



## **GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Notice of an Extra Ordinary Council Meeting of the Goring-on-Thames Parish Council**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 11:00, Gardiner Pavilion**

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)**

**NOTE: Subject to all councillors being present, this period may start as early as 10:50.**

*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 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. To consider requests for Dispensations [LA 2011 s33]**

**4. To approve the minutes of previous council meetings [LA 1972 Sch 12. Para 41(1)]**

4.1. Meeting held on 08<sup>th</sup> November 2021

4.2. Matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.

**5. To consider adopting General Powers of Competence**

**Appendix A**

5.1. Following the May 2021 elections, where 9 Councillors were returned uncontested, and given that the Clerk is now qualified in the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA), members are recommended to review the General Power of Competence report as submitted and make the following resolution: "Goring-on-Thames Parish Council resolves from 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 until the next relevant Annual Meeting of the Council, that having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, to adopt the General Power of Competence"



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### **6. Increased COVID Rates, and reintroduction of distancing measures**

- 6.1. Central Government has updated Public Spaces Guidance to include recommendation of cleaning high touch points such as gates and fences. To approve using some of the remaining COVID Response EMR to purchase a battery powered disinfectant fogging machine (plus supplies), which can be used to disinfect both play equipment areas and council buildings.  
*Quotes and recommendation of machines to be provided at the meeting.*
- 6.2. To consider how best to use the COVID Response EMR, to support vulnerable members of the Oxfordshire Community throughout the festive period and beyond.
- 6.3. To approve advertising for additional cleaning provision, rate of £12 per hour on a self-employed basis, for cover only when our employed cleaner is on holiday.
- 6.4. To approve cancelling the previously agreed Winter of Play.  
*Note: Some of the £3000 budget was to purchase parish assets which would be used for future events. £1500 of the budget to be moved to Summer of Play for purchase of those assets (BBQ; Gazebo; Urns etc)*
- 6.5. To approve re-activating the Section 101 Delegation for both the Full Council and the Planning Committee.  
*Noting: The budget and precept for the next financial year must be approved by the Council and cannot be delegated. Section 101 delegation will be used to make only urgent decisions which cannot wait for the next Full Council Meeting. The views of the councillors will be sought prior to decisions being made using virtual meetings where possible. Proposal: Section 101 delegation to remain in place, whilst "work from home if you can" instruction from Central Government remains.*

### **7. Matters for future discussion.**

### **8. To confirm the time and date of the next Parish Council meeting**

- 8.1. Next Meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
*Subject to the levels of COVID locally and nationally; this meeting may be used only to discuss and approve the budget and precept for the next Financial Year.*