



GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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

Monday 11th December 2023 at 19:30, Belleme Room, Goring Village Hall

All Councillors are summoned to a Meeting of Goring-on-Thames Parish Council.

Members of the public and press are invited to attend all council meetings.

(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)

Prior to the start of the meeting; Questions and comments from members of the public (limited to 10 minutes in total)

This provides an opportunity for members of the public (who are not usually permitted to speak during the meeting except by special invitation of the Chairman) to participate before the start of the meeting. Members of the public may make only one address to the council of no more than three minutes' duration and only concerning topics on the agenda. No decision can be taken during this session, but the Chairman may decide to refer any matters raised for further consideration.

AGENDA

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

2. Declarations of Interests [LA 2011 s31]

2.1. To receive declarations of interest for items on this agenda

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. (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

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

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

3.1. Meeting held on 13th November 2023

3.2. Matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.

4. . Vacant Seats (LGA 1972 s89(6))

4.1. To note the Council has 2 vacant seats.

4.2. To hear representations from anyone wishing to be co-opted to the council and approve co-opting new Councillor(s) to fill the vacant seats.

4.3. To receive declarations of acceptance of office from any co-opted Councillors. To be countersigned by the Clerk

5. To appoint a Vice Chair to the Council

6. To review the Action List progress and update

Full Council Action List



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7. To receive reports from District and County Councillors

7.1. South Oxfordshire District Councillor: F Van Mierlo

Appendix A

7.2. Oxfordshire County Councillor: K Bulmer

Appendix B

7.3. South Oxfordshire District Councillor: M Filipova-Rivers

Appendix C

8. To Receive Minutes of Committees

8.1. Finance Committee

- Meeting Dated 24th October 2023

Appendix D

8.2. Planning Committee

- Meeting dated 24th October 2023
- Meeting dated 14th November 2023

Appendix E

Appendix F

8.3. Traffic, Planning and Pedestrian Safety Committee

- Meeting dated 17th October 2023

Appendix G

9. To approve and update policies as required.

9.1. Retention & Disposal of Documents Policy

Appendix H

9.2. Posters & Signs Policy

Appendix I

9.3. Environmental & Sustainability Policy

Appendix J

10. To note the Government guidance requiring all public authorities to complete their first consideration of what action to take for biodiversity by 1 January 2024 and approve actions

Appendix K

They must agree their policies and objectives as soon as possible after this and must reconsider the selected actions within five years of completing their previous consideration, or more frequently if they choose. To comply with the guidance, town and parish councils could note what action they are already taking to conserve and enhance biodiversity including reviewing the existing Environment & Sustainability Policy and agree what further steps they should take to conserve and enhance biodiversity.

11. To Receive Committee / Working Group / Representative Reports and Consider Proposals

11.1. To appoint new members to any other Committees or Working Groups as required.

Traffic Management, Parking & Pedestrian Safety Committee

11.2. To Receive an update

New Office Space Working Group

11.3. To Receive an update



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Planning Committee

- 11.4. To note an update on the planning application and/or appeal relating to the land adjacent to the White Hills Burial Ground **Appendix L**

The appeal hearing has been rescheduled for 9/10/11 April 2024 at 10.00 am. Location: Fountain Conference Centre, Howbery Park, Benson Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8BA. The Planning Committee has responded to the planning application as per the attached appendix.

- 11.5. To approve the revised ToR **Appendix M**
- 11.6. To appoint a new member to the Planning Committee

Finance Committee

- 11.7. To Receive an update **Appendix N**
- 11.8. To approve the proposed Budget for FY 2024-2025 **Appendix O**
- 11.9. To approve the precept request amount of £167,390 to submit to SODC

Playgrounds Working Group

- 11.10. To Receive an update

Environment Working Group

- 11.11. To Receive an update **EWG Action List**

Sheepcot Working Group

- 11.12. To Receive an update

Gardiner Pavilion & Field Working Group

- 11.13. To Receive an update

Ferry Lane & Rectory Gardens Working Group

- 11.14. To Receive an update
- 11.15. To approve the terms of reference **Appendix P**

Liaisons & Representatives Reports

- 11.16. To Receive updates

12. Gap Festival

- 12.1. To approve financial support of £5000 subject to receipt of a formal grant application by the event organisers for the 2024 Gap Festival. **Appendix Q**

In previous years the Council has supported this community event via sponsorship



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13. Clerks Report

- 13.1. To approve permitting Going Forward Bus parking at OJFS to continue for 1 year or until the sale, whichever is sooner, and note that as per October minute ref 23.23.1.1. Sheepcot is not an option due to lack of space.
- 13.2. To approve a request from the Hub to add them to our website on the village local services page.
- 13.3. To approve the purchase of Council ID badges for Councillors & staff as required, budget £80.
- 13.4. To approve allowing the use of the Bourdillon field for the occasional Goring C of E Primary School football match, 3 or 4 times a year. They would mark the pitch and tidy up afterwards

14. To receive Items of Correspondence and agree actions arising.

None

15. Matters for future discussion.

- 15.1. To discuss a deadline for OJFS negotiations.

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

- 16.1. To approve a budget of up to 15 additional hours for the Burial Ground Clerk to collate information, refer back to ICO and if advised, set a budget for Prettys Solicitors to review the response for the FOI request.
- 16.2. To approve a budget for the purchase and installation of vehicle activated speed signs at i) High Street, Miller of Mansfield, ii) High Street, Social Club, iii) Wallingford Road: 2 signs to replace existing school signs.
- 16.3. To approve a budget for the re-marking of carparking bays (including 2 disabled bays) at Sheepcot Field.
- 16.4. To approve signing the revised S101 Grass cutting agreement between Oxfordshire County Council and Goring on Thames Parish Council

On 21 February 2023, the Oxfordshire County Council ("the County Council") adopted the updated Highway Verge and Vegetation Management policy. As a result, the Schedule 1 to the existing agreement has been reviewed and amended in line with that policy and the County Council wishes to replace the existing Schedule 1 with a replacement Schedule 1. This can be done in accordance with clause 13 of the Agreement, which allows the Agreement to be varied by written agreement between the parties.

- 16.5. A matter pertaining to staffing.

17. To confirm the time and date of the Next Council Meeting– 7.30pm, 12th February 2024

NOTE: Proposals of Motion to be received by the Clerk **no later than 30th January**, in accordance with the Standing Orders.