



GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Notice of a Meeting of the Goring on Thames Parish Council

Friday 28th Aug 2020 at 10:00am, Virtual Meeting

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)

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.*

Authority to Hold Virtual Public Meetings

The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus)(Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings)(England and Wales) Regulations 2020 [LAPCP 2020] came in to effect on the 4th April 2020.

LAPCP 2020, allows for the use of Virtual Public meetings until 06th May 2021, to enable local councils to continue to work and support their communities, and legally allow the council as a body to make decisions.

Please note, LAPCP 2020 also removes the requirement to hold an Annual Council Meeting during the month of May 2020. All appointments normally approved in the ACM now rollover to the next ACM, in May 2021 with the current appointments and committees continuing by extension.

Dial In Details for this Meeting

Telephone: 020 3713 5028 Access Code: 476-253-901

The Weblink is available on the parish council website under "Meeting and Minutes > Full Council Meetings"

10:00am – 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 by asking questions, raising concerns or making comments on matters affecting Goring. 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 and to approve the reasons given. (LGA 1972 s85(1))

2. Declarations of Interests (LA 2011 s31)

Member 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)

3. Finance FY 2019/2020

- 3.1. To approve the annual accounts for the year ending 31st March 2020 (income and expenditure). **Appendix A**
- 3.2. To approve appointing Jane Olds as Internal Auditor 2019/2020 (cost within budget), due to no return of AGAR by Arrow Accounting.
- 3.3. To approve the annual governance statement and statement of account and receive report from the internal auditor for 2019-2020, all part of the statutory annual return (AGAR Part 3)
To be provided in advance of the meeting.
- 3.4. To approve the variances report to the external auditors **Appendix B**
- 3.5. To note budget variations for 2019-2020 **Appendix C**
- 3.6. To note year end cash and investment reconciliation as at 31st March 2020 **Appendix D**

4. Finance FY 2020/2021

- 4.1. To approve accepting CIL monies for the financial year 2020/2021
- 4.2. To appoint Jane Olds, as Internal Auditor.
NOTE, agreement is ongoing and would need to be cancelled for any subsequent year.
- 4.3. To consider updating the Financial Regulations to be more reflective of the Model Financial Regulations, issued after the last annual review of governing documents.

5. Public Spaces Strategy Working Group

- 5.1. To approve TOR **Appendix E**
- 5.2. In light of upcoming Financial Regulations changes, in line with best practice, to reconsider decision made, point 10, Meeting of July 13th 2020, see confidential section for review of 3 bids from local Landscape Architects.

6. 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.

- 6.1. To appoint Landscape architect for Public Spaces Strategy, based on the Working Group recommendation.

7. Matters for future discussion.

8. To confirm the time and date of the next meeting: Virtual Meeting 14th September 2020.