



# GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 11:00, Outside Gardiner Pavilion

### Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting

MoP1: Suspension of the Grants, asked for the suspension of Grants to be reconsidered, it was confirmed this was debated at the meeting in November 2021.

### Members Present:

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

### Officers Present:

Clerk	Laura White (LW)
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Public and Press:	9
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### Meeting started 11:02

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

Apologies were received from; Cllrs M Brown; M Bulmer.

**Resolved:** The reasons given were approved, unanimous.

#### 21.12.2. Declarations of Interests [LA 2011 s31]

None

#### 21.12.3. To consider requests for Dispensations [LA 2011 s33]

None

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

##### 21.12.4.1. Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021

**Resolved:** It was unanimously agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting, with the modification that LR was absent use to unavailability), and they were duly signed.



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### 21.12.4.2. Matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.

None

### 21.12.5. To receive Chairman's report and announcements

None

### 21.12.6. Finance 2021-2022

Appendix A

#### 21.12.6.1. To approve payment schedule for 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

**Resolved:** Approved, Unanimous.

#### 21.12.6.2. To note receipts for 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

**Resolved:** Noted, Unanimous.

#### 21.12.6.3. To note the reconciled bank account and reserves balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

**Resolved:** Noted, Unanimous.

#### 21.12.6.4. To complete quarterly budget review and approve proposed updates.

**Resolved:** Approved, Unanimous.

### 21.12.7. Finance 2022-2023

Appendix B

#### 21.12.7.1. To consider budget proposals for the year 2022-2023

- Approve Budget for 2022-2023

**Resolved:** Approved, by majority the budget the Budget as per Appendix B with higher precept of £160,065, keeping band D rate the same, Unanimous.

- Approve Precept Request for 2022-2023

**Resolved:** Approved, by majority, the Precept request for Financial Year 2022-2023 to be **£160,065**, Unanimous.

### 21.12.8. Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee 2022

#### 21.12.8.1. To consider Goring Parish Council plans to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee

- Jubilee Garden, consider location, actions and budget

**Resolved:** Approved to pursue a Jubilee Garden at the entrance to the Sheepcot Recreation Ground to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> year on the Throne of Queen Elizabeth II, unanimous.

**[Action – Clerk Team]** Seek minimum 3 Quotes for works, with particular emphasis on the Environmental and Sustainability Policy.

**[Action – Clerk Team]** Write to both immediate neighbours for comment, and confirmation current access to their properties / boundary walls will be maintained, as per current arrangements.



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- Request from Pageantmaster for town and parish councils to light beacons on 21:45 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. **Appendix C**

**Resolved:** To not light or purchase a Parish Council Beacon, to ask the Jubilee Committee / Gap Festival Committee to continue with their plans to light one on St Mary's Church.

- To consider renewing the flag on the Rectory Garden in commemoration of the Jubilee

**Resolved:** Unanimously approved to purchase both a more robust day to day flag, plus an Applique constructed flag for poignant occasions such as the Jubilee, Deaths of a Senior National Figure etc. Budget not more than £800.

**[Action – Clerk Team]** to verify the dimensions of the current Flag and pursue purchase of two flags as detailed of the same size.

### 21.12.8.2. To consider requests and approve responses

- Gap Festival Jubilee funding request (£5,000 - £15,000) **Appendix D**

It was discussed that the request which had been submitted was a grant in kind rather than sponsoring a specific event. The Parish Council as resolved under item 21.12.8.1 to install a Jubilee Garden within the village as a permanent commemoration of the event, rather than a one off celebrations.

**Resolved:** Approved, by Majority, to respond to the request, confirming both the Parish Council's plans for commemorating the Jubilee and confirming that no monies will be available for the Jubilee Celebration as organised by the Gap Festival Committee against the current request as it still appears to be a grant in kind. The offer of sponsoring a specific event or activity with Council involvement still stood.

**Resolved:** To create a Working Group, including BU, EM, TVH to discuss with the Jubilee Committee.

- Goring Gap News [GGN] request to plant a Jubilee tree in the Rectory Garden

**Resolved:** Approved, by Majority, to respond to the request, confirming the Parish Council's plans for commemorating the Jubilee and confirming the intention is for a Jubilee Garden to be installed in time for the celebration. GGN could contribute to these costs or donate a specific part of the planting once the scheme has been agreed. When the quotes are sought the scheme should include some trees.

### 21.12.9. Governing Documents

**To approve following Governing Documents 2021-2022**

#### 21.12.9.1. Safeguarding Policy **Appendix E**

**Resolved:** Approved, with updated language to ensure that explicit permission is given for photographs of Children and Vulnerable adults, at hirer events etc , Unanimous.

#### 21.12.9.2. Traffic, Parking & Pedestrian Safety Committee ToR **Appendix F**

**Resolved:** Approved, Unanimous.



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**21.12.10. Matters for future discussion.**

None

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

Budget & Precept, and Jubilee items and the Safeguarding Policy.

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

**21.12.12.1. Subject to removal of “work from home if you can” instruction from Central Government,  
Next Meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Confirmed, to meet for urgent matters on or before 14<sup>th</sup> March if required.

**Meeting Closed: 11:34**