

Minutes of a Meeting of the Traffic Management, Parking & Pedestrian Safety Committee of the Goring-on-Thames Parish Council

Tuesday 17th October 2023 at 10:30 am, Gardiner Pavilion

Public Forum (prior to the start of the meeting)

None

Members Present:

Chair Cllr Sonia Lofthouse
Members Cllr Robin Williamson
 Cllr Jeremy Hutchins
 Cllr Belinda Drew

Officers Present:

Assistant Clerk Mike Harper

Public and Press:

One MoP

The MoP was invited to speak. They were disappointed by the delay in proceeding with the consultation on the Pedestrian Priority Lane (PPL) in Station Rd and that it had been subsumed into a wider consultation on yellow lines and parking across the Village. They were concerned that the plans for the PPL could be overlooked in the wider debate over those other matters. On the dropped kerb and PPL by the Station on Gatehampton Rd, the Committee's agreement was sought to them taking this forward with GWR. They had been contacted about a proposal for a landing stage at Ferry Lane, did the Committee have anything further on that?

The Chair responded saying she had contacted Cllr Bulmer expressing concern about the delay; it would be difficult, and possibly lead to more delay, to separate out the PPL from the wider consultation. Providing a dropped kerb by the station was unlikely to be an issue, more problematic was getting GWR to mark a PPL on their property. A working group has now been set up to look at the future of Ferry Lane and that would be the place to consider proposals for a landing stage.

Meeting Started at 10:30

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

None

23.25.2. Declarations of Interests (LA 2011 s31)

None

Cllr S Lofthouse
Chair

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23.25.3. To consider requests for Dispensations (LA 2011 s33)

None

23.25.4 To approve the minutes of previous committee meetings [LA 1972 Sch 12. Para41(1)]

23.25.4.1. Meeting held on 15th August 2023

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

23.25.5. To review the Action List and agree further actions Action List

The Action List was updated.

23.25.6. Traffic calming High Street – to consider the request from the Full Council to seek other options for traffic calming instead of the speed bump, identify costs of installing the speedbump and agree actions.

Other options for controlling vehicle speed on the approach to the railway bridge were explored, including a change in priority at the junction with Red Cross Rd and the alternative of a pedestrian crossing. The former would be likely to be unacceptable to OCC Highways and the latter more expensive than a speed hump. It was noted that, in 2020, the costs of the existing High St tabletop speed hump were more than £60,000, including a contribution from OCC of £9,000. Factoring additional costs for drainage and inflation would see a significantly higher figure. Before proceeding a consultation would be necessary, and it would be advisable to conduct a speed survey beforehand to inform that. It was agreed that the Assistant Clerk should obtain up to date costings for a tabletop speed hump from OCC.

23.25.7. To consider and approve updated proposals for speed indicator signs in the Village and to seek quotes for the supply of signs to form a budget. Appendix A

The options were considered. The Assistant Clerk should obtain quotes on the following basis:

All signs, except those by the school, to be 20 mph VAS with smiley/sad emojis and to be permanently mounted at the locations below:

- By the Miller of Mansfield, solar powered and pole mounted.
- Two signs to replace the existing school warning lights, lamppost mounted and programmable to show a school warning sign during drop off and pick up times.
- High St, by the Social Club, solar powered and pole mounted.
- Cleeve Rd, by Court Gardens, southbound, lamppost mounted.
- Elvendon Rd, junction with Icknield Rd, solar powered and pole mounted.
- Manor Rd/Littlecroft, southbound, lamppost mounted.

- Reading Rd, by the Burial Ground 30mph sign, pole mounted, powered from the verge (subject to resident meeting the costs).

23.25.8. To consider options for Going Forward buses parking Appendix B

The submission from Going Forward buses (Appendix B) was considered, and it was decided to remit a decision on the use of Sheepcote Field to the Full Council.

23.25.9. To receive an update on the Parish Transport Representatives meeting and agree actions.

The next meeting of the group is on 14th November.

23.25.10. To determine budget for financial year 2024-25.

Provision for the cost of speed signs at an estimated £24,000 will be needed in addition to the £4,000 in the budget for the current year. For 2024-25, £9,000 would be needed for consultation on the High St speed hump as well as the costs of a speed survey, and the painting of a pedestrian lane and car parking bays at Sheepcote.

23.25.11. To consider correspondence received.

The Assistant clerk was asked to respond to the OCC Highways consultation on introducing double yellow lines in Thames Rd.

23.25.12. Matters for future discussion.

None

23.25.13. To confirm the date of the next meeting: 21st November 2023.

Confirmed

There being no further business to be transacted, the Chair closed the meeting: **12.30**