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1	Action #	Title	Current Status	Owner	Action Status
2	2023-01	OCC Town and Parish Charter	To be considered should OCC consult. If not to review in September 2023	Clerk	Awaiting info - still no date set for launch
3	2023-02	East Cottage Right of Access	Resolved 12 June 2023 to follow the due process of disposal and delegate to Clerk to prepare final agreement in conjunction with Council solicitors, subject to including the proposed amendment that access will only be given to EC as a single private dwelling house and no further development. Contribution towards costs to be requested from other party.	Clerk	To be brought back to Council once the final agreement is prepared.
6	2023-05	Bollards Car Park	Resolved 12 June 2023 to install bollards on all parking spaces	Clerk	on main agenda
7	2023-06	Streetlighting Contract	July 6 month extension agreed with Enerveo, Number of LED's reviewed and contract renewal payments have been reduced. 12 June 2023 Resolved to delegate to the Clerk to negotiate length of contract, number of LEDs ask for it to be reviewed as number of LED change or ask if existing contract can be extended a month. In consultation with finance committee.	Clerk	awaiting a call back from OCC Dept regarding replacing Sodium with LED



Focus on Parishes with Cllr Freddie van Mierlo (Chalgrove and Watlington)

September 2023

Welcome to my monthly update, shared in the first week of every month.

Upcoming meetings:

- 5th September: Nettlebed Parish Council
- 7th September: Chalgrove Parish Council
- 11th September: Lewknor Parish Council
- 12th September: OCC Full Council, Oxford
- 12th September: Watlington Parish Council
- 13th September: Place Scrutiny Committee, Oxford
- 13th September: Little Milton Parish Council
- 14th September: Berrick Salome Parish Council

***** OCC NEWS*****

New proposed rural bus services: OCC's 2023-24 budget included £800,000 for the provision of improved rural transport. For many communities this will herald the return of public transport coverage for the first time since 2016. Buses are likely to take the form of a minibus (16 seats), depending on demand and responses to tenders. OCC has reached out to parish councils for views on possible new services from Watlington to Thame and Reading. Comments should be sent to OCC by 29th September to communitytransport@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

Community Transport Grants: OCC has launched new grant funding to support new and improved community transport provision. A total of £250,000 is available for the wider Oxfordshire area, with a maximum per application of £50,000. Grants can be for scheduled bus service using volunteers, a minibus scheme, voluntary car schemes or a wheel to work scheme. Deadline for applications: 29th September 2023. Questions can be sent to communitytransport@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Apply to get EV charging points: Local councils and community organisations are being invited to 'express an interest' in hosting an electric vehicle micro-hub. Examples of suitable locations include village halls, community centres, community pubs and shops, schools and places of faith. EV charging points will be installed for free by OCC, with funding from the government. Deadline: 15 September. Apply [here](#)

OCC to decarbonise vehicles: Funding has been made available to switch OCC's fleet of vehicles to electric vehicles, in line with the council's 2030 [climate action framework](#). The switch will also provide an opportunity to modernize OCC's fleet management.

Empty properties for Ukrainians: People with vacant properties are encouraged to consider letting them to Ukrainian refugees. People with suitable properties will receive, one month rent in advance, a security deposit payment; and a £1,000 thank you payment. Contact: oxfordshirehousingcapacity@southandvale.gov.uk

Trial of longer lasting road surface: A west Oxfordshire road was resurfaced with a high performance [material](#) to test the product's ability to increase the life of a highway.

*****NEWS IN BRIEF*****

Views sought on adult social care workforce: [Survey](#) live until 12 September

*****GRANTS AND COST OF LIVING*****

Councillor priority fund: Open for applications

Community Capacity Grants: The Community Capacity Fund will open for grant applications from 6th September. Grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 are funded by OCC and applications processed by [Oxfordshire Community Foundation](#). Grants are given to projects that "support people to live well in their community, remaining fit and healthy for as long as possible"

Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund: Government run fund, where eligible organisations can apply for between £10,000 and £75,000. [Applications](#) by 16 October

Hardship fund: OCC's hardship fund ([Resident Support Scheme](#)) was launched in June. Phone: 01865 804171

Police and crime commissioner grants: [Applications](#) open to help prevent crime. Closes 11th September

*****PARISH ROUND-UP *****

Not all parishes are covered – below is a selection of the main updates.

Berrick Salome

- **Footpath cleared:** Footpath between Rokemarsh and Benson cleared of vegetation.

Chalgrove

- **Ridgepoint:** OCC officers have raised again with senior management of Ridgepoint the issue of mud on the highway.

Cuxham:

- **Damage to railings:** Damaged railings in Cuxham are due to be fixed.

Great Milton

- **Broadband:** Provision of megafast broadband to the Pavilion to go ahead with cabling underground

Watlington

- **Road closure:** Closure of part of Shirburn road will be close, 4-6 September, 20.00-6.00 (night-time only), for work by Thames Water and Airband
- **Red Kite View to Cuxham Road path:** Bloor have provided revised plans to OCC. OCC are reviewing as a priority.
- **Christmas Common Flooding:** Drainage contractors have cleared gully's which should now be functioning correctly.
- **Watlington Relief Road:** Planning application expected towards end of October.

REPORT TO PARISH COUNCILS JULY 2023 FROM CLLR KEVIN BULMER

GENERAL OCC REPORT

LTN IMPACT REPORT LEADS TO GROWING CALLS FOR RESIGNATIONS

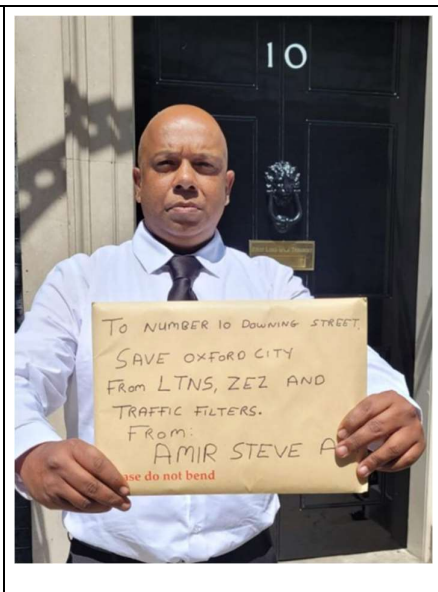
Leading OCC Cabinet members have faced calls to resign after a council report revealed modelling which showed Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs) lead to ambulances experiencing delays when responding to “life threatening” calls. The council report analysed the impact of LTNs in East Oxford and Cowley on South Central Ambulance Service’s response times and found the traffic measures cause delays of between 35 to 45 seconds to response times for life threatening, emergency, and urgent calls in East Oxford. County councillor and leader of the Conservative group at the county council, Eddie Reeves, has since called for Andrew Gant, cabinet member for highways management and Duncan Enright, Cabinet member for travel, to resign for not releasing the information in an “open and transparent manner”.

THREE ROADS IN OXFORD TO BE MANAGED BY ANPR IN PLACE OF BOLLARDS

OCC has approved proposals to install automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras at three low traffic neighbourhood (LTN) closure points in Cowley, Oxford. The decision was made on Thursday 22 June by the Cabinet member for highways management at a delegated Cabinet member decision meeting. Motor vehicles without exemptions who drive through these points will be subject to a penalty charge notice.

PETITION DELIVERED TO DOWNING ST CALLING FOR NO CONFIDENCE VOTE IN OCC

Community champion Amir Steve Ali delivered a petition to Downing Street which calls for a no confidence vote in OCC due to its role in pushing ahead with Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs), the Zero Emissions Zone (ZEZ) and traffic filters (the four-sector plan). The petition on Change.org had been signed by more than 3,600 people on June 19 and it claims that the council’s traffic measures have caused more pollution and have led to emergency vehicles becoming stuck behind gridlocked traffic. The petition describes the council’s traffic measures as a “big threat to members of public freedom and businesses”. An Oxfordshire County Council spokesman said: “We are aware of the petition on Change.org. This is something for central government review subject to it meeting parliamentary petitions criteria.”



DECARBONISING PENSION INVESTMENTS IN OXFORDSHIRE

Pension funds invested for local government workers at Oxfordshire councils and a large number of other local organisations have been re-shaped to align investment decisions with the administration’s aim of creating a “greener, healthier and fairer county”. At its meeting earlier in June, the Pension Fund Committee agreed to reduce its allocation to the UK market and in particular to the FTSE100 companies that have links to major oil, gas and mining companies.

The committee also chose to end investments in emerging markets reflecting concerns about social and governance issues – specifically within China and Saudi Arabia.

HOME UPGRADE GRANT LAUNCH

OCC was recently awarded £6.417m of funding from the government's Home Upgrade Grant Phase 2 (HUG2). HUG2 follows on from the Sustainable Warmth funding that officially ended in March this year, and is a two-year scheme running across Oxfordshire (with the exception of Oxford City, which has its own scheme) until March 2025. HUG2 publicly launched in June and is aimed at low-income owner occupier or privately rented households living in off-gas homes rated EPC 'D' or below, to enable a range of energy efficiency improvements to be retrofitted free of charge e.g. cavity wall and loft insulation, heating upgrades and solar PV. More information about the funding and the eligibility criteria can be found on the OCC website.

OCC SEEKS GOVERNMENT PERMISSION TO ADOPT LANE RENTAL SCHEME

Utilities and other companies who close Oxfordshire's roads could be encouraged to minimise congestion and disruption when they carry out their work or face financial penalties of up to £2,500 a day. OCC will ask the government to allow it to introduce a lane rental scheme (LRS) which allows organisations working on the county's busiest roads at the busiest times to face extra charges. If approved, the LRS would encourage those working on the highway to prioritise off-peak hours and to complete the work as quickly as possible to reduce their costs. Surplus money raised by the council would be used to help manage and improve the highway network.

POTHOLE INNOVATION TRIAL

After a winter that saw the number of potholes reported in Oxfordshire double compared to the same period last year and heavy criticism from the public, a trial has taken place aimed at improving the repair process. On Monday and Tuesday, 26 - 27 June, OCC and its highways contractor Milestone Infrastructure used the road between Steventon and East Hanney as a test site to trial seven different methods of filling in potholes or repairing minor defects requiring 'patching'. Some of these methods are already used in Oxfordshire – including the Milestone [dragon patcher](#) – while the others were new ones sourced by Milestone. The Hanney/Steventon Road was closed and a 1km stretch was divided into sections. Each section had a different type of pothole or patch repair carried out to get a direct comparison of the various methods. Last year, Milestone Infrastructure, a part of M Group Services, repaired 31,413 road defects. This was against a backdrop of perfect pothole-forming weather conditions – a prolonged freeze over winter followed by a protracted period of wet weather, which led to an unprecedented increase in the number of emergency pothole repairs. The trial will allow comparisons of the type of repair, equipment, material, and labour used, and the time taken. This would include an understanding of the potential results, longevity of repairs, waste generated, carbon impact, use of recycled content and productivity that may be achievable. The next stage will involve contractors returning for at least four more days of work and additional testing and analysis to enable a longer-term review of the methods.

MONEY-SAVING STREETLIGHTING PROJECT SET TO BE COMPLETED NEXT YEAR

All of Oxfordshire's streetlights are scheduled to be converted to energy efficient LED units in the next 12 months, saving millions of pounds and thousands of tonnes of carbon. The programme commenced under the previous Conservative administration. A total of 86 per cent of lights have now been converted. When completed, the £38 million project is expected to lead to energy savings of millions of pounds over the next 20 years. The LED lights will reduce the amount of carbon dioxide being produced by 70 per cent. Before the conversion programme

started, the county's streetlights accounted for around 7,596 tonnes of CO2 every year – representing nearly 35 per cent of the council's total emissions.

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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee of the
Goring-on-Thames Parish Council**

Tuesday 13th June 2023 at 18.00 at Gardiner Pavilion

Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting

None present

Members :

Cllr A Smith (AS)
Cllr C Ratcliff (CR)
Cllr J Hutchins (JH)
Cllr J Emerson (JE)

Officers Present:

Clerk Sarah Edmunds (SE)

Public and Press: None present.

Meeting started 18:00

23.07.1. To receive apologies for absence. (LGA 1972 s85(1))

None

23.07.2. Declarations of Interests (LA 2011 s31)

Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interest they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for dispensations that accord the Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

None

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

None

23.07.4. To approve minutes of the meeting of 23rd May 2023

Appendix A

Unanimously Approved

23.07.5. To approve finalised expenditure list 1st -31st May 2023

Appendix B

Unanimously Approved.

23.07.6. To note income 1st – 31st May 2023

Appendix C



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Unanimously Noted.

23.07.7. To note the reconciled bank account & reserves balances as at 31st May 2023 Appendix D

Unanimously Noted.

23.07.8. To note CIL balance, note any receipts and consider expenditure

- 23.07.8.1. Update the CIL Register so the first to expire is at the top.
- 23.07.8.2. Add columns for amount spent and what it is spent it on.
- 23.07.8.3. Get quotes for converting all streetlights to LED, consider grants eg Mend the Gap, TOE, Information on DoE website.

23.07.9. To receive updates, review the Asset Register and consider Actions required Appendix E

- 23.07.9.1. JE to assist the Clerk with updating website content.
- 23.07.9.2. investment register & JE to draft investment strategy document
- 23.07.9.3. Internal controls document refers to Councillor for Financial Control Checklist – now committee
- 23.07.9.4. Reviewed the effectiveness of internal audit document - no changes are suggested.
- 23.07.9.5. Review updated Asset register for next meeting
- 23.07.9.6. JE to create an Action List-backdated to May with ongoing items eg internal audit, virements. This can be reviewed and updated as part of the minutes
- 23.07.9.7. Include movements between EMR and budget codes, reviews and necessary adjustments
- 23.07.9.8. Internal control statement to be revised and brought to the next meeting.
- 23.07.9.9. Reviewed Reserves Policy – no changes are suggested.
- 23.07.9.10. Reviewed Financial Risk Register – no changes are suggested.

23.07.10. Items for next Agenda



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23.07.10.1. Savings accounts for the Reserves: Continue to look at options e.g. Metro Bank, Black Rock, Lloyds, Clerk has spoken to other Clerks and they recommend Unity Trust or Cambridge Building Society. Also mentioned were Redwood Bank, Hampshire Trust, and the CCLA public sector deposit fund.

23.07.10.2. Cil monthly update.

23.07.10.3. Discuss/note movements between the EMR, nominal codes and budget lines.

23.07.10.4. Grants-The grants policy is currently suspended so clear guidance on legislation and clarity on what can and cannot be grant funded by GoTPC. Check that renewing Grants Policy will not stop us receiving grants from major potential donors. Update from the OCC day attended by AS & JH

23.07.10.5. Set up TSB bank account access for FC to approve payments.

23.07.10.6. Prepare for Quarterly report to Full Council

23.07.11. To confirm the time and date of the next meeting: time TBC date 11th July 2023

The exact start time of meetings being either 18:00 or 18:30, depending on the amount of business to be discussed, will be stated on the agenda published in advance.

23.07.12. Meeting Closed: 19:15



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee of the
Goring-on-Thames Parish Council**

Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 18.00 at Gardiner Pavilion

Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting

None present

Members :

Cllr A Smith (AS)
Cllr C Ratcliff (CR)
Cllr J Hutchins (JH)
Cllr J Emerson (JE)

Officers Present:

Clerk Sarah Edmunds (SE)

Public and Press: None present.

Meeting started 18:00

23.12.1. To receive apologies for absence. (LGA 1972 s85(1))

None

23.12.2. Declarations of Interests (LA 2011 s31)

Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interest they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for dispensations that accord the Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

None

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

None

23.12.4. To approve minutes of the meeting of 13th June 2023

Unanimously Approved

23.12.5. To approve finalised expenditure list 1st -30th June 2023

Appendix A

Unanimously Approved.

23.12.6. To note income 1st – 30th June 2023

Appendix B

Cllr J Emerson
Chair of the Committee

8th August 2023

Unanimously Noted.

23.12.7. To note the reconciled bank account & reserves balances as at 30th June 2023 Appendix C

Unanimously Noted.

23.12.8. To note CIL balance, note any receipts and consider expenditure Appendix D

23.12.8.1. £1000 difference to be explained or reconciled.

Unanimously Noted.

23.12.9. To discuss/note movements from the EMR to expenditure budgets Appendix E

23.12.9.1. Need to update with payments made for streetlight replacement lanterns

23.12.9.2. Check if Sheepcot grass mats & Jubilee garden maintenance are recorded as per approved budget spend.

23.12.10. To receive updates from the previous meeting's "items on the next agenda" internal audit, asset register, action list, savings account options and explore further Appendix F

23.12.10.1. Prepare a budget report as at 31st July for the August Finance meeting to check spending is on track

23.12.10.2. TSB access being set up for CR, the rest to follow.

23.12.11. To confirm the time and date of the next meeting: time TBC, Date: 8th August 2023

The exact start time of meetings being either 18:00 or 18:30, depending on the amount of business to be discussed, will be stated on the agenda published in advance.

23.12.12. Meeting Closed: 18:55



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

Tuesday 27th June 2023 at 19:30, Gardiner Pavilion

Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting

MoP1: Spoke regarding P20/S2488/FUL - asked GPC to continue to object as the application amendments don't address all of the issues raised in the previous GPC response, particularly the number of dwellings.

MoP2: Spoke regarding P20/S2488/FUL – the application has gone back and forth a number of times. The amendments are only a tweak, they still do not address all of the previous concerns of GPC and resident comments.

MoP3: Spoke regarding P20/S2488/FUL – seconding the previous two comments. The last planning committee meeting decision was unanimous to object. The changes are minimal and therefore the objection should still stand.

Members Present:

Chair	Cllr A Smith (AS)
Members	Cllr J Emerson (JE)
	Cllr J Hutchins (JH)
	Cllr B Newman (BN)
	Cllr R Williamson (RW)
	Cllr S Lofthouse (SL) [Substitute Member]

Officers Present:

Assistant Clerk	Mrs L White (LW)
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Public and Press: 9

Meeting started 19:37

23.10.1. To receive apologies for absence. [LGA 1972 s85(1)]

Apologies were received in advance of the meeting from Cllr S Bridle.

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

Cllr S Lofthouse attended the meeting in the place of Cllr S Bridle.

23.10.2. Declarations of Interests [LA 2011 s31]

None.



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

None.

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

23.10.4.1. Meeting held on 13th June 2023

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

23.10.5. To appoint a Vice-Chairman of the Committee

No one was proposed to be the Vice-Chair, no vote was taken.

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

23.10.6.1. P20/S2488/FUL - 43 Springhill Road Goring RG8 0BY – AMENDED

Residential development of 44 dwellings including demolition of 43 Springhill Road, vehicular and pedestrian accesses, play area, public open space and associated landscaping and earthworks (as amended by submission dated 03 February 2023 & as amplified by additional information received 20 February 2023 and as amplified and amended by information received 19 June 2023).

GPC Previous Response: OBJECTS, with full report attached.

It was noted that a member of public has submitted comments in advance of the meeting. All Cllrs present were aware of the content.

The Policy 8 from the Neighbourhood Plan for GNP6 was discussed and compared to the application.

8.1 35 houses need to be 1, 2 or 3 bed home – met

8.2 “The Triangle” – not part of this application

8.3 Pedestrian and cycle ways – met, but some concerns about safety at the Springhill Road entrance – **Proposal** that a condition be applied to any planning permission.

8.4 Access to Wallingford Road, planting and safety – review has been started. **Proposal** to comment that further evidence is required to confirm safety.

8.5 Rooftops and Screening – met, line of sight drawings have been provided. SODC are also happy to have a vegetation barrier.

8.6 Dwellings confirming to the design guide – met

8.7 Play Area – met

8.8 Water provision – standard item

8.9 Palaeontological Assessment – evidence provided.

8.10 Archaeological Remains – evidence provided.

8.11 Net Gain in Biodiversity - evidence provided.



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8.12 Visual Amenity Springhill Road - evidence provided.

8.13 Open Space – to be measured.

8.14 Parking Spaces – meets the OCC requirements, now reduced in this iteration.

8.15 Levels and Landfall – outside scope

8.16 Orchard – outside scope.

There is a proposed response from the members of the Neighbourhood Planning Group.

Resolved: Approved Unanimously to submit the response NO OBJECTIONS, subject to planning conditions as detailed in the accompanying statements below. We also attach the general planning informative.

The application has made significant progress made over several iterations. More progress has been made in this latest update. There were 18 items (see the 18 numbered points below from our 23/02/2023 submission on the previous version of this application) that we recommended should be included in the final plans before approval by SODC or that Planning Conditions are included as part of any planning approval. These 18 points were grouped into General, Construction Management, Landscape and Visual Impact, Lighting and Dark Skies in the AONB, Access to Springhill Rd and Wallingford Rd, Ongoing Service Management and Building Design. Each of these groupings are commented on below.

- a. **Construction Management** – GPC ask to be consulted in advance of approval of the Construction Management Plan. Points 2 and 3 should be planning conditions in SODC's approval.
- b. **Landscape and Visual Impact** – this latest application includes 3 additional site lines that demonstrate that the top of the houses should not be seen from the two viewpoints illustrated by the developer. We also understand that the SODC Countryside Officer is sympathetic to including a vegetation barrier at the crest of the hill to clearly identify the village boundary and hide the top row of houses from views when entering the village from the north. Should houses on the site be visible above the ridge line from any line of sight from the road between 91 Wallingford Road and Spring Farm Barns/Cottages an enhancement to the copse should be made a condition to provide a line of sight barrier. Points 5-8 should be planning conditions as part of SODC's approval.
- c. **Lighting and Dark Skies in the AONB** – a lighting scheme which satisfies Policy 13 of the GNP should be submitted when development is under way. This should be a planning condition. An S38 Private Streets Agreement should include GPC's preference for no street lighting columns but with discrete lights attached to the front and rear of each dwelling to comply with 'Secure by Design' requirements. Lighting is required at junctions with the public highway. Icen Close, the neighbouring development, has set a precedent for having no street light columns.
- d. **Access to Springhill Rd and Wallingford Rd** – Following our previous comments we are pleased to see that OCC requested a Road Safety Audit (RSA) and that this has been included in the latest planning application (Stantec TN 003 post-application response to OCC).



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- i. Regarding Springhill Rd access (points 10 and 11), it has been confirmed that 43 Springhill Rd will be demolished to facilitate the pedestrian and cycle path to Springhill Rd.
- ii. The RSA states “... *There are concerns that the pedestrian/cycle link where it connects to Springhill Road will be located next to the points of access serving adjacent and opposite dwellings, which could increase the potential for conflicts. As a result, a detailed design (not a conceptual design as identified within the TN) of the pedestrian/cycle link is required to be submitted for review.*”

GPC asks that this detailed design includes a correction that shows there is no footway along the north side of Springhill Road.

GPC are pleased to see that the developer has accepted the recommendations for staggered barriers to be installed at the lower end of the path to force cyclists to dismount and an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing with tactile paving and dropped curbs. However, it is important that the third mitigation included in the RSA is also accepted by the developer, namely “an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing with a curbed build-out to improve visibility or a raised table to reduce traffic speed”.

GPC requires that there must be a safe pedestrian crossing at this point, and this should be proved prior to Planning Permission being granted and in consultation with OCCH. This crossing will be on the main route to school for most children and the main pedestrian route to the local shop and village centre. GNP6 is expected to house over 100 residents of whom over 40% will be vulnerable (0-18 or elderly). The road is also a bus route and an access route for fire engines.

The latest planning application states “*Given the existing constraints a raised table or build out is not practical. However, the design has been amended to provide a change in carriageway surface to indicate to the road users the presence of a pedestrian crossing. See updated Drawing 47893_5501_SK006 C.*” The road surface Drawing 47893_5501_SK006 C shows a change in road surface for the crossing alone, which seems unlikely to be an effective solution to the problems. There are no obvious design constraints that make the proposal for a build-out or raised table impractical.

- iii. Regarding the Wallingford Rd junction, comments in the RSA have been accepted by the developer regarding the safe gradient of the access road at the junction but no additional commitments have been included in the latest planning application regarding additional traffic calming or a controlled pedestrian crossing on Wallingford Rd. GPC requires that additional consideration should be given to vehicle, cyclist and pedestrian access at this junction and included as a planning condition as part of SODC’s approval.
- e. **Ongoing Service Management** - It appears that the roads, pavements and open space including the playground will be unadopted. As described in detail in points 16 and 17, provision must be agreed for the ongoing management and maintenance of these assets and spaces, retaining public access



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for all (SSR13). This will require a future S38 or Private Streets Agreement when development is under way. In addition, planting and screening should be the subject of a legal agreement to ensure that residents are not able to remove, reduce or materially modify the screening around and within the development.

- f. **Building Design** – point 18 should be included as a planning condition as part of SODC's approval.

The 18 numbered points referred to above:

General Comment

1. Many of the documents supporting the application are out of date, referring to plans for greater numbers of properties. For example, even the main Application Form states there will be 52 – not 44 houses. This leads to confusion and the applicant should be required to submit a consistent set of documents, or perhaps a document detailing the corrections that should be made to the existing documents to update them to the current number of 44 houses and associated plans.

Construction Management

2. A construction management plan must be approved prior to commencement of any site works. This will cover items such hours of work and delivery, delivery route, parking and cleaning of construction vehicles on site, no mud or deposits on adjoining roads, limiting noise for nearby residents, lighting and pollution. No vehicles associated with the development and construction to be allowed to pass through Goring's village centre and access and egress is only allowed from the Wallingford Rd to or from South Stoke.
3. The safety and amenity of Springhill Rd residents must be secured by requiring that the Wallingford Rd access and service road be constructed first and used to service all construction traffic and deliveries.

Landscape and Visual Impact

4. Regarding the proposal to plant screening on the northern boundary, GPC again requests evidence with sightlines/cross-sections that this could be achieved without being visible above the crest of the hill when viewed from a number of points in the north. GPC suggests:
 - that the applicant consults with SODC's Landscape and Countryside Officers to review the northern edge planting scheme to select species which would be lower in height at maturity, both within the 'copses' on the boundary and in the open space to the east where large trees such as oak are proposed



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- a review of the planting locations to move the copses southwards to a lower level, below the hill crest
 - to test the visibility (or not) of any vegetation, when mature, in sections from the same view locations as used for the dwellings
 - assurance via a planning condition, that the management of all amenity planting and open spaces will be the subject of a legal agreement to ensure that residents are not able to remove, reduce or materially modify the landscape screening.
5. To protect the hill crest view, GPC requests that permitted development rights are removed to ensure that dwellings cannot be extended in height and that chimneys, aerials, satellite dishes and other objects are not added to rooftops and that garden structures are not built near the upper boundaries of these properties.
 6. Garden trees that were to be planted in the previous iteration but have been removed in this iteration, should be reintroduced as part of any approved planning application.
 7. 25 trees provided for the proposed new community orchard (Landscape Plan 1) at the entrance to the access road from Wallingford Rd should be added to the species list for consideration.
 8. A native species hedgerow of sufficient height to provide an appropriate boundary between this site and the manège on the neighbouring property should be planted.

Lighting and Dark Skies in the AONB

9. An updated lighting scheme which satisfies Policy.13 of the Neighbourhood Plan needs to be issued and approved. GPC would prefer a scheme with no street lighting but with lights attached to the front and rear of each dwelling to comply with Secured by Design requirements and to protect the dark skies of the AONB.

Access to Springhill Rd and Wallingford Rd

10. The detailed design of the cycle/footpath/wheelchair access must be approved before planning approval is granted. It is a fundamental feature of this site, to enable safe pedestrian and cycle access to Springhill Rd, the school, shops and village amenities.
11. A full safety analysis of the entrance to Springhill Rd must be produced and any appropriate enhancements at or near this junction must be defined in detail.
12. This iteration of the Planning Application appears to be inconsistent with respect to the demolition of 43 Springhill Rd. However, the Stantec Technical Note states in para's 1.2 and 3.4 that number 43 will



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no longer be demolished. This needs clarification. Without the demolition of this dwelling, it is difficult to envisage how the cycle and pedestrian route could be made safe (including for wheelchair access) with an acceptable gradient and a suitable rest point(s). These requirements were clearly made by GPC and MIGGS in their comments to the last iteration.

13. GPC supports the consultation comments from Going Forward Buses proposing a bus stop on Springhill Rd. Car parking restrictions may be required so that buses can stop safely.
14. The ongoing privacy and security of 41 and 45 Springhill Rd, adjacent to the new pedestrian and cycle access, need to be secured by a planning condition.
15. For the Wallingford Rd junction, GPC requests consideration by the Highway Authority and planning officers of additional traffic calming and a controlled pedestrian crossing on Wallingford Rd.

Ongoing Service Management

16. A service management plan that includes ongoing responsibility for the children's playground, pavements, roads, hedges and other vegetation, public grass areas (including regular mowing and hedge cutting), maintaining the seats(s) in the link to Springhill Rd and fencing/railings along the access road. It should also include the ongoing maintenance of all open spaces including the new tree corridor across the centre of the development, street trees and peripheral vegetation screening to the overall site.
17. If the roads and pavements within the development are not to be adopted, they will need to be incorporated into a service management contract.

Building Design

18. GPC requests that the materials for bricks and tiles be submitted for approval before commencement of building. The bright tones of bricks and tiles used for Icen Close must be avoided.

23.10.6.2. P23/S1955/HH – 34 Elvendon Road, Goring, RG8 0DU

Proposed ground floor side and rear extension, front porch and outbuilding.

NOTE: Similar to P23/S0095/HH, GPC OBJECTED, Over Bearing, Overdevelopment.

Resolved: Approved Unanimously to submit the response OBJECTS, this new application is still overbearing and overdevelopment of the plot, as per GPC response to P23/S0095/HH. We attach the general planning informative, should this application be approved.



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23.10.6.3. P23/S1232/FUL - Peruvian Connection Uk Ltd, 3 Thames Court, Goring, RG8 9AQ - AMENDED

Change of window to loading door on first floor (retrospective). Addition of two satellites dishes located on first floor terrace of building.(as amended by plans and information received 19 June 2023).

GPC Previous Response: *OBJECTS to the dishes in the current location, and ask can they be located in a less impactful location which will not require access through the former window.*

Some of the application amendments were highlighted, as to how they address the previous comments including:

- Clean lab
- Screening

Resolved: Approved Unanimously to submit the response NO OBJECTIONS, and attach the general planning informative.

23.10.6.4. P23/S1390/HH – Westwood, Elmhurst Road, Goring, RG8 9BN – AMENDED

First floor extension above existing garage and front canopy with single storey rear extension, demolition of existing car port, replaced with new garden pavilion outbuilding, new cricket netting system and extended swimming pool (As amended by plans received 12 June 2023 to change materials on proposed garage extension).

GPC Previous Response: *OBJECTS – detailed response regarding Neighbourhood Plan compliance.*

Resolved: Approved Unanimously to submit the response NO OBJECTIONS, and attach the general planning informative.

23.10.6.5. P23/S1898/HH - Bridge House, Thames Road, Goring, RG8 9AH

Installation of a 12 panel solar PV system to the south facing roof pitch.

Resolved: Approved Unanimously to submit the response OBJECTS, this conservation area house has great value, and the planning committee asks for the applicant to consider a less intrusive method of harnessing solar power.

23.10.7. To note planning authority decisions on applications.

All of the below were noted.

23.10.7.1. P23/S1197/HH - 76 Wallingford Road, Goring, RG8 0HN – GRANTED

Loft conversion to include raising the ridge and new gables with dormer extensions. Porch canopy.

GPC Response: *NO OBJECTIONS.*

23.10.7.2. P23/S1370/HH - Riverside Stores, Riverside Flat, High Street, Goring, RG8 9AB – GRANTED

Loft conversion to include raising the ridge and new gables with dormer extensions. Porch canopy.

GPC Response: *NO OBJECTIONS – Subject to Conservation Officer is satisfied there will be no negative impact.*



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23.10.7.3. P23/S1124/HH – Heronsgate, Bridle Way, Goring, RG8 0HS – GRANTED

Proposed single storey rear extension with associated alterations.

GPC Response: NO OBJECTIONS.

23.10.7.4. P23/S1585/HH - 6 Lockstile Mead, Goring, RG8 0AE – GRANTED

Demolition of existing conservatory. Addition of single storey side and rear extensions and new pitched roof over existing garage.

GPC Response: NO OBJECTIONS.

23.10.7.5. P23/S0790/HH - High Gable 72 Wallingford Road Goring RG8 0HN - GRANTED

Proposed new rear first floor balcony over existing flat roof (as amended by drwgn0 315-30-A1_3A-001C to introduce side screening panels received on 25/04/23).

GPC Response: OBJECTS – Overlooking, loss of privacy even with proposed screening.

23.10.7.6. P23/S1082/FUL – Woden House, Limetree Road, Goring, RG8 9EY - GRANTED

Erection of new two storey dwelling on land adjacent to Woden House.

GPC Response: NO OBJECTIONS.

23.10.7.7. P23/S0730/FUL - Grass Verge outside Korobe, Farifield Road, Goring, RG8 0EX – GRANTED

Replacement of street light grass verge outside Korobe.

GPC Application – no comment provided.

23.10.7.8. P23/S0933/FUL - Site of Building at Upper Gatehampton Farm, Goring, RG8 9LY – GRANTED

Demolition of existing building (part-store/part-house) and erection of dwelling with associated works. (As amplified by additional information received 17 May 2023.)

GPC Response: NO OBJECTIONS subject to confirmation this is already Residential Property.

23.10.7.9. P23/S1251/HH - Cricketers Cottage High Street Goring RG8 9BB – GRANTED

Two storey extension to the rear and eastern side of the dwelling. Erection of a glazed link between new extension and existing garage.

GPC Response: NO OBJECTIONS

23.10.8. 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 of the below were noted.

23.10.8.1. P23/S2054/DIS - Land to the east of Manor Road to the south of Little Croft, Manor Road, Goring

Discharge of condition 10(Groundwater Monitoring) on application P19/S2923/O (Erection of 20 dwellings and associated works with all matters reserved except for access).

23.10.8.2. 23S02 – Timberlawn, Manor Road, Goring, RG8 9EH

Trees (of whatever species) within the area marked A1 on the map - Located on land at Timberlawn, Manor Road, Goring, Reading, RG8 9EH as shown on the accompanying plan, grid reference: SU5995 8025. The entire plot)



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23.10.8.3. P23/S1569/DIS - Stow House, Thames Road, Goring, RG8 9AL

Discharge of conditions 3(Surface Water Drainage), 5(Works to the Highway) and 6(Landscaping (incl boundary treatment)) on application P22/S0788/FUL. (Demolition of a number of small ancillary structures and existing outbuilding and the erection of two three-bedroom semi-detached dwellings, one four-bedroom dwelling and one five-bedroom detached dwelling with associated garages, parking provision, amended access and additional landscaping).

23.10.8.4. P23/S1843/DIS - 2 Heron Shaw, Goring, RG8 0AU

Discharge of conditions 4 (Trees & Hedges) on application ref. P23/S1018/HH (Conversion and extension of existing detached garage into habitable space for ancillary use).

23.10.9. To consider correspondence received

None.

23.10.10. Matters for future discussion

None.

23.10.11. To confirm the date of the next meeting – 11th July 2023

Confirmed.

There being no further business to be transacted, the Chairman closed the meeting 20:43