



GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Traffic Management, Parking & Pedestrian Safety Committee of the Goring-on-Thames Parish Council

Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 10:30am, Gardiner Pavilion

Members Present:

Chair Cllr Robin Williamson
Members Cllr Sonia Lofthouse
 Cllr Nick Mallen

Officers Present:

Assistant Clerk Mike Harper

Public and Press:

Two MoPs

Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting

The MoPs wished to object to the proposed changes to parking restrictions in Glebe Ride. They spoke on behalf of the residents of The Birches. There are 26 houses with no front gardens, the garages are too small for modern cars and often used for storage, and there are only 12 parking spaces on the development. Residents therefore currently rely on on-street parking in Glebe Ride and Thames Road. There are a young families and households with two cars. The changes to limited parking restricted to two hours would prevent them from parking during the day leaving them nowhere else to go. They were concerned that there had been no consultation with residents before the plans were announced. They were also concerned that further restrictions, such as parking meters, may follow.

Cllr Williamson explained that this was a consultation being run by the Highway Authority, Oxfordshire County Council, who were responsible parking controls and that they should make sure they responded with their objections. All representations would be considered as that was the point of a consultation exercise. Until the consultation was completed no decisions would be taken, however, there was no intention of introducing any form of charging for on-street parking.

Meeting Started at 10:30

24.54.1. To receive apologies for absence. (LGA 1972 s85(1))

None

24.54.2. Declarations of Interests (LA 2011 s31)

None.

24.54.3. To consider requests for Dispensations (LA 2011 s33)

None.



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24.54.4. To approve the minutes of previous committee meetings [LA 1972 Sch 12. Para41(1)]

24.54.4.1. Meeting held on 26th March 2024.

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

24.54.5. To approve support for Readibus for a further year at a cost of £350.

MIGGS had agreed to support Readibus for one trip per month at a cost of £350 for the 2024-25 year. On average 5.5 passengers used the service per trip. They hoped that the Parish Council would match that funding. It was unanimously agreed that a Resolution be put to the next Full Council meeting asking for approval to provide £350 to Readibus for a further year of operation.

24.54.6. Location of cycle racks and cycle repair facility at the station: update and future actions.

The cycle racks on Platform 1 are not used; GWR have been asked to re-locate the cycle repair station from the west, Station Road, entrance to the Gatehampton Road entrance by the cycle racks there. It was agreed that when the outcome is known, the availability of the repair facility should be publicised in the Goring Gap News.

24.54.7. To approve the carrying out of a risk assessment of the installation of bollards in the Community Centre carpark.

Bollards have been installed in the Community Centre carpark to protect spaces from unauthorised use. The risk of injury to users of the carpark and to pedestrians passing through it were considered and measures, including the use of reflective tape, and reflectors, are intended to reduce those risks. The bollards are above the standard knee height and users have been asked to leave them in a vertical position when the space is vacated to avoid leaving a trip hazard. The bollards do not encroach on the walkway from the High Street Arcade. However, a formal risk assessment has not been carried out in accordance with the Council's policy.

24.54.7.1. **Resolved:** The Assistant Clerk to carry out a risk assessment of the installation of bollards in the Community Centre Carpark and report to the next Committee meeting.

24.54.7.2. The Assistant Clerk was asked to arrange for the clearance of growth by the walls of the carpark.

24.54.8. To review the Action List and agree and further Actions.

Action List

The Action List was updated.

24.54.9. To consider correspondence received.

24.54.9.1. Parking at the Social Club – Resident's concerns.

A Complaint had been received about parked cars blocking the footway along the High Street.

It was decided that the extent of the land owned by the Social Club relative to the highway needed to be established and the Assistant Clerk was asked to do so.



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24.54.10. Matters for future discussion.

Cllr Lofthouse asked the Committee to consider action in respect of 'No Mow May'.

24.54.10.1. **Resolved:** That the Assistant Clerk should prepare maps where the Council's contractors were cutting grass to inform them of areas that should not be mown in May.

24.54.11. To confirm the date of the next meeting: 21st May 2024.

Confirmed.

There being no further business to be transacted, the Chair closed the meeting at 11.45