



Minutes of a Council Meeting of the Goring-on-Thames Parish Council

Monday 21st March 2022 at 19:30, Belleme Room, Goring Village Hall

Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting

MoP1: Asked that the Council ask our County Councillor to produce less political reports. Asked also why the Physical Trainers have such low tariffs.

MoP2: Proposed the Council consider redirecting the Summer of Play budget to the Ukrainian humanitarian crisis.

Members Present:

Vice-Chairman	Cllr Bryan Urbick (BU) [Chaired the Meeting in the Absence of the Chairman]
Members	Cllr David Brooker (DB) Cllr Sonia Lofthouse (SL) Cllr Emma McCorkell [EM] Cllr Lawrence Reavill (LR)

Officers Present:

Clerk	Laura White (LW)
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Public and Press:	At least 14
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Meeting started 19:30

21.17-2.1. To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given. [LGA 1972 s85(1)]

Apologies were received from Cllrs K Bulmer; M Bulmer; J Wills; T Virgo-Harris.

Resolved: Approved unanimously to approve the reasons given.

21.17-2.2. Declarations of Interests [LA 2011 s31]

None

21.17-2.3. To consider requests for Dispensations [LA 2011 s33]

None

21.17-2.4. To approve the minutes of previous council meetings [LA 1972 Sch 12. Para 41(1)]

21.17-2.4.1. Meeting held on 14th February 2022

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



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21.17-2.4.2. Meeting held on the 07th March 2022

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

21.17-2.4.3. Matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.

None

21.17-2.5. To receive Chairman's report and announcements

The deadline for the nominations for the election is 4pm on Wednesday 23rd March 2022.

21.17-2.6. To receive reports from District and County Councillors

No comments were received in addition to the reports.

Resolved: Both reports received, unanimous

21.17-2.6.1. Oxfordshire County Councillor; K Bulmer

Appendix A

21.17-2.6.2. South Oxfordshire District Councillor; M Filipova-Rivers

Appendix B

21.17-2.7. To receive communications and agree actions

Appendix C

21.17-2.7.1. Proposed Meeting Recording System

It was confirmed that there could be a live option or recording option and just putting the record on the website.

Resolved: Approved unanimously to seek 3 quotes giving both the live and recorded options for recording and subsequently ask the community if there is a group who wishes to purchase / run the system.

21.17-2.8. Planning

21.17-2.8.1. To receive the minutes of meetings of:

- 26th October 2021
- 23rd November 2021
- 14th December 2021
- 01st February 2022

Appendix D1

Appendix D2

Appendix D3

Appendix D4

Resolved: All the minutes as listed above were received, unanimous.

21.17-2.8.2. To consider applications and approve response to the planning authority:

21.17-2.8.2.1 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.



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Resolved: Unanimously approved to move this item to a future meeting as there is an intrinsically linked application to also discuss, for which consultation has not been presented to the Council.

21.17-2.8.3. To ratify comments which were submitted due to the cancelled meeting of the 14th March 2022.

Resolved: unanimously approved to ratify the three submissions detailed below:

21.17-2.8.3.1 P22/S0444/HH: Luffield House, 85A Wallingford Road, Goring, RG8 0HL

Construction of a contemporary timber clad garden building.

Submitted Response: No Objections

21.17-2.8.3.2 P22/S0622/HH: Sweet Briar Cottage, High Street, Goring, RG8 9BB

Single storey rear extension

Submitted Response: No Objections

21.17-2.8.3.3 P22/S0671/HH: Haydown, Elvendon Road, Goring, RG8 0DT

Proposed side extension.

Submitted Response: *The Parish Council OBJECTS to this application, there are reasonable concerns on over development in particular east facing windows there appears to be potential overlooking from windows and rooflights adjacent to the boundary. There are also concerns about tree protection now and in the future. There is some confusion about existing planning from 2009. Is this out of date / abandoned / does this application supersede it?*

21.17-2.9. Clerk's Report

Appendix E

21.17-2.9.1. To approve OALC membership for the Financial Year 2022-2023; £606.25 (excluding VAT)

Resolved: Approved to continue OALC membership, budget £606.25, unanimous.

21.17-2.9.2. To approve Clerk project Management training, "for Non-Project Managers", budget £100.

Resolved: Approved to book for the Clerk & Assistant Clerk to attend, budget £200, unanimous.

21.17-2.9.3. 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.

Resolved: Approved to update and send the template letter, unanimous.

21.17-2.9.4. To agree actions pertaining to the upcoming election for the vacant seat. (Clerk Availability etc)

Resolved: Approved, Clerk Availability, Unanimous

21.17-2.9.5. To approve a request to attach flagpole holders to the bridge lampposts for the Jubilee celebrations

Resolved: Approved to allow the attachment of flagpole holders, as long as they do not foul the new hanging basket brackets, unanimous.



21.17-2.9.6. To consider locations for the SODC Deep Clean in May 2022.

Resolved: Approved to request in order of preference, Thames Road, High Street, Wallingford Road, Cleeve Road, Icknield Road, unanimous.

21.17-2.10. Results of Public Consultation “Your Opinion Matters”

Appendix K

21.17-2.10.1. To receive the report

Resolved: Approved to receive the report, By Majority.

21.17-2.10.2. To delegate applying for a Trial Pedestrian Safety Scheme on Station Road to the Traffic Management, Parking and Pedestrian Safety Committee, including suspension of parking bays, including determining key success measures to be able to evaluate after the trial period has ended and agree other actions.

Resolved: Approved to delegate all items detailed to the Traffic Management, Parking and Pedestrian Safety Committee to progress, unanimous.

21.17-2.10.3. To consider providing some temporary parking places during the trial period, delegate details to the Traffic Management, Parking and Pedestrian Safety Committee.

It was discussed that there is 23hour per day availability for parking on Croft Road

Resolved: Approved unanimously, to reject the idea of free parking spaces, but pursue a sign indicating the free parking in Croft Road, installation of the signs delegated to the Traffic Management, Parking and Pedestrian Safety Committee to progress, unanimous.

21.17-2.10.4. To amend the previous decision and approve leaving the welcome/entry signs as they are.

OCC Highways to be notified immediately of the consultation results and that the signs should state ‘Goring’ and that there should be no name change, and no new signs at this time.

The matter could be reconsidered at the time the signs would naturally need to be changed.

Resolved: Approved by Majority, to reverse the decision as previously made. The signs to be left for their remaining natural life, and notify OCC of the decision.

21.17-2.10.5. To consider allowing Goring in Bloom to commission, fund & maintain in perpetuity their own accolade signs, to be mounted below the current signs, should they so wish to pursue the matter.

Resolved: Approved unanimously.

21.17-2.10.6. To note the overview and detail of all comments to be provided by the Public Spaces Strategy Working Group, to the appointed Landscape Architect so as to finalise the report and make recommendations for the Public Spaces Strategy document.

Anonymised data also to be available on the website by mid-April, or earlier if possible.

Resolved: Noted, Unanimous.



21.17-2.11. To receive reports and consider actions arising from Working Groups and Committees

21.17-2.11.1. NP Strategic Project – Goring CofE Primary School WG

A summary of the recent meeting was detailed. Their long term plans have significantly changed, due to projected drop in school numbers. It was noted the Governors have been informed that CIL can only be used to support village development, not fix known maintenance issues with the school. It was noted that there would be a significant shortfall in monies in the coming years.

21.17-2.11.2. Conservation Area Appraisal WG

The Report from the Working Group [WG] was read out by the Clerk.

The first complete draft text of the Goring conservation area appraisal has been sent to SODC. The group is now waiting for feedback from the conservation officers and, probably after some editing, they will slot the text and photographs into their proforma.

There are still a few outstanding photographs to collect, and the WG will need to create maps to accompany the text - for this the WG will need some guidance from the SODC officers.

The Annex cataloguing the buildings of local historic or architectural interest is also complete.

When the draft appraisal is complete, SODC will run a public consultation process before adoption. The form that this will take is still unknown.

Personal thanks were offered to the working group for their work.

21.17-2.11.3. Traffic Management, Parking & Pedestrian Safety Committee

Meeting to be held next week.

21.17-2.11.4. Station Road Sub-Committee

Meeting to be held immediately after next Traffic Management, Parking & Pedestrian Safety Committee meeting.

21.17-2.11.5. Communications Committee

No Update.

21.17-2.11.6. Public Spaces Review

Appendix F

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

Representations were made on behalf of the three sports: Croquet; Bowls & Cricket.

Croquet

Croquet is a wide ranging activity, which attracts all ages. It is played all year and on a well maintained surface such as a Bowls Green. The Gardiner Pavilion would be ideal for the heavy hoops and the central

village location at the Gardiner would be ideal for spectators. The Bowls Green should be protected and not beneath cricket nets.

Bowls

It is still their intention to move away, however there have been delays such as gaining planning permission and then COVID delaying the ability to get quotes etc. The delay in time has also meant the costs have escalated significantly. It is not that the bowls club don't want to relinquish the green, the funding is the issue. It is likely they will get some more additional grant funding, but likely still a £2-3k shortfall to make up. It is likely the bowls green will not be needed past September 2022, but without making up the shortfall in funding it can't be guaranteed they can move. There is no other activity for the specific age range in question.

Cricket

The Club is proud of the build up of a cricket academy growing from 150—250 children (approximately 2/3 Goring Residents). Most of the academy growth is centred around and critically supported by the 2 lanes of cricket nets. The vacating of the Bowls Club was seen as ideal as it is very easy and the perfect place to set up a 4 lane facility on top. The build is 3-4 weeks.

The current facilities of just 2 nets, means there is a waiting list of local children to join the academy.

Adult members, approximately 50 members (50% Goring Residents).

The facility would be one of the best in the county and could be a revenue generator for the Council and Club, should that be considered.

The current facility needs replacing and this is proposed as a once in a generation opportunity. This facility is fully enclosed, so could be used at the same time as a match unlike the current facility. There would be no requirement for lighting.

It was noted the area under consideration is within the Conservation Area.

The club said it felt that should the nets be on the Sheepcot, it would be like having two separate clubs, as training involves both the cricket square and the nets.

Resolved: Approved to allow Bowls to have a licence to the end of 2022 subject to them sharing with Croquet. Cricket would then be allowed to use the Bowls Green Space from January 2023, with the proviso that Bowls may need to extend for at a maximum just one more year subject to them securing their funding to move, and support exploring the option of Croquet at the Sheepcot Recreation Ground in the future.



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21.17-2.11.7. Jubilee Garden update

Appendix G

- To receive proposals and signs.

Resolved: Approved by Majority to select the following sign:

2. Platinum on purple



Resolved: Approved Unanimously to select the following posts (hardwood).

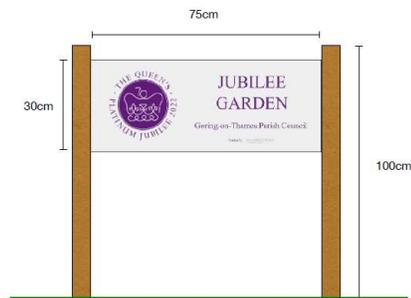
Option 1

Hardwood posts

This is the preferred option

Cost: £600 incl VAT

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



Resolved: It was approved unanimously to accept an anonymous donation and install the Jubilee tree canopy plaque.



21.17-2.11.8. To receive results of the Speed Surveys and agree actions

Appendix H

Resolved: The report was received, it was agreed to proceed with the 20mph application and Cllr Urbick would provide the Autumn 2021 survey data to the Clerk, Unanimous.



21.17-2.12. Reduction in funding for Bus Service

Resolved: Approved to write and send both letters, unanimous.

21.17-2.12.1. To approve requesting the Clerk to write to the Chief Executive and Cabinet Member for Traffic requesting more support for Bus Services

21.17-2.12.2. To approve requesting the Clerk to write to the Local MP to lobby Central Government for more support for Bus Services

21.17-2.13. Finance

Appendix I

21.17-2.13.1. To approve payments for January, February & March 2022

Payments in addition to this list for March 2022, to be approved at the next full Council Meeting.

Resolved: Approved payments in Appendix, plus Dog Waste £897, for Quarter 4 and £240 for Pavilion Cleaning March, unanimous.

21.17-2.13.2. To note receipts for 1st January 2022 → 16th March 2022

Resolved: Noted, unanimous.

21.17-2.13.3. To note the reconciled bank account and reserves balances as at 28th February 2022

Resolved: Noted, unanimous.

21.17-2.13.4. 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.

Resolved: Noted, unanimous.

21.17-2.13.5. 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.

Resolved: Approved, unanimous.

21.17-2.13.6. To approve the tariff list for the Financial Year 2022-2023.

Resolved: Approved unanimously with the following amendments:

Occasional Use PT hire: £30 per hour, booked in advance, if not booked full commercial rate. Limit music 9am-4pm, the doors must be shut, if you have more than 3 people, pay a group rate of £65 per hour.

Full Day PT Hire: Published Rates

Holiday Sports Clubs for Children: £5 + VAT per child participant.

To be reviewed in 6 months.



21.17-2.14. Governing Documents

21.17-2.14.1. To approve the updated Equality Policy

Appendix J

Resolved: Approved, unanimous.

21.17-2.15. To consider and, if thought fit, approve the following motion: In view of the confidential nature of the business about to transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.

Resolved: It was unanimously approved to exclude the public and press, and they were asked to withdraw.

21.17-2.15.1. To consider a matter pertaining to staffing

An update was received.

21.17-2.15.2. To consider grass cutting tenders and award contract, or approve further actions.

The details of the process to ask for tenders was detailed; including seeking 5 tenders. Only one full tender was received.

Resolved: Approved unanimously to award to M&C Landscapes for 1 year only, and to re-run the tender process again.

21.17-2.15.3. To consider quote for Legionella testing and preventative maintenance for water systems

Resolved: Approved unanimously, to award to SMS Environmental, without Shower Descaling and Temperature Checks, total =£1,274.75

21.17-2.15.4. To consider Quote for Weeding for FY 2022-2023

Resolved: Approved to cancel weeding in accordance with the Environmental & Sustainability Policy.

21.17-2.15.5. To consider Quote for Dog Waste Collection for FY 2022-2023

Resolved: Approved to cancel current Waste Collections. To instruct the Shield group, two collections per week for all waste, subject to appropriate checks for WTN, and disposal policies.

21.17-2.16. Matters for future discussion.

Additional dog waste bins.

Review of the Neighbourhood Plan.

21.17-2.17. To agree list of items from this meeting to be submitted to the Goring Gap News as a Parish Council Update.

Public Consultation.



21.17-2.18. To confirm the time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

Confirmed: 9th May 2022 – Annual Council Meeting

Meeting closed: 21:30