



GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extra Council Meeting of the Goring-on-Thames Parish Council

Monday 20th December 2021 at 11:00, Gardiner Pavilion

Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting

Members Present:

Chairman Cllr Kevin Bulmer (KB)
Members Cllr David Brooker (DB)
Cllr Bryan Urbick (BU)
Cllr John Wills (JW)
Cllr Emma McCorkell (EM)

Officers Present:

Clerk Laura White (LW)

Public and Press: 1

Meeting started 11:01

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

Resolved: Apologies received from Cllrs M Brown; M Bulmer; S Lofthouse, T Virgo-Harris reasons given were approved, unanimous

In addition, Cllr L Reavill was absent.

21.11.2. Declarations of Interests [LA 2011 s31]

None

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

None

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

21.11.4.1. Meeting held on 08th November 2021

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting, and they were duly signed.

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

None



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- 21.11.5.** To consider adopting General Powers of Competence **Appendix A**
- 21.11.5.1.** 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 15th 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”

Noting that the last elections were in 2019, not 2021.

Resolved: It was unanimously approved that: Goring-on-Thames Parish Council resolves from 20th 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.

- 21.11.6.** Increased COVID Rates, and reintroduction of distancing measures
- 21.11.6.1.** 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.

It was discussed that even with fogging once per day, with the inclement weather associated with the time of year, and equipment use throughout the day, it is unlikely that it would give any measurable increased protection, as it would not be being cleaned before each use. The motion was amended and resolution as follows:

Resolved: Approved to reprint signs asking people to sanitise and clean before / after as they don't know if it has been cleaned before they arrived, unanimous.

- 21.11.6.2.** To consider how best to use the COVID Response EMR, to support vulnerable members of the Oxfordshire Community throughout the festive period and beyond.

Resolved: Unanimously approved to allocate £2600 COVID support monies to help the vulnerable of South Oxfordshire District Council region, to be distributed through Goring Free Church; Church of England Church in Goring and Q1 Foundation; distribution of £600: £600: £1400.

- 21.11.6.3.** 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.

Resolved: Approved Unanimous.



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21.11.6.4. 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)

Resolved: Unanimously approved to cancel Winter of Play 2021.

21.11.6.5. 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.

Resolved: Unanimously approved to reactivate the Section 101 delegation, whilst "work from home if you can" is still being instructed by Central Government. A short meeting will be held in January 2022 to set the budget and precept and any other urgent matters.

21.11.7. Matters for future discussion.

Received an e-mail from local Croquet Coach asking for consideration of a more suitable location to play croquet in the village.

Updating the Traffic Management, Parking and Pedestrian Safety Committee Terms of Reference.

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

21.11.8.1. Next Meeting: 10th 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.

Confirmed for 10th January, however to confirm with councillors their availability for earlier in the day and to hold at the Pavilion rather than the Village Hall, as it will be a short meeting.

Meeting Closed: 11:22