

# **Village Environment Working Group**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### 1. Remit

To improve, monitor and maintain the village environment, helping to ensure that Goring is a pleasant and safe environment for residents and villagers.

Where applicable work with other stakeholders to deliver on its objectives.

Make recommendations to the full council on matters requiring council expenditure.

Provide routine written updates to council.

# 2. Frequency of meetings

To meet monthly or as required.

# 3. Appointment of members

The working group will be appointed by council and comprise of at least three councillors, with a quorum of two.

## 4. Delegated authority

The environment working group has no delegated authority, but will work with the clerk, full council and other stakeholders to achieve its aims.

## 5. Scope

- Monitoring of parish council maintained assets and highlighting any care and maintenance issues to the clerk and/or maintenance staff.
- Monitoring the wider environment and liaising with the appropriate parties including
  - Oxfordshire County Council
  - o South Oxfordshire County Council
  - Great Western Railways and Network Rail
  - Goring C of E primary School
  - Environment agency and Thames water
  - Shop keepers, landlords and owners/trustees of other public buildings etc
- Requesting specific "clean ups"
- Liaising with bodies with similar aims, such as Goring in Bloom and Mend the Gap, to ensure a coordinated approach.
- Proposing enhancements to the parish council on environmental matters including
  - Mowing of open spaces
  - Maintenance of Goring burial ground
  - o Cutting of trees and hedgerows

### 6. Review

This Terms of Reference document was approved for use at the meeting of the Parish Council on 10th July 2023, it shall be reviewed periodically.

Signed: Dated: 10th July 2023

C. Radcliff, Chair to the Council