



# GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Station Road Sub-Committee of the Traffic Management, Parking & Pedestrian Safety Committee of the Goring On Thames Parish Council Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 11:00am, Virtual Meeting

### Members Present:

Chairman Cllr David Brooker (DB)  
Members Cllr Bryan Urbick (BU)  
Cllr Sonia Lofthouse (SL)  
John Boler (JB)  
Briony Cooke (BC)

**Officers Present:** L White (Clerk)

**Public and Press:** Total: 1

### Meeting started 11:00

#### SR.03.1. To elect a Chairman of the Committee

*Note, this will be elected at each meeting, alternating between a GPC Councillor, and a MIGGS Committee member.*

**Resolved:** To Elect D Brooker as the Chairman of this meeting, Unanimous

#### SR.03.2. To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given. [LGA 1972 s85(1)]

Apologies received from: Angie Tomlinson (AT)

#### SR.03.3. Declarations of Interests [LA 2011 s31]

None

#### SR.03.4. To approve the minutes of previous Sub-Committee Meetings [LA 1972 Sch 12. Para 41(1)]

4.1. 8th July 2021

**Resolved:** Approved to sign, unanimous.

#### SR.03.5. To review/note actions taken since the last meeting.

5.1. Yew Tree Court junction. White lines have been renewed

It was commented that observations of the current line painting on Google Maps – Satellite pictures, lead large commercial vehicles, into Yew Tree Court.

**Proposal:** to ask the Parish Council to look into the lines on the entrance to Yew Tree Court as part of their review of all the traffic line painting.



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### 5.2. Station Road

- Surface

No further update. OCC have suggested a FixMyStreet, but OCC have closed the report with no further action. Suggested that improvements to the surface be incorporated if any final permanent pedestrian priority lane is pursued.

- Speed Limit

20's Plenty scheme, has been tested in a few smaller parishes by OCC. The Council would need to apply to be considered.

### 5.3. Pedestrian Priority Lane (PPL)

**[ACTION SL]** To do a comparative review of Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) and Pedestrian Priority Lane (PPL). Data to feed in to next meeting, so that discussing of the options, if required, could be part of the consultation questions.

**Proposal:** To wait for the results of the comparison of the LTN and PPL, before agreeing which one to progress with on a trial basis and explain this to people on the consultation. Deadline to revert by 10<sup>th</sup> November with conclusions.

- Proposed informal consultation form for relocating parking spaces
- Overgrowth of vegetation and obstacles
- Council have agreed to a speed survey in Station Rd

### 5.4. Speed limit

*To note that OCC are investigating applying 20mph speed limits in Towns and Villages and implications on Station Rd.*

**Proposal:** To recommend to the council that they apply for 20mph scheme for the village and ensure that Station Road is incorporated. Whilst also being mindful, the sub-committee will continue with the pre-approved action to complete a speed survey on Station Road and OCC Highways have already confirmed that if the 80<sup>th</sup>ile of the survey is near 20mph, the change to 20mph on Station Road would be just an administrative change without full consultation.

**SR.03.6. To ask the council to confirm the costs for pavement renovations on station approach**

Not needed.



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### **SR.03.7. Discuss and agree the form of informal consultation so that the consultation proceed.**

A draft questionnaire was circulated for review. It was discussed giving the opportunity allow for residents to ask questions. Comments can be put on the back of the form, and people will be invited to complete the questions online, asked to put the Road they live on as part of the questions to ensure responses coming from the streets to be considered.

### **SR.03.8. Consider asking the Parish Council to formally apply to OCC for the high street to become a no loading, no waiting zone.**

To move to the Traffic and Parking Committee.

### **SR.03.9. To receive feedback from Conservation Area Appraisal Working Group member on progress and implications for Station Road of the Appraisal and agree actions.**

Feedback Received by e-mail: [Some pertinent points were read out at the meeting]

They suggest a higher quality area of surfacing flush with the road to demarcate a pedestrian route, with a surface relevant to the character of the area. A resin bound gravel surface is probably the least visually intrusive way of achieving this as the potential colour palette is softer in tone and sensitive to the historic environment of the village street. It also provides a good surface for pedestrians and wheelchairs - its sure to appear in OCC's "surface options" as it is widely used these days. Another advantage of resin is that its porous, so good for future sustainability. Use of porous surfaces will be recommended in the CA appraisal when public realm surfaces are up for replacement. In relation to drainage, they did [say] that there were requirements to improve drainage away from historic buildings and protection for their curtilages (note that there are several listed buildings) and they recommended a study into surfacing options with particular reference to drainage. For the vehicular section of the shared space, it would be really good if we could achieve a more sensitive surface than grey tarmac (presumably with yellow lines)! Again, more discrete options are available as this is a lightly used service road not a major thoroughfare, and I guess OCC will be aware of them. Station Rd is a real, 'once in a lifetime' opportunity to make a significant impact on the 'smartening up' of the village centre - as well as improving quality of life for residents - so go for it!

**Propose:** To assume for the trial that paint would be applied to the road, but that that if the PPL / LTN were pursued permanently, then the longer term solution details need to be considered more carefully, in this Conservation Area road.

### **SR.03.10. Matters for future discussion.**

To discussion LTN v PPL at the next meeting before the consultation is sent out.



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Request for a mirror outside the community centre, the post which is already there. A member of public has offered to donate £250 to this activity, MIGGS suggested that they may be able to match this promised funding. [PC Agenda]

**SR.03.11. To confirm the time and date of the next meeting**

10<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 11am, Gardiner Pavilion. (to be confirmed after this meeting subject to availability)

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