



GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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

Monday 12th February 2024 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 11th December 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 the two candidates who applied before the advertised deadlines 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 review the Action List progress and update

Full Council Action List

6. To receive reports from District and County Councillors

6.1. South Oxfordshire District Councillor: F Van Mierlo

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6.2. Oxfordshire County Councillor: K Bulmer

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6.3. South Oxfordshire District Councillor: M Filipova-Rivers

Appendix C

7. To Receive Minutes of Committees

7.1. Finance Committee

- Meeting Dated 28th November 2023

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7.2. Planning Committee

- Meeting dated 28th November 2023
- Meeting dated 12th December 2023
- Meeting dated 9th January 2024

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Appendix G

7.3. Traffic, Planning and Pedestrian Safety Committee

- Meeting dated 21st November 2023
- Meeting dated 19th December 2023

Appendix H

Appendix I

8. To approve and update policies as required.

8.1. Discretionary Policy

Appendix J

Local Government Pension Services state that if we do not have our discretionary policies in place, any work relying on them having to refer to our discretionary policy will be returned to us / scheme member as they are unable to administer. Please note that failure to send our discretionary policy to the fund will result in a charge of £150.00 plus £75.00 for every time they need to chase for this document.

8.2. Lone Worker Policy

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8.3. Dignity at Work Policy

Appendix L

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

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

Traffic Management, Parking & Pedestrian Safety Committee

9.2. To Receive an update

New Office Space Working Group

9.3. To Receive an update

Planning Committee

9.4. To Receive an update

Finance Committee

9.5. To Receive an update and approve opening more savings bank accounts

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9.6. To approve appointing WGW Smart Audit as our Internal Auditor on a three year contract

Appendix N

9.7. To approve receiving Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds due to Goring-on-Thames Parish Council.

The district council are in the process of identifying any anticipated Parish CIL monies that have been paid or are due to be paid between 30 September 2023 to 1 April 2024 that can be transferred to your parish by April 2024. This is to be formally discussed at a meeting before 31 March 2024 at which you decide if you wish SODC to retain these monies on your behalf, as the usual practice is for the Parish share to be automatically transferred.

Playgrounds Working Group

9.8. To Receive an update

Environment Working Group

9.9. To Receive an update

~~EWG Action List~~

Sheepcot Working Group

9.10. To Receive an update

Gardiner Pavilion & Field Working Group

9.11. To Receive an update

Ferry Lane & Rectory Gardens Working Group

9.12. To Receive an update

9.13. To approve the terms of reference

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Liaisons & Representatives Reports

9.14. To Receive updates

10. To approve supporting the National Initiative 'The Great British Spring Clean, with a budget of £100 to cover the costs (publicity posters, refreshments etc) of the Goring Litter Pick and Clean up.

The EWG is working in collaboration with Goring on Thames in Bloom to organise and support a litter pick and a High Street clean-up on Saturday 23rd March 2024.

11. Clerks Report

11.1. To approve the use of Rectory Gardens on 2nd August 2024 and Gardiner Recreation Ground 26th July-2nd August 2024 by the King's Club, the children's holiday club run by Goring Free Church at no charge.

Similar arrangements have been approved by the Parish Council for many years and they look forward to receiving the Parish Council's continuing support and approval.



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- 11.2. To approve a budget of £200 a month delegated to the Clerk to engage a contractor for preventative maintenance and to assist with the work identified on the EWG action list (for work beyond the remit of Facilities)
- 11.3. To approve that Friday mornings 9.30-11.30 are Councillor surgery day, taken in turns so the commitment would be one Friday in 10, assuming a full council.
- 11.4. To approve a budget of £250 for the purchase of 10 African Hornet Queen traps to protect our native pollinators, to be placed around the village where they can be monitored by volunteers.

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It starts to fly earlier in the season than the European Hornet, meaning that it is possible to selectively trap this notifiable pest without harming native insects.

- 11.5. To approve use of the Sheepcot Recreation Ground for the Hairy Legs 12th May 2024 subject to the regular hire fee being paid.

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

None

13. Matters for future discussion.

- 13.1. To discuss a deadline for OJFS negotiations.
- 13.2. To discuss the options for the Paddock at WhiteHills Burial Ground

14. 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

- 14.1. To approve the provider and number of hanging baskets
- 14.2. To approve a tree survey provider
- 14.3. To approve a budget for construction of a footpath between Gatehampton Road and Sheepcot Recreation Ground.

TMPPS has looked closely at the issues of pedestrian safety when accessing Sheepcot Recreation Ground from Gatehampton Road

- 14.4. To approve a budget for the maintenance of the Jubilee Garden
- 14.5. To approve a streetlight maintenance provider
- 14.6. To approve the formal grant application by the event organisers for the 2024 Gap Festival

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

15. To confirm the time and date of the Next Council Meeting– 7.30pm, 11th March 2024

NOTE: Proposals of Motion to be received by the Clerk no later than 28th February, in accordance with the Standing Orders.