



GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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

Monday 08th November 2021 at 7:30pm, Goring Village Hall; Bellême Room

Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting

MoP1: Spoke about the junction of Yew Tree Court; Station Road; Red Cross Road, and how many users unfamiliar with the area are incorrectly using Yew Tree Court rather than Red Cross Road or Station Road.

Chairman MIGGS: Urged the Council to expedite decision on a convex mirror on Station Road, outside the Community Centre.

MoP2: Asked the Council to consider recording meetings and making the recordings available online.

MoP3: Has a suggestion for recording of meetings and will forward in due course.

MoP4: Raised points regarding modifications at Gardiner Pavilion in light of the temporary move, and the previous request to put the OJFS surveyors report online- confirmation was given it had been uploaded as requested.

Gap Festival Representative: Commentated that the Council may wish to use the monies allocated for Summer of Play to give grants.

MoP5: Asked if there would be a budgeting workshop this year, and if members of public would be allowed to attend. It was confirmed that in general, many councils hold budgeting workshops to which members of public are not invited to attend.

Members Present:

Chairman	Cllr Kevin Bulmer (KB)
Members	Cllr Laurie Reavill (LR)
	Cllr David Brooker (DB)
	Cllr Sonia Lofthouse (SL)
	Cllr Bryan Urbick (BU)
	Cllr Mary Bulmer (MBu)
	Cllr John Wills (JW)
	Cllr Tony Virgo-Harris (TVH)
	Cllr Emma McCorkell (EM)

Officers Present:

Clerk Laura White (LW)

Public and Press: Cllr M Filipova-Rivers + at least 11

Meeting started 19:45

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

Resolved: Apologies received from Cllr M Brown, reasons given were approved, unanimous.

21.07.2. Declarations of Interests [LA 2011 s31]

None



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

None

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

21.07.4.1. Meeting held on 04th Oct 2021

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting, incorporating the changes as circulated by e-mail on the morning of the meeting, the minutes were duly signed.

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

The members were apprised of the detail of discussions with Yattenden Estates, they are no longer able to donate a tree fully, as they wish to help many more organisations, however could offer a 66% discount.

Proposal: To ratify any spend on the tree at the January meeting, likely not more than £160, based on the current quote from Yattendon.

No vote was held, as there was no formal proposal on the agenda.

21.07.5. To receive Chairman's report and announcements

None

[Item 11 from the agenda moved to this part of the meeting]

21.07.6. To receive reports and consider actions arising from Working Groups and Committees

21.07.6.1. NP Strategic Project – Goring CofE Primary School WG

No Update

21.07.6.2. Conservation Area Appraisal WG

No Update

21.07.6.3. Traffic Management, Parking & Pedestrian Safety Committee

Committee has not met, no update.

21.07.6.4. Station Road Sub-Committee

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- To approve investigating the lines at the entrance to Yew Tree Court

When the Station Road Sub-Committee met with OCC Highways, OCC decided to repaint the lines in this location to the requirements of the current line scheme.

Resolved: Approved, to delegate to the Traffic Management, Parking & Pedestrian Safety Committee to investigate this matter, unanimous.



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- To approve applying for village wide 20mph limit

County Councillor K Bulmer commented that at the moment OCC hasn't set a budget for actioning this activity.

It was commented by a member of the Council that the Police and Crime Commissioner has confirmed they will enforce whatever the road signs say. Thames Valley Police (TVP) also have a community speed watch programme.

Resolved: Approved, to apply at the earliest opportunity, unanimous.

- To approve investigating how to make the High Street a no loading / no waiting zone.

Resolved: Approved, to delegate to the Traffic Management, Parking & Pedestrian Safety Committee to investigate this matter, unanimous.

- To approve applying for installation / installing a convex mirror on the streetlamp outside the Community Centre.

OCC Highways have stated they will not endorse the installation of any mirrors.

Resolved: Approved, to implement a trial 6m installation subject to donations to cover the costs, unanimous.

21.07.6.5. Communications Committee

The committee has meet; electing EM as Chairman, then agreeing and finalising submission to GGN for November 2021.

21.07.6.6. Public Spaces Review

No Update

21.07.7. To receive reports from District and County Councillors

21.07.7.1. Oxfordshire County Councillor; K Bulmer

Appendix A

No further comments in addition to the report.

21.07.7.2. South Oxfordshire District Councillor; M Filipova-Rivers

Appendix B

No further comments in addition to the report.

21.07.8. Planning

21.07.8.1. To receive the minutes of meeting of:

- 28th September 2021

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Resolved: The minutes were received, unanimous.



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**21.07.8.2. To consider application and approve response to the planning authority:
P21/S4248/HH; 15 Grange Close, Goring, RG8 9DY**

Front Porch and Alterations.

Resolved: The Council approved unanimously to submit the response: No Objections, and to attach the general planning informative.

**21.07.8.3. To consider application and approve response to the planning authority
P21/S4426/HH; 23 Milldown Avenue, Goring, RG8 0AS**

Proposed ground and first floor side extension. Proposed new roof over existing garage.

Resolved: The Council approved unanimously to submit the response: No Objections, and to attach the general planning informatives.

**21.07.8.4. To consider application and approve response to the planning authority
P21/S4565/HH; 4 Walnut Tree Court, Goring, RG8 9HW**

Enlargement of dining room window, cut down to floor level to create new patio doors to garden. Small window opening in east wall of living room to be increased in width & height, Width to match dining & kitchen windows, height to match proposed new patio doors to dining room, lintel to incorporate double header curved brick arch to match existing window head details. Replacement windows throughout to be uPVC with grey exterior finish in lieu of existing brown stained finish. Windows will be similar casement style with window bar, but note casement heads will be square in lieu of arched. 1 no garage door opening to be bricked up in matching brickwork to facilitate creation of new utility room.

Resolved: The Council approved unanimously to submit the response: No Objections, and to attach the general planning informatives.

**21.07.8.5. To consider application and approve response to the planning authority
P21/S4595/HH; Sangalala, Elmhurst Walk, Goring, RG8 9DE**

Extensions and alterations to existing dwelling.

Resolved: The Council approved unanimously to submit the response: No Objections, and to attach the general planning informatives.

21.07.9. To receive minutes of Committees

21.07.9.1. Station Road Sub-Committee

- 08th July 2021

Appendix D

Resolved: The minutes were received, unanimous.

21.07.10. Clerk's Report

Appendix E

21.07.10.1. To select an approximate date and time for the Annual Meeting of the Parish, 2022. To be held between March 1st and June 1st 2022, Clerk to check availability of venues and revert.

The Chairman asked that it be discussed outside the meeting when they can consult their diary.



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21.07.10.2. Minutes and Lawful Decisions

- To receive a report on the legal basis of minutes and advice received on the correct format.

Resolved: The report was received by the Council.

- To note the decision to continue with the Henley Standard Subscription as made in the meeting of October 4th 2021 was not lawful and to formally consider on this agenda whether to continue receiving the Henley Standard.

It was proposed that because the village circulation of the Henley Standard is only approximately 100 copies, that it would be better to consider at a future meeting whether to designate the GGN as our local paper.

It was commented that there is no particular benefit to the villagers of the council members receiving the paper.

Resolved: The council approved by majority to continue to receive the Henley Standard on delivered subscription.

21.07.10.3. To consider a request for £4000 Grant from Gap Festival

Resolved: Approved unanimously to delegate to the Clerk to respond to Gap Festival, confirming the grant policy remains suspended and therefore there is no avenue to grant the monies as requested, to further propose to the Gap Festival that the Council may consider sponsoring an event, which could be discussed at the January 2022 meeting.

21.07.10.4. To approve a request for a memorial bench for “Father Tom”

A verbal report was given on some of the details of Father Tom’s activities and involvement in village life.

Resolved: Approved unanimously, to install a bench at either the requested spot at the burial ground, or at the Ferry Lane Space, with preference of the Ferry Lane Space. To confirm with the requestors and submit an article including some of Father Tom’s achievements and endeavours in GGN when the bench is installed.

21.07.10.5. To approve taking part in the advent windows, a Goring Library initiative, proposal of not more than £60 from property sundries, items to be retained for future years.

Resolved: Approved to submit suggestion to the Goring Library for decorating the Gardiner Pavilion windows, with budget of £60, Unanimous

21.07.10.6. To consider the locations of the noticeboards and if appropriate agree which to move.

Resolved: It was decided unanimously, to leave the noticeboards where they are, until such time as a decision is made regarding the future of the Old Jubilee Fire Station.



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21.07.10.7. To consider a request from members of public to investigate installing speed bumps at the end of Elvendon Road (Woodcote End)

Resolved: Approved, to delegate to the Traffic Management, Parking & Pedestrian Safety Committee to investigate, unanimous.

21.07.11. Facilities Report

21.07.11.1. To consider moving two radiators a at the Gardiner Pavilion, for a cost of not more than £700, to make the space more usable.

Resolved: Approved, after confirmation that it would still be useful to have moved them for future users of the space, once the PC has move back out of the pavilion, to proceed with moving the radiators, unanimous.

21.07.11.2. To approve amending the previous decision to remove the Rectory Garden sign completely, to cover the restrictions only, until such time new signs are commissioned for all of the parish public spaces.

Resolved: To not amend the original decision, unanimous. Sign to be removed.

21.07.11.3. To consider repainting the lines in the car park at the Sheepcot Recreation Ground, for not more than £600

Resolved: Approved to repaint and add lines to the entrance road subject to the cost remaining below £600, unanimous.

21.07.12. Finance

Appendix G

21.07.12.1. To approve finalised payment schedule for 1st April 2021-31st October 2021

(Note: Reapproval for April-June as all now entered in to Scribe under new codes)

Resolved: Approved, Unanimous.

21.07.12.2. To note receipts for 1st April 2021-31st October 2021

(Note: Noting again for April-June as all now entered in to Scribe under new codes)

Resolved: Noted, Unanimous.

21.07.12.3. To note the reconciled bank account and reserves balances as at 31st October 2021

Resolved: Noted, Unanimous.

21.07.12.4. To receive the external audit report for FY 2019/2020

Resolved: Received, Unanimous.

21.07.12.5. To note the notice for conclusion of external audit for FY 2019/2020 has been posted.

Resolved: Noted, Unanimous.



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21.07.12.6. To note; due to office move and updating all finance to Scribe, budget for 2022/2023 to be approved at the January 2022 meeting, budgeting workshop to be held late Nov or early Dec.

Resolved: Noted, and to advertise to ask groups to submit written submissions to the workshop
Unanimous.

21.07.12.7. To note, communication has been received from the External Auditor, a request has been made for extra data to support the variances report for 2020/2021, it should be swiftly closed once the data has been provided to them.

Resolved: Noted, Unanimous.

21.07.13. Governing Documents

To approve following additional Governing Documents 2021-2022

21.07.13.1. Certifying Documents Policy

Appendix H

Resolved: Approved, Unanimous.

21.07.13.2. Publication Scheme

Appendix I

It was proposed to add costs for copies, should the data requested be required to be printed to meet the request rather than just viewing the council copy.

Per Page costs:

Pages: 1-25, 25p

Pages: 25-100, 10p

Pages: 100+, 5p

Resolved: The updated policy was unanimously approved subject to inclusion of the fees structure.

21.07.13.3. Grant Policy, and consider reinstating the policy.

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Resolved: The policy is approved as written, however approved to also keep the Grant Policy suspended at this time, Unanimous.

21.07.13.4. To approve updating the parish office address in all policies where it is detailed, to the new Gardiner Pavilion address, where no other modifications are needed to the document.

Resolved: Approved, Unanimous.

21.07.14. Matters for future discussion.

Potential for recording of meetings.

Designation of the "local publication" for items such as public notices.



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To discuss future use of the OJFS site.

Motion without notice: approved to create a Working Group including all Councillors to discuss the future use of the OJFS Site, unanimous.

21.07.15. To agree list of items from this meeting to be submitted to the Goring Gap News as a Parish Council Update.

Station Road and other items on traffic and pedestrian safety.

Request for inputs to budgeting.

21.07.16. 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.

CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS

Resolved: Approved, Unanimous.

21.07.17. To receive legal advice on a matter of staffing and agree budget for further legal counsel.

Resolved: Approved to proceed with the legal advice, budget £1600, Unanimous.

21.07.18. To consider quotes for the provision of hanging Baskets 2022/2023

Clerk to write to all parties tendering, including request for the baskets & planter to include specific emphasis on Bio-Diversity. Approved to create a working group, members to be TVH; LR; EM, should one be needed to have further discussions above the letter from the Clerk, unanimous.

21.07.19. To confirm the time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

21.07.19.1. Next Meeting: 10th January 2021

Confirmed

The Meeting Closed: 21:27