



# GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 10:00, Gardiner Pavilion

All Councillors are summoned to a Meeting of Goring-on-Thames Parish Council.

Members of the public and press are invited to attend all council meetings.

(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)

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

None

#### Members Present:

Chair	Cllr A Smith (AS)
Members	Cllr S Bridle (SB)
	Cllr J Hutchins (JH)
	Cllr M Stares (MS)
	Cllr B Newman (BN)
	Cllr R Williamson (RW)
	Cllr N Mallen (NM)
	Cllr S Lofthouse (SL)

#### Officers Present:

Clerk	S Edmunds (SE)
Assistant Clerk	M Harper (MH)

**Public and Press:** None

#### 23.42.1. To receive apologies for absence. [LGA 1972 s85(1)]

Apologies received from Cllr J Emerson, Cllr B Drew absent.

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

2.1. To receive declarations of interest for items on this agenda

*Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interest they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct. (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)*

None

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



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**23.42.3. To approve the expenditure of £450.00 as a 50% contribution to the cost of the Ferry Lane Open Space tree surgery and gives consent for the tree surgeon to access the land with a cherry picker to complete the task.**

*Over recent years the trees on the southern border of the Ferry Lane open space have encroached on its recreational space, restricting sunlight and limiting usage and enjoyment by the public. The owners of the Grange Residential Care Home have, agreed to the crown reduction to a height of 6 metres and reduction of over-extended limbs of their trees on the boundary of the Grange with Ferry Lane open space. This maintenance work has the approval of SODC. A cherry picker will be used for the higher work. All rubbish will be removed from the site and appropriate safety measures will be taken. The Tree surgeon has advised of the safety measures that will be in place to protect the public. Signage will warn of tree work in progress. The Ferry Lane Open Space will be closed for the duration of the work.*

The trees are on a neighbouring property but overhang and overshadow the Ferry Lane Public Space, there is potential danger from an Ash tree. Any works are subject to Tree Preservation Orders, SODC has granted permission for this work. EWG have identified the advantages of the work and subject to agreement the Council will pay 50% of the work, invoiced directly. This Contribution has been agreed as we have a duty of care to the public accessing the open space and would have to do this work at some point. Due to the landowner arranging the tree surgeon, we have not been able to get three quotes but in comparison to recent tree works elsewhere, the price is competitive and the 50/50 split offers a fair solution.

**Resolved: Unanimously approved the expenditure and the contractor will be asked to make good the ground at the conclusion of the work.**

**23.42.4. To confirm the time and date of the Next Council Meeting– 7.30pm, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**NOTE:** *Proposals of Motion to be received by the Clerk no later than 28<sup>th</sup> February, in accordance with the Standing Orders.*

*Meeting Closed at 10.25*