



GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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

Monday 14th February 2022 at 19:00, Reiss Room, Community Centre, Goring.

The Chairman delivered some words on behalf of the Council in memory of Cllr Matthew Brown, commemorating his 12 years on the Council. The Chairman particularly noted that Matthew was always there if anyone needed help, and was a valued member of the Community who worked very hard to support to support the community he served.

A minute's silence was then held, in memory of Cllr M Brown, who sadly passed in early February after a short illness.

Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting

MoP1: Made representation on the Convex Mirror.

MoP2: Made representation on Convex Mirrors and requested an additional one at the top of Red Cross Road.

MoP3: Read a representation from a mobility scooter user and their difficulties using the Croft Road junction.

Members Present:

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

Officers Present:

Clerk	Laura White (LW)
Assistant Clerk	Sinead Archer (SA)

Public and Press: At least 8

Meeting started 19:39

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

Apologies were received from: Cllr Bryan Urbick (BU); Cllr Emma McCorkell (EM); Cllr Mary Bulmer (MBu)

Resolved: The reasons for absence were approved, unanimous.



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21.15.2. Declarations of Interests [LA 2011 s31]

None

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

None

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

21.15.4.1. Meeting held on 10th Dec 2022

Resolved: it was unanimously agreed the minutes of the 10th January 2022 were an accurate record of the meeting and they were duly signed.

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

None

21.15.5. To receive Chairman's report and announcements

No further comments.

21.15.6. The recent passing of Cllr Brown

21.15.6.1. A period for the Councillors to say any tributes or words as they so wish on the news which has been received.

No further comments were offered.

21.15.6.2. To note that a notice of vacancy has been posted; the Elections team will confirm if the position is to be filled by Co-option or Election on the 28th February 2022.

Noted.

21.15.6.3. To approve the process in the case that Co-option is selected

- Advertise for applicants to apply in writing to the Clerk, deadline 31st March
- To appoint 3 members to the Co-option Working Group to interview all applicants, in the case that there are 2 or more applicants.
- At the Annual Council meeting, May 2022 to Co-opt a Councillor to fill the vacancy, in the case of more than one applicant a full vote will be held after hearing the recommendations of the Working Group.

Resolved: Approved subject to verifying the legal requirement for the Co-option to be completed in, Unanimous.

Councillors to be appointed at the next meeting.

21.15.6.4. To appoint a Vice-Chairman for the Council

Resolved: Approved to appoint Cllr B Urbick.



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21.15.6.5. To consider appointing an additional member to the Planning Committee, or reducing the number of full committee members to 5 in the Terms of Reference.

Resolved: Approved to reduce the number of members in the ToR to 5 members, unanimous.

21.15.6.6. To appoint an additional member to the Staffing Committee

Resolved: Approved to appoint Cllr Brooker, unanimous.

21.15.6.7. To appoint an additional member to the Communications Committee

Resolved: Approved to appoint Cllr Lofthouse, unanimous.

21.15.6.8. To approve gifting of a Plot at Whitehill Burial Ground, should the family so wish to make use of such an item.

Resolved: Approved to gift a plot, should the family of the late Cllr Brown so wish to make use of one, unanimous.

21.15.7. To receive reports from District and County Councillors

No further comments in addition to the report.

21.15.7.1. Oxfordshire County Councillor; K Bulmer

Appendix A

21.15.7.2. South Oxfordshire District Councillor; M Filipova-Rivers

Appendix B

21.15.8. To receive communications and agree actions

Appendix C

21.15.8.1. Pyramidal Orchids

Resolved: Approved to transplant them to the strip over the gas line, which cannot ever be used for burials.

21.15.9. Finance

21.15.9.1. To approve receiving CIL monies for the Year 2022-2023.

Resolved: Approved, unanimous.

21.15.9.2. To note the External Auditor has updated the Council designation to Medium Sized Council and asked for additional information this year. This will be provided.

Noted

21.15.10. Convex Mirror

Appendix D

21.15.10.1. In light of the new information presented; to consider reversing the decision as made to install a Convex Mirror opposite the Croft Road junction.

The Chairman gave further details of the history, including that the proposed mirror is on Highway's curtilage.



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Resolved: Unanimously approved: Clerk to write to both homeowners to ask for the hedges to be cut back, then ask OCC to visit to ask for their advice to address the issues regarding.

21.15.11. Facilities

21.15.11.1. To approve budget of £620 to service and replace 2-off bladders in pumps at the Gardiner Pavilion.

Resolved: Approved, unanimous.

21.15.11.2. To note the roof at the Sheepcot has been replaced.

Noted, Roof Tiles have been replaced to fix the leak.

21.15.11.3. To approve budget of up to £1500 for Burial Ground office maintenance; including replacement door and ancillary door items which have rotted. Rubbing down and repainting all wood work; removal of ivy to prevent further building damage; replacement tap.

Resolved: Approved, unanimous

21.15.12. Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee 2022

21.15.12.1. To approve £5000k budget for “Fun and Games” on the Sheepcot as part of the Jubilee Celebrations and appoint B Clapson to organise, to be taken from Jubilee EMR

Resolved: Approved by majority, £5000 budget and appointing B Clapson.

21.15.13. Summer of Play 2022

21.15.13.1. To approve appointing B Clapson to organise and staff the Summer of Play in accordance with the approved budget.

Resolved: Approved unanimously to appoint B Clapson.

21.15.13.2. To note Councillor Priority Fund Grant has been applied for.

Noted.

21.15.14. Speed Surveys

21.15.14.1. To note, at time of writing the agenda, it was confirmed the speed surveys on Wallingford Road and Station Road would be installed and surveys being carried out during the week of this meeting.

Noted

21.15.14.2. To approve completing two further surveys around the village to support the 20mph application, subject to recommended locations as advised by OCC Highways.

Resolved: Approved unanimously, to conduct 2 further assessments and seek OCC Highways advice on appropriate locations.



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- 21.15.15. 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 to exclude the public and press, unanimous.

- 21.15.15.1. To consider quotes for Hanging Baskets and approve appointing a provider, including modifications to bridge lamps to safely accept baskets.**

A summary of councillor investigation into the matter of the ladders were given, including discussion with a steel federation. They advise NOT using the ladders, they aren't designed for the load, they do not have hooks on the end for the correct safety precautions.

Resolved: Approved to install appropriate hanging basket brackets to ensure the safety of this year's installation and all future installations, unanimous.

Resolved: Approved to appoint Goring in Bloom to provide this year's baskets, unanimous.

- 21.15.15.2. To consider quotes for the Jubilee Garden, approve budget and provider.**

Resolved: Approved by majority to accept Julia Charles quote £10,000, noting if volunteer resource can be used this has the potential to bring costs down, also noting one tree had already been proposed by a local group.

- 21.15.16. Matters for future discussion.**

Following recent Public Transport meeting it was noted the nationwide lack of funding for buses, it was proposed for the next meeting to consider contributing to local services.

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

Include all matters from this meeting.

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

- 21.15.18.1. 14th March 2022**

Meeting Closed: 20:55