



# 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 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 10:30am, Gardiner Pavilion

### Members Present:

Chair Cllr Robin Williamson  
Members Cllr Sonia Lofthouse  
Cllr Nick Mallen  
Cllr Toby Thurston

### Officers Present:

Assistant Clerk Mike Harper

### Public and Press:

None.

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

None.

### Meeting Started at 10:30

#### 24.15.1. To receive apologies for absence and substitutions. (LGA 1972 s85(1))

None

#### 24.15.2. Declarations of Interests (LA 2011 s31)

None.

#### 24.15.3. To consider requests for Dispensations (LA 2011 s33)

None.

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

24.15.4.1. Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

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

#### 24.15.5. To consider an alternative to the Hoggin Path pedestrian access to Sheepcot Field. Appendix A.

Cllr Lofthouse explained that Council has agreed funding for a hoggin path to run between the Jubilee Garden and the wall of the neighbouring property along the northern side of the access road to the Sheepcot Field. An order for the laying of a path has been placed but work has not started. It was not originally appreciated that a hoggin path would require excavation to provide a base and consequently, as it would be within 3 metres of the neighbouring wall, the requirements of the Party Wall Act would apply. This would necessitate engaging solicitors and a surveyor at additional cost and would therefore need approval by Full Council.



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Given the additional cost of the hoggin path an alternative should be proposed for Council to consider. In discussion it was accepted that the need for a safe pedestrian access to Sheepcot Field remains, although the new double yellow lines on the access road mean that vehicles should no longer park along the road, providing more space for pedestrians. One option would be to lay matting that would be embedded into the grass to provide a less visually intrusive alternative path. Another option would be to re-visit the idea of marking out a pedestrian priority lane along the access road as already planned for Station Road.

It was agreed that these and other options should be explored and costed and put to Full Council in September. Meanwhile Cllr Lofthouse would speak to the contractor engaged to lay the hoggin path and explain the need for delaying the work.

### **24.15.6. Pedestrian Safety: Bin bags left out on the High Street over the weekend.**

This was a matter for the District Council's environmental enforcement team and should be referred to them.

### **24.15.7. To approve action to remove graffiti on railway bridges**

**Appendix B.**

As this would not be within the Committee's Terms of Reference it was not discussed. Cllr Mallen was advised that if a group of volunteers was formed to do this work, it could then apply to the Council for a grant.

### **24.15.8. To review the Action List and agree and further Actions.**

**Action List**

The Action List was updated.

24.15.8.1 It was unanimously resolved that Cllr Thurston should take forward the work on Rights of Way, in particular to liaise with Mend the Gap on accessible routes in Goring and to evaluate proposals for Ferry Lane and continue to report to the Committee.

### **24.15.9. To consider correspondence received.**

A resident had referred to the problems of visibility at the Red Cross Road/High Street junction commenting that use may increase following the completion of the housing development in Manor Rd. This had been raised with the OCC highways officer during his site visit in January this year and it was agreed then that there was nothing that could be done about the alignment of the junction.

### **24.15.10. Matters for future discussion.**

### **24.10.9. To confirm the date of the next meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> August 2024.**

Confirmed.

There being no further business to be transacted, the Chair closed the meeting at 11.50am.