



GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Public Spaces Strategy Working Group TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Remit

- To review minimum of 3 bids for the Public Spaces Strategy work, interview all 3 landscape architects and advise the council on preferred bid.
- To liaise with the chosen landscape architect, throughout the design and consultation phase (including public consultation)
- To advise the council on preferred projects and phasing.

2. Frequency of Meetings

To meet as required to support the remit and scope of the Public Spaces Strategy Working Group.

3. Appointment of members

The Committee will be comprised of six members with a quorum of three. Membership of the Public Spaces Strategy working group will be agreed as needed at a full council meeting.

4. Delegated Authority

The Public Spaces Strategy Working group has no delegated authority, decision regarding chosen landscape architect, design to go to consultation, and chosen projects & timescales to be decided at the next available full council meeting.

5. Scope

- To provide the same specification to all bidding landscape architects
- Meet with all bidding architects, with site visits.
- Review bids.
- Advise the council on the preferred bid.
- Engage with the successful Landscape Architect to review the design, providing any additional information required.
- Liaising with the Landscape Architect through working Group review of the designs, Parish Council review of the designs and submission to public consultation.
- Management of the Public Consultation and analysis of the results.
- Liaising with Landscape Architect for modifications post-consultation.
- Advising the council on the preferred projects and order of completion.

6. Specification for the Landscape Architects

Gardiner Recreation Ground and Pavilion - the Pavilion has been refurbished about 3 years ago, but we are looking to have advice on how we might best use this space for some play equipment and gym-trail (for older children 10+), a refurbishment of the toddler playground (this was gifted as a memorial for a child who died about 20 years ago and is in need of refurbishment and upgrading, but still retaining its memorial status) and possibly/ideally some outdoor exercise equipment. This is also our cricket ground, our Goring FA football Pitch, and there is a bowling green at the far end. There is also a very small 'community



garden' in the corner, but we are open, if needed, to move that elsewhere, but ideally work around it.

Sheepcot Field/Recreation Ground and Pavilion - the pavilion is in great need of refurbishment, and we will be working to do this, but after we better understand how the open space can be used. This is a VERY large field, with flat 'plateaux' and steeply sloping aspects as well. There is a tennis court on site, but this has a long-term lease to the Club so we would work around that - though part of the lease is that one court is for public use/first come first served basis, and we may want to make a 'feature' of that. This probably would be a good space for larger play equipment, and we may want to make a special feature of that?

Bourdillon Field/Playground - this currently has some play equipment, basketball court and open field - and needs to be re-thought and refurbished. There is a potential that the school (behind it) may need to expend, so we might need/want to give some of this land to the school, but at least half would reserved for an open space/play area.

Rectory Garden - this is a piece of land donated early 1900s to be used for 'exercise and recreation', though we have kept it to be a more 'memorial garden'. There are some specific covenants of lime trees, a path and a wall - though it would be nice to formalise the space to be more inviting and better used. We have some ideas, but in the main are currently thinking this could be some kind of Edwardian style garden (to be more in keeping with the time it was donated), and to invite people to sit and enjoy or to have low-key exercise?

Ferry Road - this is a river access area that is currently some green grass, a dilapidated bench, and some reinforced river edge repaired after the last floods. We would like to make this a nice 'river place' for the public to enjoy, maybe moorings, but more about people relaxing/picnic-ing, etc.

Deliverables - working through a process to help us with outline ideas first, feedback from the small working group, then some rough drawings for full Council, then feedback from the full Council then final drawings with enough detail (though can also be 'mood board' style if you feel best) so that we then can meaningfully consult with the village. We would then try to consolidate feedback and seek any further comments/ideas from the chosen landscape architect based on what the local folks said.

7. Review

This Terms of Reference document was approved for use at the meeting of the Parish Council on 25th July 2022, it shall be reviewed periodically.

Signed:

Dated: 25th July 2022

B Urbick, Chair to the Council