



## GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 10:30, Gardiner Pavilion

#### Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting

None present.

#### Members Present:

Chair	Cllr C. Ratcliff (CR)
Vice-Chair	Cllr A. Smith (AS)
Members	Cllr S. Bridle (SB)
	Cllr J. Hutchins (JH)
	Cllr J. Emerson (JE)
	Cllr R. Williamson (RW)
	Cllr B. Newman (BN)

#### Officers Present:

Clerk	Sarah Edmunds (SE)
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**Public and Press:** None

#### Meeting started 10:30

#### 23.05.1 To receive apologies for absence [LGA 1972 s85(1)]

Apologies were received in advance of the meeting from Cllrs D Brooker; E McCorkell & S Lofthouse

#### 23.05.2 Declarations of Interests [LA 2011 s31]

SB declared non-pecuniary interest as on committee of Goring in Bloom

#### 23.05.3 To consider requests for Dispensations [LA 2011 s33]

None.

#### 23.05.4 Standing Orders were suspended to allow further Public Participation

Chair reopened the public forum to allow SB to make representation as a MoP and then requested she leave the meeting.

SB spoke as a MoP re Goring in Bloom (GiB), she was delighted to see council willing to extend contract. Some practical points, a query why to spend money on brackets, existing arcade brackets better quality than the new supplier. If going down that route will need permission from management and/or tenants. Sponsorship for arcade has been offered, the problem in the past is been if owners give donation, there is



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a knock on to the tenants as this is recharged and this worries her, so GiB subsidises the baskets to help struggling businesses. Davis Tate, the hanging eyes under canopy are ok as are all the brackets, considers it a waste of money changing them. She also said it was inconvenient having daytime meetings which may discourage the public from attending.

[SB left the meeting to allow a vote on item 23.05.5 to proceed]

**23.05.5 To approve the quote of £1236 (ex VAT) for an additional 12 Hanging Baskets and 10 brackets from the existing supplier with the cost being recharged to businesses where appropriate.**

Goring in Bloom [GiB] decided not to continue with hanging baskets this year (mainly due to the amount of watering) but have continued to look after other areas and the planters in the village. GoTPC sought another supplier, considered the quotes, and selected one, approving enough budget to cover the GoTPC owned posts and two of the businesses approached who decided to join the scheme. The rest declined. GiB have reapproached the businesses and now another 12 baskets can be installed subject to resolution by GoTPC

**Resolved:** Unanimously approved to install 12 additional baskets and brackets, budget £1236 using the existing Village Planting budget. Supplier to provide a copy of their risk assessment.

**23.05.6 Items for a future agenda.**

Councillors reminded to send Notice of Motion Proposals if they wish a specific item to be included.

**23.05.7 To note the time and date of the Next Council Meeting: 7.30pm Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Noted

**Meeting Closed: 11.16**