



GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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

Wednesday 15th June 2022 at 19:30, Belleme Room, Village Hall

Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting

Planning Matters

MoP1: Representing GNP3, and spoke regarding P21/S3112/PIP, appellants are proposing an emergency boardwalk, the landowners are confirming they do not approve use of their land in this way.

MoP2: Regarding P21/S3112/PIP – highlighted how complex the application is, and read out a preprepared statement.

Members Present:

Chairman	Cllr B Urbick (BU)
Vice-Chairman	Cllr S Lofthouse (SL)
Members	Cllr J Wills (JW)
	Cllr J Emerson (JE)
	Cllr L Reavill (LR)

Officers Present:

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

Public and Press: At least 8

Meeting started 19:30

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

Cllrs D Brooker & Cllr E McCorkell had sent their apologies.

Resolved: The reasons for absence were approved, unanimously.

22.05.2. Declarations of Interests [LA 2011 s31]

BU declared an interest in 22.05.6.5, application at Ridgeway Rise, a non-pecuniary interest, but not likely to change their personal view, therefore will abstain from the vote.

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

None

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

22.05.4.1. Meeting held on 16th May 2022

The Chairman highlighted some typographical errors which had been corrected earlier the day, since the papers had formally been issued.



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

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

None

22.05.5. To receive Chairman's report and announcements

Congratulations to the Jubilee Committee and their efforts.

22.05.6. Planning

To consider consultation response to Planning Appeals, response to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

22.05.6.1. P21/S3112/PIP: Land west of Manor Road, Goring-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, RG8 9EH

Construction of 5 units of specialist housing for older people.

Appeal Number: APP/Q3115/W/22/3295364

Resolved: Approved unanimously to submit the comments as provided by the Neighbourhood Plan and Conservation Area expert as provided at the meeting. Adding the comment that the GNP3 landowner does not give permission for raised boardwalks to be installed on their land to support this appeal.

The submission made to the planning inspectorate to be appended to these minutes, as **Appendix A**

To consider applications and approve response to the planning authority on consultations:

22.05.6.2. P22/S1848/HH – 1 Grange Close, Goring, RG8 9DY

Proposed installation of a 15 panel solar PV system to the front/south facing roof pitch of property.

It was noted this home is within the Conservation Area. Planning guidance states solar panels should not be installed at the front of any building.

Resolved: Approved unanimously to submit the response: OBJECTS, this property is in the Conservation Area. Planning guidance states solar panels should not be installed at the front of any building in the Conservation Area, these panels would be seen from the road.

22.05.6.3. P22/S1992/FUL - 2 Elvendon Road, Goring, RG8 0DU

Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) in application P19/S1832/FUL. Addition of window and garden room, change of external material finish to better fit with street scene. Demolition of existing boiler showroom and erection of two new semi-detached dwellings and associated external works.

An extension at the back of a new building.

Resolved: Approved unanimously to submit the response, No Objections.

22.05.6.4. P22/S2025/HH – Jordleys, Manor Road, Goring, RG8 9EN

Erection of a detached triple garage and demolition of existing greenhouse.

Resolved: Approved unanimously to submit the response, No Objections, subject to the use remaining ancillary to the home.



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22.05.6.5. P22/S0924/FUL – Ridgeway Rise, Goring, RG8 0JY

Erection of a detached two-storey house and detached garage.

The building of a large garage in this location will significantly change the appearance of the road/pathway. The outline permission showed the garage to the side and set back, not in

Resolved: Approved unanimously to submit the response OBJECTS, this will change the appearance of the ridgeway path / bridleway significantly for residents and walkers of this national path. Re-siting the garage to a less conspicuous location would be preferred.

22.05.6.6. P22/S1980/HH – Croft House, Limetree Road, Goring, RG8 9EY

Proposed timber built garden room with toilet at the bottom of the rear garden to be used as a home office.

Resolved: Approved unanimously to submit the response, No Objections.

22.05.6.7. P22/S1920/HH – 36 Springhill Road, Goring, RG8 0DD

Single storey front extension to create entrance hall.

Resolved: Approved unanimously to submit the response, No Objections.

22.05.6.8. P22/S2061/FUL – Loppings, 55 Gatehampton Road, Goring, RG8 0EN

Demolition of the existing dwelling. Construction of a replacement dwelling, outbuilding and greenhouse. Associated hard and soft landscaping. Associated boundary treatments Formation of a new crossover and widening of an existing crossover

Resolved: Approved unanimously to submit the response, No Objections.

A second public forum was held to discuss the remaining items on the agenda.

MoP3: Raised the issue of the Old Jubilee Fire Station and what decisions had been made regarding the use of the site, and where the council office will go.

MoP4: (Representatives of the Goring Surgery) Highlighted why they wanted the site, their current envelope is exhausted, and they wish to expand the services they offer for the local residents. Wallingford is likely to get another site for a new surgery and their space for services will rapidly expand, this may mean that services are less likely to be located at the periphery of the network area in Goring & Woodcote. Goring residents would then need to travel to Wallingford to access these additional services.

MoP5: Could Council Offices be redeveloped on the site *with* the Surgery?

MoP6: Believe it should be a matter of priority.

22.05.7. Facilities Report

22.05.7.1. To approve purchase of Defibrillator Cabinet; to allow the Gardiner Pavilion defibrillator to be mounted externally to the building, budget £750 including installation.

Resolved: Approved unanimously to proceed with the installation, budget £750.



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22.05.7.2. To formally approve a written statement / quote regarding the Jubilee Garden, which the designer can use on their future marketing.

Agreed: to defer this item to the next meeting.

22.05.7.3. To note the Goring & Woodcote Medical Practice has formally approached the Parish Council regarding purchase of the OJFS site. Clerk team will now follow the appropriate legislation regarding valuation of the site and advertising of the disposal, prior to the Council making formal decision on whether to proceed.

Resolved: Unanimously Noted, and agreed to proceed with the valuation of the property.

22.05.8. End of Year Finance 2021-2022

Appendix B

22.05.8.1. To approve payments for March 2022, not previously approved at the March 2022 meeting.

Resolved: Approved unanimously.

22.05.8.2. To note receipts for 17th March – 31st March 2022

Resolved: Noted.

22.05.8.3. To note the reconciled bank accounts as of 31st March 2022.

Resolved: Noted.

22.05.8.4. To review and confirm the asset register as at 31st March 2022

Resolved: Reviewed, and unanimously confirmed, the asset register as at 31st March 2022.

22.05.8.5. To approve the annual accounts for 2021/2022, including:

- **variances report**
- **budget variations**
- **cash and investment reconciliation – Balance Sheet**
- **adjustments**
- **reconciliation of Box 7 and Box 8**

Resolved: All the above were unanimously approved, with the amendment to the variances report, of adding the difference in CIL to the Box 3 reasons in the Variances Report.



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22.05.8.6. To receive the Internal Audit report, consider recommendations and agree actions

Resolved: The Internal Audit Report was unanimously received, and it was agreed to pursue the actions as per the auditor report, applying for an Equals Card, and apply for more bank accounts to divide up the money so there is no more than £85,000 per bank account.

[ACTION] Check with other local council's as to which banks they use.

[ACTION] To form a Finance Committee at the July meeting.

It was noted that the External Audit questions for 2020-2021 were delayed due to significant technical issues with the old accounting software.

22.05.8.7. To agree content and approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) Section 1 "Annual Governance Statement" 2021/2022

The statements from Section 1 were read out, noting the external audit for last year has not been concluded statement 7 was ticked "no" with the comment, "2020/2021 External Audit not concluded, there was a delay in response to technical questions.". The other statements being marked as "yes". Statement 9, Trust Funds is not applicable.

Resolved: It was unanimously approved to sign Section 1, with the comments as detailed above.

22.05.8.8. To approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) Section 2 "Accounting Statements" 2021/2022

Resolved: It was unanimously approved to sign Section 2.

22.05.8.9. To approve the dates for the public rights of inspection: 17th June – 28th July 2022, being 30 working days including the first 10 working days of July.

Resolved: The dates were unanimously approved.

22.05.8.10. To confirm the arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insurable risks

Resolved: Unanimously Confirmed.

22.05.8.11. To approve revised budget for 2022-2023, in light of resolutions regarding: Elections; Jubilee Garden; Jubilee morning of fun and games.

Resolved: Unanimously Approved, as per Appendix B, noting a full explanation of all the finances will be available to the new Finance Committee, and any other Councillors who wish to understand them in greater depth.

22.05.8.12. To note intermediate questions for FY 2021-2022 and Box 3 Variance Questions for FY2020-2021 have been provided to the external auditor for consideration.

Resolved: Noted, unanimously.



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22.05.8.13. To approve the Terms of Reference for FY 2021-2022 are applicable and suitable for FY 2022-2023.

Resolved: Approved, Unanimously.

22.05.9. To approve updated versions of the following for the Financial Year 2022-2023

Resolved: All of the below were approved, unanimously, with some typos corrected and some other small adjustments.

22.05.9.1. To approve updated Reserves Policy **Appendix C**

22.05.9.2. To approve updated Financial Risk Assessment Policy **Appendix D**

22.05.9.3. To approve updated Internal Controls Statement **Appendix E**

22.05.9.4. To approve updated effectiveness of Internal Audit document **Appendix F**

22.05.10. 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.

Resolved: Approved, Unanimous.

22.05.10.1. To note the conclusion of a matter pertaining to staffing

The Council were apprised of the conclusion, and confirmation there are no ongoing matters for consideration.

22.05.11. Matters for future discussion.

Finance Committee

Training for new councillors

Supporting Ukrainian refugees locally.

Issues to access from Whitehill Green to the Sheepcot Recreation Ground.

Signs for the recreation grounds when the Football Clubs are spraying.

Bowls Club, not moving to Goring Heath, to explore options.

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

None.

22.05.13. To confirm the time and date of the next Parish Council meeting – 25th July 2022.

Confirmed

Meeting Closed: 21:20