

# GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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**All Councillors are summoned to a meeting of Council, to be held at the  
Bellême Room, Village Hall, Goring on Monday 11 September 2017 at 7.30pm  
Public and press are invited to attend**

Members are respectfully reminded of the obligation to declare any interests relevant to business to be conducted at this meeting and of the convention as to withdrawal from the meeting for the relevant item unless the interest is not one that debars the member from speaking thereon.

## AGENDA – COUNCIL MEETING

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1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To receive declarations of interests.
3. Public forum: *An opportunity for the public to address the council. With the permission of the chairman, the public may also speak about specific items of business as they arise.*
4. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 14 August 2017.
5. Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.
6. To receive chairman's report and announcements.
7. To consider a report on the Neighbourhood Plan. (Appendix A)
8. Parish Finance:
  1. To approve payments for August 2017. (Appendix B)
  2. To note receipts for August 2017. (Appendix C)
  3. To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 31 August 2017. (Appendix D)
9. To note a report from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer. (Appendix E)
10. To consider a report from the Police.
11. To consider a report on High Street issues.
12. To consider a report on Recreation Grounds issues. (Appendix F)
13. To consider a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues.

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14. To consider an update on Freedom of Information issues.
15. To consider an update on the Community Centre Car Park.
16. To consider a proposal to refurbish the council's website.
17. To consider an update on cost of repairing / replacing the Icknield Road Notice Board.
18. To consider a proposal to allow in principle, the use of Gardiner or Sheepcot Recreation Grounds by the GM Birthday Tribute Group on 24 June 2018 and separately a proposal to allow use of Sheepcot for parking / camping, over the weekend of 23-24 June 2018, both subject to a satisfactorily planned event proposal supported by SODC and other agencies.
19. To consider a response to the consultation by SODC on s.106 and CIL funding  
(Appendix G)
20. Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of the meeting held on 1 August 2017.
21. Correspondence.
22. Matters for future discussion.
23. Confidential Business - To consider and, if thought fit, approve the following motion:  
In view of the confidential nature of the business about to transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.
24. To consider quotes to replace swings at Bourdillon Field.
25. To consider requirement and quotes for mapping and GIS software.

Colin Ratcliff, Clerk to the Council

6 September 2017

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7.30pm Monday 14 August 2017**

**Members Present:**

Chairman	Kevin Bulmer (KB)
Vice Chairman	John Wills (JW)
Members	Emrhys Barrell (EB)
	Mary Bulmer (MBu)
	Bryan Urbick BU)
	Carmela Boff (CB)
	David Brooker (DB)
	Lawrie Reavill (LR)

**Officers Present:**

Clerk	Colin Ratcliff (CR)
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Approx. 36 members of the public and press

**17/73 To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Catherine Hall (CH) and Matthew Brown (MBr)

**17/74 To receive any declarations of interests**

None.

**17/75 To receive chairman's report and announcements**

1. KB said that following discussions with some parents of children at the school that it would be appropriate to have an Extraordinary Council Meeting dedicated to the issue of a new school. It had been arranged for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 19:30 at the Bellême Room. It follows a meeting the same day with the NPSG, School Governors, The Diocese, OCC and SODC so the most up to date information can be shared.

2. KB was pleased to announce the council had agreed to offer Stephanie Bridle the Freedom of Goring in recognition of the good work she has done in the village. She has accepted and an award ceremony will now be arranged.

**17/76 Public Forum**

Murray Symes thanked GPC for the opportunity to discuss the school at a council meeting. He noted there is also a pre-meet with councillors on 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> September to have a dialogue about the scope of the extraordinary meeting.

Rob Jones said that 10 years ago he was chairman of the school PTA and is shocked at the condition of the school, he said there was a need for more housing and infrastructure and it would be a positive move to have a new school. A debate is needed about where and funding but he hoped the principle could be established.

A MOP was concerned that development at the edge of the village would mean encroachment and extension to South Stoke.

Maureen Whitcher asked KB in his role as OCC Cllr. to ensure give way markings were re-instated at the Reading Road / Wallingford Road junction. She stated beer bottles had recently been left near the dog waste bin at Sheepcot.

A MOP asked KB as OCC Cllr. about hedgerows across pavements and how to deal with them. KB explained the process and asked for issues to be sent to his OCC email if no response was obtained via Fix My Street. Alan Jones raised hedgerow issues at Pennypiece.

**17/77 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2017**

**Resolved:** That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**17/78 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda**

None

Signed:

Dated:

**17/79 To consider a report on the Neighbourhood Plan**

Nigel Gilson (NG) presented Appendix A.

He said an article is due in the GGN and mentioned there were alternative options for a school location and welcomed the Extraordinary Council Meeting.

Murray Symes asked for the Goring Plan website to be updated. Tom Rothwell (TR) said it is intended to have a full re-engineer ready for the consultation in the near future.

KB said it would be time soon to look for volunteers to take on the next iteration of the Plan which has to be done within 5 years and will be a rolling programme.

A MOP asked for clarification on NG's comments about alternative locations. TR said the GGN article explains the issues and options.

**17/80 Parish Finance:**

**1 To approve payments for July 2017**

**Resolved:** That the payments be approved

**2 To note receipts for July 2017**

Noted

**3 To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 31 July 2017**

Noted

**4 To note 2017-18 expenditure against budget as at 9 August.**

Noted.

**17/81 To note reports from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer.**

KB ran through his reports at Appendix F and F1.

CB asked about grants for rural projects, KB advised her to follow the links on the website.

DB stated the Community Centre have put out a request in the GGN to use or lose the centre and whether OCC are aware of any issues over renewal of the lease. KB was not aware of anything specific.

**17/82 To consider a report from the Police**

JW reported there had been a burglary at the School but it was not known if anything had been taken, a car had a roof damaged in Cleeve Down and that Abingdon CID are dealing with a report of sexual assault near Bourdillon where the victim was touched inappropriately.

**17/83 To consider a report on High Street issues**

DB referred to Appendix G.

**17/84 To consider a report on Recreation Grounds issues**

LR referred to Appendix H. He proposed obtaining / renewing quotes for replacement swings at Bourdillon and applying for grants / use of S.106 funds recently received from SODC.

**Resolved:** That quotes be renewed and for BU and LR to apply for grants and source funding.

JW proposed obtaining quotes to install a new entrance at the South-East corner of Gardiner Recreation Ground.

**Resolved:** To obtain quotes.

DB raised the issue of the litter bin at Sheepcot. Comments discussed included the main culprits being youths leaving litter; removing or adding bins have both been proven to work in other areas; the removal of the bin had been a trial; the issue being people leaving rubbish, not the presence / absence of bins as the same problem does not occur at Gardiner or Bourdillon; that there is a cost implication of replacing / increasing bins.

**Resolved:** That an estimate be obtained of the cost of re-instatement and collections.

- 17/85 To approve a Fire Risk Assessment for Gardiner Pavilion**  
**Resolved:** That Appendix I be approved.
- 17/86 To consider a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues**  
MBu said the previous paddock tenant had moved with no forwarding address and it is currently unused. The paddock will need cutting this autumn and she proposed advertising for grazing or to use it as a wild flower meadow.  
**Resolved:** To advertise in the GGN for grazing.
- 17/87 To consider a report conducted on behalf of SODC on councillors' allowances.**  
Noted. No proposals were received to pay councillor allowances.
- 17/88 To consider the future of the Community Centre Car Park following notice that Hitachi Capital Finance are relocating, given the lease renewal is due in October.**  
16 permit holders have recently been lost with the relocation of Hitachi away from the village. Options discussed included returning the lease to OCC or continuing to negotiate and trying to fill the spaces.  
**Resolved:** To continue negotiations with OCC on lease renewal (BU, DB and CB) pending the outcome of DB assessing interest from High Street businesses with a final decision to be made at the next meeting.
- 17/89 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of meetings held on 6th, 20th June and 4th, 18th July 2017**  
Received and noted.
- 17/90 Correspondence**
- 1** The Information Commissioner has notified GPC a complaint had been received which was being investigated.
  - 2** An email had been received from Veronica Reynolds of Vectos asking for GPC support as grant recipient in applying for a GWR communities grant for a cycle shelter and bike repair stand at Goring and Streatley Station. There would be no ongoing commitment for GPC as all future maintenance would be with Network Rail.  
**Resolved:** That the application be supported by GPC.
- 17/91 Matters for future discussion**  
DB suggested investigation of a mapping system for recording of GPC's assets and other ongoing mapping requirements and to investigate costs: for the next agenda.  
DB also raised recent issues with the website which is getting old and no longer supported by our software provider: for the next agenda.
- 17/92 Confidential Business - To consider and, if thought fit, approve the following motion: In view of the confidential nature of the business about to transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.**  
**Resolved:** That the motion be approved.
- 17/93 To consider quotes for the Parish Council's Insurances.**  
A number of quotations were assessed.  
**Resolved:** To accept the quotation from Came & Co, Specialist Parish and Town Council insurance brokers.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2155 hrs.

**Abbreviations:**

Signed:

Dated:

CID	Criminal Investigation Department
GGN	Goring Gap News
GPC	Goring on Thames Parish Council
MOP	Member of the Public
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
NPSG	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
OCC	Oxfordshire County Council
SODC	South Oxfordshire District Council

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Signed:

Dated:

GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> 2017

REPORT OF GORING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP SEPTEMBER  
2017

Key progress made since the last meeting has been as follows:

1. Text of the Sustainability Appraisal completed and now being reviewed by consultants AECOM. Review expected to be completed by 16/09/17.
2. Full draft of Neighbourhood Plan completed and currently undergoing final textual revision and proofreading. Review by panel of external readers to begin on 11/09/17. Anticipated further timetable:
  - Final document to be released to GPC and general public by 27/09/17
  - 02/10/17 Beginning of 6-week Reg 14 presubmission consultation

Attached below is the text of a letter sent by the Steering Group to the Henley Standard which was published on 25/09/17. This letter was a response to a letter from the developer of GNP6 previously published by the Henley Standard.

David Wilkins

Current Chairman

Goring Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

## LETTER TO HENLEY STANDARD

### FROM GORING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (GNP)

#### GORING SCHOOL - A BALANCED VIEW

Sir,

Jerry Unsworth's letter in your 18 August issue is headed "Don't Ignore School Idea". It seeks to suggest that this is what the Goring Neighbourhood Plan (GNP) group has been doing, but nothing could be further from the truth.

When identifying the village priorities at an early stage of the NP process, it became clear that residents were concerned about the school's capacity to cope with anticipated additional numbers of children once the proposed new houses had been built. The GNP therefore took steps to establish the extent of that issue. After extensive enquiries, it transpired that the objective evidence did not support this concern, and the school's current ability to accommodate all in-catchment children at the reception stage with space for others from outside the village, as confirmed by OCC, demonstrates that capacity is not an issue. Goring has a standard capacity of 30 reception children and the current forecast for the 2017/18 intake is just 23, meaning that 7 will be taken from other villages around Goring. When future figures are predicted using the OCC model, they indicate that a 30-child intake will be sufficient to accommodate the additional children likely to seek places at the school from the predicted new housing.

Part way through the GNP's assessment process it became apparent that options might exist to improve current school facilities. The GNP Steering



Group (SG) was instrumental in setting up the first meetings involving all stakeholders (school governors, the Diocese, OCC and Goring Parish Council) in an attempt to encourage them to co-operate in a professional process to evaluate the various options. Notwithstanding the SG's efforts, the meetings and surrounding discussions simply demonstrated that there was no clear consensus amongst the key participants either as to the fundamental issues or as to the way ahead. In particular, there was significant opposition to Mr Unsworth's proposal by OCC, in part because of the impact that a new school in Goring would have on other schools in the area.

This opposition from OCC is of great importance, because it means that it was and remains unlikely that a new school would actually be built, even if it were to be included in the current GNP. Without all of the key partners pulling in the same direction, a new school cannot happen and the GNP cannot consider anything short of a formal deliverable proposal in which all of the stakeholders concur and to which they are committed. Before there is any chance of this stage being reached, this would require OCC to have been provided with an adequately detailed proposal (which the school governors have not yet done) and then to have undertaken a lengthy internal process in which that proposal and any alternative options together with the future implications of each have been scrutinised, costed and compared. Clearly, that is not going to happen before the current GNP is finished and published. This is not a case of seeking "further clarification" as Mr Unsworth suggests; at this time, no actionable and evidenced proposal has been submitted by the key participants, so there is nothing which the GNP could properly consider including.

Mr Unsworth's frustration arises from the fact that he has not been able to manipulate the process so as to obtain what he wants for his clients, which is to build a very significant number of additional new houses. He proposes to build nearly double the number included in the GNP and on a plot of land which will not be allocated in the GNP and was also not recommended previously by an SODC landscape study because of its substantial impact on the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

On the clear advice of SODC, and because it was obviously the right thing to do, the GNP set out to treat all developers and landowners fairly and equally. It would therefore not have been appropriate to meet the school representatives and this individual developer together. This was particularly true because at the time when Mr Unsworth was seeking such meetings he and his client had not even discussed the principle of their proposal with OCC, who are ultimately responsible both for Goring school and for the overall school strategy in Oxfordshire and without whose support a proposal for a new school cannot be delivered.

Other developers have also expressed interest in offering land for the benefit of the community as part of their wish to gain approval for new housing developments around Goring. In fact, about 80 ha of beautiful AONB land around Goring has already been offered to SODC for housing. Without the protection of the GNP, this could result in about 2000 new houses – more than doubling the size of Goring. Given the clear wish of the community to avoid large-scale development and to protect our unique environment, it is vital that the GNP is finalised and brought into force as soon as possible so that the planning authority is required to act in accordance with those community principles.

However, the current GNP does not represent the “once and for all” barrier which Mr Unsworth and others imply; on the contrary, it is simply the first iteration of Goring’s principles and priorities, and it will be reviewed at regular intervals in the future to ensure that it is kept up to date. If and when the options for a new or enhanced school have been properly, thoroughly and professionally considered by all relevant stakeholders and all, especially OCC, have concluded that a particular option should be supported, it is absolutely right that this option should be assessed as part of a future Neighbourhood Plan. However, as stated above, even just the OCC element of that process is complex, has still not been begun, and is likely to take a significant length of time. There can be absolutely no justification for delaying the finalisation of the first GNP for an open-ended period and thus delaying the ability of this community to protect itself and the surrounding countryside from unwanted and uncontrolled development whilst waiting for something that may never

happen, namely a decision by OCC to support some unknown form of redevelopment of the school in Goring.

The GNP supports, and always has supported, the desire for Goring's children to have a first-class school facility and we who have devoted vast amounts of time to the production of the GNP, like many others who live in the village, deplore the lack of care and maintenance applied to the existing school buildings over recent years which has allowed them to fall into their present state. We very much hope that all interested parties and stakeholders will work together to produce a single coherent and deliverable strategy for the future to which they can all commit so that this can be properly submitted to and addressed by another iteration of the GNP in the near future.

Yours faithfully

GNP Steering Group

<b>Goring-on-Thames Parish Council</b>					
Accounts for payment August 2017					
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>			<b>Amount</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Current Account</b>					
BGG Garden & Tree Care	Litter picking July	3560		£ 460.80	15/08/2017
C Ratcliff	Salary	2310	£ 1,395.25		
C Ratcliff	Car Allowance	2110	£ 20.00	£ 1,415.25	31/08/2017
C Fox	Salary	2310		£ 120.00	31/08/2017
Came & Company	Insurance	2270		£ 1,967.36	22/08/2017
First Line IT	Email link to website	2240		£ 5.94	15/08/2017
Goodlife Gardens	Misc repairs, cleaning and maintenance	var		£ 367.50	10/08/2017
Goodlife Gardens	Car Park clearance & post repair	var		£ 216.00	25/08/2017
HMRC	PAYE & NI	2310		£ 747.31	31/08/2017
J M Krzak	Cleaning	2310		£ 137.50	31/08/2017
M & C Landscapes	Grass Cutting July	3110		£ 1,592.36	10/08/2017
Playsfety Ltd	Playground Inspections	4211		£189.00	15/08/2017
RBS	Software maintenance	2510		£139.20	10/08/2017
SODC	Dog waste bins Apr-June 2017	3560		£ 100.46	25/08/2017
SSE	Street Lights Maintenance (July)	3420		£ 1,033.62	10/08/2017
Wallingford Glass	Repair to windows at OJFS	2570		£ 423.84	15/08/2017
<b>Direct Debits/Standing Orders</b>					
Biff Bang Pow	Website hosting package monthly fee	2240		£ 26.10	01/08/2017
British Gas	Gas OJFS	2260		£ 57.67	22/08/2017
Castle Water	Water WHBG	2260		£ 2.57	22/08/2017
Castle Water	Water Gardiner Pavilion	2260		£ 106.29	14/08/2017
Castle Water	Water Gardiner Sprinkler	2260		£ 111.57	14/08/2017
Castle Water	Water Sheepcot Pavilion	2260		£ 104.57	14/08/2017
Castle Water	Water OJFS	2260		£ 12.60	14/08/2017
Grundon Waste Management	Collections OJFS May-July	3560		£ 4.00	20/08/2017
Mainstream Digital	Phone	2240		£ 2.72	14/08/2017
NEST	Pension	2310		£ 35.19	21/08/2017
SODC	Business rates	2290	£ 51.00		
SODC	Business rates	2290	£ 84.00	£ 135.00	01/08/2017
SSE	Electricity - Gardiner Pavilion	2260		£ 143.09	11/08/2017
SSE	Electricity - Sheepcot Pavilion	2260		£ 103.72	11/08/2017
SSE	Electricity - OJFS	2260		£ 59.91	11/08/2017
SSE	Street lights unmetered electricity	3420		£ 319.42	19/08/2017
Talk Talk	Broadband	2240		£ 22.31	11/08/2017
Utility Warehouse	Gas OJFS	2260		£ 27.90	31/08/2017
Xerox (UK)	Copier Printer usage	2210		£ 13.13	09/08/2017
<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b>					
Xerox (UK)	Copier printer usage	4903		£ 92.56	09/08/2017
<b>Total:</b>				£ 10,296.45	

<b>Goring-on-Thames Parish Council</b>					
<b>Receipts received August 2017</b>					
<b>From</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Amount</b>
AB Walker	Memorial Adcock	1130	01/08/2017	Inv 1096	£60.96
Reeves Memorials	Memorial - Beresford	1130	01/08/2017	Inv 1097	£112.16
Goring Football Club	Licence 2017-18	var	07/08/2017	Inv 1104	£1,491.89
Reeves Memorials	Memorial - Taylor	1130	14/08/2017	Inv 1109	£60.96
Goring Cricket Club	Licence 2017-18	1141	14/08/2017	Inv 1103	£1,533.31
TSB	Bank Interest	1190	09/08/2017	DC	£2.27
British Gas	Credit Note Gardiner Service Contract	2260	22/08/2017	DC	£437.87
Goring Tennis Club	Licence 2017-18	1143	23/08/2017	Inv 1106	£1,311.50
				<b>Total:</b>	<b>£5,010.92</b>

**Goring on Thames Parish Council**  
**Monthly Report Bank Account and Reserves Balances**

As at: **31 August 2017**

**Reconciled Bank Account Balances**

Current TSB		£42,074.38
TSB Reserves		£55,326.90
Unpresented Payments		-£890.58
Unpresented Receipts		£0.00
VAT Control Account		£437.93
<b>Total</b>		<b>£96,948.63</b>

**Earmarked Reserves (Capital and Contingency)**

Operating Reserve Account	R	£24,000.00
Rectory Garden	R	£1,000.00
Ferry Lane Riverbank Repairs	R	£0.00
Ferry Lane Fence	R	£750.00
Tree Purchase and Replacement	R	£12,500.00
Playground Equipment	C	£11,267.00
Weir Legal Fees	R	£5,809.90

**Total Revenue Reserves** £44,059.90

**Total Capital Reserves** £11,267.00

**Total Reserves** **£55,326.90**

**General Funds Available** **£41,621.73**

## REPORT TO GORING DIVISION PARISH COUNCILS **SEPTEMBER 2017** FROM CLLR KEVIN BULMER

### GENERAL OCC REPORT

#### KEY PROJECTS AROUND GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE REACH CRITICAL POINTS

Key projects informing how Oxfordshire grows and develops in the coming years will reach critical points in September. They are:

**The Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy** - led by Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) on behalf of the Oxfordshire Growth Board, the strategy will be considered for board approval on 26 September by Oxfordshire's six councils, who collectively deliver projects from the government's City and Growth Deals. Public consultation on the strategy's prioritisation framework concludes on 3 September.

**Housing Infrastructure Fund** - bids totalling up to £500m will be made by OCC, with the support of the Growth Board, to the government's HIF by 28 September.

**Oxfordshire Growth Board** will decide on the business case for a spatial plan for Oxfordshire.

**Place Based Proposal** – negotiations are underway with government to agree a package for Oxfordshire that will help unlock housing and increase productivity through a number of freedoms and flexibilities. The initial proposal is due to be with DCLG by 6 September and an MP briefing session will be arranged to provide an overview of the proposal.

**The National Infrastructure Commission** establishes governance in the region around major infrastructure projects and connectivity through the 'first and last mile' principle.

#### CONGRATULATIONS AND SUPPORT FOR YOUNGSTERS AFTER EXAMS

Congratulations to all students who achieved their objectives after receiving GCSE, AS and A-Level exam results last month. For those who got their desired grades, and those who would like support, OCC is giving advice for 16 to 19-year-olds about staying in learning, finding a job or starting an apprenticeship. Throughout the results period and beyond, staff will be available via the web chat service on the Oxme website to talk to young people and parents about the wide range of learning and employment opportunities available in Oxfordshire, and to help with applications. Information can be accessed via a dedicated page on the Oxme website [www.oxme.info/resultsday](http://www.oxme.info/resultsday)

#### CHANGES TO DAYTIME SUPPORT

As demand for social care grows, OCC needs to make sure there is a secure core service in place for the future. To achieve this OCC is introducing a new daytime service. This follows a review of adult daytime support and a public consultation. From 1 October OCC's Health and Wellbeing and Learning Disability Daytime Support Services will be replaced by a new Community Support Service. This will be delivered from eight centres: Abingdon, Banbury, Bicester, Didcot, Oxford, Wallingford, Wantage and Witney. Everyone with eligible care needs for daytime support is guaranteed to receive a service and can choose to receive this from OCC. Most day services in Oxfordshire are provided by community groups - three-quarters of these receive no council funding and continue to flourish. The vast majority of the 47 voluntary sector day services that have received funding from OCC have been awarded transitional grants. Further grants will be available in the future. Many people who use daytime services have multiple needs and the Community Support Service buildings will be used by all service user groups with staff providing personalised support to meet individual needs. By introducing these changes OCC is making sure that the services are in place for the people that need them most. Further information is available at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/news/2017/mar/changes-daytime-support>

## HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE UPDATE

As detailed in the July Parish Report, OCC has signed a new Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) contract that secures all seven sites in the medium term, with no change to the sites opening hours or days. Banners and leaflets are now on site at all seven HWRCs, informing local residents that there will be a change in non-household waste charges from the 1st October. The existing DIY 1,2,3 for free scheme is being replaced by a small fixed fee per item of £1.50 for non-household waste. Tyres and plasterboard will also be charged for at an affordable rate. OCC is not obliged to provide residents with a disposal site for non-household waste. However, in the HWRC public consultation carried out in summer 2016, 91% of responses indicated that residents would prefer to pay to deposit non-household waste as a way of saving money and protecting other council services. Soil, rubble, hard-core, plasterboard (gypsum) other DIY type items are classified as construction waste, not household waste, and are expensive for OCC to dispose of. OCC recognises that many householders carry out small DIY projects from time to time, and by applying a small charge this allows HWRCs to continue accepting these discretionary types of non-household waste. Non-household or DIY items, as a general rule are materials created from the construction, demolition, alteration or repair of a home or garden. Residents can still dispose of all their household waste free of charge at any of the county's HWRCs. Also new in October 2017 will be a bin for recycling hard plastics. After a successful trial at Dix and Alkerton HWRCs, items such as plastic garden furniture and children's toys will be collected and recycled from all sites. PCs may want to remind residents that all HWRCs are open until 8pm on Thursdays until 1 October 2017. More information about the changes is available online at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/chargeablewaste](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/chargeablewaste) and <http://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/new-household-waste-recycling-centre-contract-for-oxfordshire-announced/>

## SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE HOME CARE AGENCY RATED “OUTSTANDING”

A home care provider in Oxfordshire has been rated as “Outstanding” by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), confirming that the county is ahead of national averages. George Springall Homecare is a domiciliary care (home care) agency providing support and care to people in their own homes in the South Oxfordshire area - currently with clients in Wallingford, Botley, Steventon, Shippon, Standlake, Abingdon and Berinsfield. Following an inspection earlier this year it has been given the CQC's top rating of “Outstanding” – which is rarely awarded. The other possible ratings following an inspection are “Good”, “requires improvement” or “inadequate”. The award means that Oxfordshire is now better than the national average for “Outstanding” domiciliary care agencies with three per cent given the top rating locally compared to two per cent nationally. A total of 86 per cent of local agencies are rated “good” compared to 82 per cent nationally.

## £6.2M GOVERNMENT FUNDING TO `HELP UNLOCK 15,000 NEW HOMES` IN DIDCOT

Housing and Planning Minister Alok Sharma has announced that Oxfordshire is set to benefit from thousands of new homes and improvements to local transport networks thanks to a £6.2 million government cash injection awarded to South Oxfordshire District Council. This will accelerate delivery of Didcot's Northern Perimeter Road, a vital piece of local infrastructure and key to the success of Didcot Garden Town, where over 15,000 homes are expected to be built by 2031. The infrastructure investment promises to boost economic growth across the Science Vale and enterprise zone, increasing employment by 20,000 over the next 20 years. Didcot Garden Town's delivery plan sets out a vision for the development of high quality housing and the transformation of the local area. Good design is at the heart of the plan, prioritising high quality public and green spaces. In keeping with its location at the heart of Oxfordshire's Science Vale, cutting-edge technology will underpin and enable development. A mix of affordable and private rented homes will be supported not only by new roads but by a host of



other new facilities, including new cycle paths, a leisure centre, new schools, shops and more green spaces. Guided by residents, this development promises to rejuvenate the area while retaining the unique character of Didcot town.

## **OXFORD TRANSPORT STRATEGY: DEMAND MANAGEMENT OPTIONS CONTINUE**

As part of the Oxford Transport Strategy (OTS), work continues around the potential introduction of demand management measures, including consideration of a workplace parking levy, congestion charging and access restrictions in Oxford. The strategy also includes ambitious proposals for rapid transit, mass cycling and a much stronger emphasis on place and better air quality across the city. September sees the next stage of a programme of work including research with businesses in Oxford and residents across the county, using focus groups and individual interviews, to gather attitudes and views on transport, congestion, and demand management options. Sample representatives from major employers, small and medium enterprises and sole traders will be contacted to better understand their expectations, needs and priorities for transport improvements. Workplace parking surveys will also be carried out to understand the availability and occupancy of car parking in the city. Over 1,500 employers will be contacted in writing to request permission to carry out a survey on their land. Wider consultation on demand management options will be vital to help shape proposals and this is expected to take place between next February and April.

## **NIC CYCLING ADVISER VISITS OXFORD**

The Sunday Times journalist Andrew Gilligan was in Oxford on 7 and 8 August in his newly appointed role of cycling adviser to the National Infrastructure Commission (NIC). Mr Gilligan has been asked to write a report, by 11 September, on cycling across Oxford, Milton Keynes, Cambridge and the Growth Corridor and how to make it “world class”. The former London Cycling Commissioner was appointed to the role in July by NIC Chairman, Lord Andrew Adonis. During his visit, co-ordinated by OCC and involving Oxford City Council, the University of Oxford, local cycling charity Cyclox, the Oxfordshire Cycling Network and OxLEP, Mr Gilligan was able to gather information and views on current and future provision for cyclists in the city. He had meetings with the Leader, Councillor Ian Hudspeth; the Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor Yvonne Constance, and Bev Hindle, Strategic Director for Communities, along with several of his directorate colleagues. Discussions covered the Local Transport Plan, recent infrastructure achievements, plans for the future including provision for cycle commuters (who account for 19% of all commuter journeys in the city), how to get more people into cycling and cycling’s health benefits.

## **SPECIFIC REPORT FOR CONTACT DETAILS**

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## **Recreation Issues - September 2017 Update**

### **Meeting with Sports Clubs Representatives**

There have been no further comments from the Sports Clubs' representatives concerning the meeting which was held on Thursday 20 July.' so it is accepted that the proposed fees for 2017/18 are appropriate.

A meeting is being arranged to discuss heads of terms for the renewal of the Tennis Club lease.

### **Gardiner Recreation Ground**

A polite refusal has been received from Richfield Properties for use of the Thames Court car park on evenings and week-ends, to avoid double parking on Upper Red-Cross Road. As the Fire Service has requested that emergency access is maintained, it is proposed that the Cricket Club should be asked to make its members and supporters aware of the need to avoid double parking.

### **Sheepcot Recreation Ground**

The Clerk has enquired about cost of replacing the bin at Sheepcot. Additional fees of only £2 per week would be charged to empty, plus refitting costs estimated at £40.

### **Bourdillon Field**

Quotations have been obtained for the replacement of the swings which were removed last year after being declared unsafe in a routine inspection.

### **Children's Recreation Equipment**

It is proposed that the Working Party should resume consideration of plans for additional children's play equipment, so that means of funding can be considered. Cllr. Mary Bulmer and Cllr. Carmela Boff have indicated their willingness to join the Working Party. A summary of the current position on additional children's recreation equipment is attached.

### **Rectory Garden**

A key element of improving the attractiveness of the Rectory Garden is raising the crown and thinning the branches of the overgrown trees. I propose that advice be sought, and quotations be obtained to update the decision of the previous GPC to have this work done.

Lawrie Reavill

04.09.2017

Additional Children's Playground Equipment - Update September 2017Background

In 2015 a GPC Working Party considered the provision of additional children's recreation equipment. A proposal was drawn up for three items of equipment, (a zip-wire; a climbing frame; and four swings), to be located in the south-east corner of the Gardiner Recreation Ground. The cost was assessed at about £40,000. Following the significant outlay of investment in the Gardiner Pavilion as well as desire to obtain S106 monies, the proposal had to be relegated to "the back burner".

Proposal

As GPC is about to consider the budget for next year, it is proposed that the project for additional children's recreation equipment should be reconsidered and proceed as follows:

1. Review the selection of equipment and the location.
2. Check for customer support. Is this still top of the kid's wish-list?
3. Complete a detailed design of the facilities. Design consultant?
4. Recruit a support group of parents. And other interested parishioners?
5. Consult the support group, and other parties as appropriate.
6. Amend the design if necessary as a result of the consultations.
7. Develop a specification for tenders.
8. Seek grant funding and include some financial provision in the 2017/18 budget.
9. Present a final detailed and costed proposal (including agreed grant sources, if any) for approval by GPC.

It is proposed that the above process be approved. It is also proposed that an allocation of about £2,500 be approved for the commissioning of a professional landscape architect to prepare initial designs to be ready for consultation.

Lawrie Reavill

05.09.2017

## Clerk

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**From:** planning@southoxon.gov.uk@ms4.ssmx.net on behalf of  
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Dear Mr Ratcliff,

### **Consultation on the Revised Draft Section 106 Planning Obligations, Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulation 123 list**

We are today publishing the above documents and inviting comments for a six week period until 5pm on **Wednesday 11 October 2017**.

The documents are interim updates and will be further reviewed in line with the new Local Plan and revised Infrastructure Delivery Plan. They have been produced to ensure we capture contributions from development to secure infrastructure in the transition period until the new Local Plan is adopted. It is anticipated that a revised CIL Charging Schedule will be adopted after autumn 2018.

To assist the consultation process, the key proposed changes have been highlighted in red in the documents.

The viability of large planning applications will be considered on a case by case basis taking into consideration the provision of affordable housing and the full CIL charge. CIL money does not need to be used for providing infrastructure on the site it is collected from. The proposed changes to the S106 SPD and Regulation 123 list will ensure that infrastructure necessary to be provided on site for large developments is going to be secured through S106 (subject to CIL Regulations).

### **Consultation process**

Comments are invited on the revisions to the Section 106 SPD and Regulation 123 list. Full details of the consultation are available on the council's website [www.southoxon.gov.uk/S106](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/S106)

The consultation target audience includes statutory bodies, agents, developers and general consultation bodies. All organisations registered on our database will today receive an email or letter with details of the consultation. If you are registered on our planning policy consultation database then you will receive an email inviting you to take part in the consultation.

A press notice will be published this week in the Herald Series (Wallingford and Didcot), Oxford Times and Henley Standard.

Copies of the document and comment forms are available at our office and all libraries in South Oxfordshire (list below). Our website will also feature the consultation along with an update in our September Planning Matters newsletter.

### **How to comment**

Interested bodies are encouraged to respond using our online survey <http://survey.southandvale.gov.uk/s/RevisedS106/?m=25557827cqjv> Please note this link is uniquely tied to your email address.

The survey webpage is : <http://survey.southandvale.gov.uk/s/RevisedS106/>

Responses can also be made by:

- email to: [planning@southoxon.gov.uk](mailto:planning@southoxon.gov.uk)
- post to: Planning Policy, South Oxfordshire District Council, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Abingdon, OX14 4SB
- printed survey available from our council office and participating libraries.

After the close of the consultation period we will consider the responses received, make any appropriate adjustments, and then formally adopt the revised S106 SPD and Regulation 123 list.

If you have any questions please contact the lead officer Heike Wetzstein by email [planning@southoxon.gov.uk](mailto:planning@southoxon.gov.uk) or call our Customer Service Team on 01235 422600.

Thank you in advance for your support with this consultation.

Kind regards

Adrian Duffield  
Head of Planning

**Participating local libraries**

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Berinsfield  
Chinnor  
Didcot  
Goring  
Henley  
Sonning Common  
Thame  
Wallingford  
Watlington  
Wheatley  
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