimously approved to amalgamate this consultation with the other two consultations which need to go out in the village this month, including posting the questions to the website. Following the previously agreed format – delivered by hand to every home with a pre-printed freepost envelope.

- 21.13.5.5. To re-approve budget for informal consultation of Residents of Station Road and the Roads leading off Station Road, in light of updated ToR for this Committee and delegated powers.**

**Resolved:** Approved budget of £100 from this committee to support the printing costs.

**21.13.6. Yew Tree Court**

- 21.13.6.1. To note, OCC have been written to regarding resident complaints over the confusing road markings.**

No Update.

[ACTION] SL to visit the resident who made the original traffic complaint.



**21.13.7. High Street – Loading/Waiting**

**21.13.7.1. To note, McColls has been written to as per action of previous meeting.**

No Update.

**21.13.8. Matters for future discussion.**

None

**21.13.9. To confirm the time and date of the next meeting.**

**21.13.9.1. To consider selecting a recurring meeting date for this committee.**

**Resolved:** Approved to meet Monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month, unanimously.

Next meetings: 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022; 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022; 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

Meeting Closed: 11:12



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Communications Committee  
of the Goring-On-Thames Parish Council  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7:30pm**

**Public Forum:**

MoP reiterated a communication received by the committee from that MoP in advance of the meeting.

**Members Present:**

**Chairman** Cllr E McCorkell (EM)  
**Members** Cllr M Brown (MBr)  
Cllr B Urbick (BU)

**Officers Present:**

**Clerk** Mrs L White (LW)

**Public & Press:** 1 MoP

**Meeting Started: 14:01**

**21.05.1. To elect a Chairman of the Committee**

**Resolved:** To appoint Cllr E McCorkell as Chairman, unanimous.

**21.05.2. To receive Chairman's acceptance of office**

Signed and Received.

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

None

**21.05.4. Declarations of Interests [LA 2011 s31]**

None

**21.05.5. To consider requests for Dispensations [LA 2011 s33]**

None





**21.05.5.1. To consider the how to communicate on the upcoming consultations for: Open Spaces and Village Entrance Signs.**

*Proposal: Distributing A5 leaflet to every home, inviting homes without internet access to contact the Clerk directly for paper copies of both consultations.*

**21.05.5.2. To approve printing and delivery budget & methods**

**Proposal:** To approve £250 budget to ask Dor2Dor to deliver, £400 printing budget for full question leaflets.

[ACTION Clerk to Contact a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Group as to how they ensured all homes received requests to consult]

**21.05.5.3. To approve general layout, and approve that the final wording will be agreed by e-mail between the members of the communications committee and the Clerk.**

The Chairman invited the Member of Public to Speak; who stated that the questions should not be overly complicated and have people think too hard.

**Resolved:** Approved unanimously to: put through every door, ask for responses from all members of the community aged 16y and above. Final decision as to whether to have full questionnaire through door, or a leaflet asking people to go to the website to answers, and final wording, delegated to the Clerk, in consultation with the members of this committee.

**21.05.6. To consider how to prepare submissions to the GGN**

**21.05.6.1. To approve to hold informal meetings to divide the topics, as chosen by the Council, between members of the committee & the Clerk.**

**Resolved:** Approved, Unanimous.

**21.05.6.2. To approve that the content of the submissions will be circulated between the members of the committee and the Clerk, to check for factual accuracy prior to the Clerk submitting the articles to Goring Gap News by the Copy Date on behalf of the council.**

**Resolved:** Approved, Unanimous.

This month:

- Winter & Summer of Play, Move to the Pavilion – BU
- Dog Waste – MBr
- Enforcement & Memorial Benches – EM



**21.05.6.3. To approve topic list for upcoming editions where no council meeting has been held that month. Proposals include:**

- *December Submission (January Edition): Budgeting and Council Finance*
- *February Submission (March Edition): Planning and the Role of the PC or Annual Meeting of the Parish Report, dependant on when Annual Meeting of the Parish is held.*
- *April Submission (May Edition): Whichever not published in March.*

**Resolved:** Approved, with Role of the Clerk, targeted for January Edition.

**21.05.7. Matters for future discussion**

None

**21.05.8. To confirm the date of the next meeting will be agreed via email when need arises.**

Confirmed.

**Meeting Closed: 14:27**