



## **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
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#### **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.

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.

**Traffic Management Parking and Pedestrian Safety Committee: Action List: 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Action No.	Title	Current Status	Action Owner	Status
2021 -004	Station Rd Pedestrian Safety/Yellow Lines Consultation	<p>30 October 2023 – OCCH confirms that consultation on yellow lines will take place before Christmas with, depending on outcome of consultation around Easter.</p> <p>13 December 2023 – OCCH indicates plans to be provided 5<sup>th</sup> January.</p> <p>16 January 2024 – Plans received, and Committee’s response sent – noting Mill Rd and Cleeve Rd North not included and asking for an update.</p> <p>23 January 2024 – Response from OCCH, Assistant Clerk clarified – Mill Rd: existing yellow lines to be retained (but need re-marking), Cleeve Rd: to note OCCH agreed addition, Glebe Ride: remove EV charging spaces and allocate for parking.</p> <p>31 January 2024 – Consultation deferred from 8<sup>th</sup> February to 2 weeks later: clarification of no waiting times on Cleeve Rd South needed.</p> <p>4 March 2024 – Revised plans provided by OCCH to include Cleeve Rd North; confirmed times (10.00-3.30) restrictions apply.</p> <p>11 March 2024 – Final proposals sent; advertisement expected to be placed 21<sup>st</sup> March.</p> <p>20 March 2024 – Consultation issued.</p> <p>16 April 2024 – Committee agreed to meet Cllr Bulmer to discuss outcome. OCC Cabinet expected to consider in May.</p> <p>19 April 2024 – Consultation closed.</p> <p>1 May 2024 – Meeting with OCCH to review initial responses to consultation and amendments proposed by TMPPS Committee.</p> <p>13 May 2024 – Full Council endorses TMPPS Committee amendments.</p> <p>21 May 2024 – Site visit with OCCH.</p>	OCC Highways	Monitoring / Awaiting Implementation

		<p>28 May 2024 – Proposed revisions to original proposals for Glebe Ride and Thames Rd agreed with OCCH.</p> <p>18 June 2024 – OCCH officer reporting to OCC responsible Cabinet Member on 20<sup>th</sup> June for decision.</p> <p>20 June 2024 – Decision taken to implement proposals as amended.</p>		
2022-007	Flashing Speed Signs	<p>14 November 2023 – Quotes for supply of 7 speed signs as agreed at the 17 October meeting obtained. Revisions suggested by OCCH to be considered at 21 November meeting.</p> <p>21 November 2023 – Committee agree, subject to Full Council agreement, to acquire 4 signs (2 on High St at Miller of Mansfield and Social Club, and 2 school signs) further three signs to follow (Manor Rd, Cleeve Rd, Elvendon Rd) if speed surveys show need.</p> <p>11 December 2023 – Budget of £20K agreed at Full Council.</p> <p>19 December 2023 – Final locations to be determined when OCCH makes a site visit on 26/1/2024.</p> <p>26 January 2024 – OCCH Site visit confirmed High St sites, visibility of school signs considered satisfactory.</p> <p>5 February 2024 – OCCH requested to install poles for High St signs. Funding in OCCH's 2023-24 budget.</p> <p>20 February 2024 – OCCH confirm poles on order.</p> <p>4 March 2024 – Order for Speed signs (2 solar, 2 school signs mains powered) placed with Westcotec.</p> <p>4 March 2024 – School informed of order and operation of signs.</p> <p>4 March 2024 – Order confirmation and Ready for Installation Questionnaire received.</p> <p>16 April 2024 – OCCH chased regarding installation of poles for solar powered signs.</p>	Committee / Full Council Delegation Request	Open

		<p>24 April 2024 – Pole installed near the Miller of Mansfield, Social Club site not viable and alternative suggested.</p> <p>7 May 2024 – Alternative site for pole at east end of the High Street agreed, pole to be installed week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> May. OCCH require final checks on poles before installation of signs.</p> <p>23 May 2024 – Pole installed at eastern end of High Street.</p> <p>5 June 2024 - OCCH content, but note need to offset sign because of hedge.</p> <p>24 June 2024 – Installation paperwork sent to Wescotec awaiting installation date.</p> <p>10 July 2024 – Installation date of 11<sup>th</sup> July confirmed.</p>		
2022-013	Provision of EV Parking Spaces	<p>21 February 2024 - OCCH asked for details of their plans for the number and location of chargers in the Village.</p> <p>12 March 2024 – OCCH response: definitely including Goring, Wheel Orchard Car Park under consideration, possibly also Community Centre Car Park. 7kW AC chargers intended. OCCH would welcome GPC's thoughts.</p> <p>19 March 2024 – OOC issue press notice outlining plans and announcing grant scheme for local councils to install community charging hubs.</p> <p>26 March 2024 – When grant scheme opened consider bidding for sites for community/micro hubs at Village Hall, Community Centre and Station carpark.</p> <p>17 May 2024 – Tendering process for hubs delayed, scheme unlikely to be operational before early 2025.</p>	Committee	Open
2022-14	Pedestrian Crossing Gatehampton Rd near Station	<p>30 November 2023 – Assistant Clerk wrote to GWR with request to permit marking a PPL on GWR land.</p> <p>2 December 2023 – GWR respond, supportive in principle but need to consult internally.</p> <p>19 January 2024 – GWR confirm support after internal consultation, but wanted to know who would do the work.</p>	Clerk Team	Open

		<p>26 January 2024 – OCCH site visit – need for dropped kerb on Gatehampton Rd pavement to continue PPL raised (possible CIL funding).</p> <p>30 January 2024 GWR note that GWR would need to approve design and materials and a site access permit will be needed. There is a possibility of GWR doing the work by agreement with GPC.</p> <p>21 February 2024 – GWR asked to provide an estimate of their contractors doing the work. OCCH confirm that if GPC funds the dropped kerb it could be done in 2024/25.</p> <p>18 March 2024 – GWR provide an estimate of £1.3K (excl VAT) for the work, also advise of a grant scheme operated by GWR that may fund.</p> <p>26 March 2024 – Agreed to ask GWR to proceed with the work subject to Full Council agreeing funds – seek Full Council agreement for £1.4K for PPL and £3K for dropped kerb.</p> <p>8 April 2024 – Full Council agreed budget of £4,700 (excl VAT) and to GWR contractors doing the work.</p> <p>18 April 2024 – GWR asked to proceed with contractors.</p> <p>7 May 2024 – GWR contractors (APCOA) ask for dropped kerb to be completed first, OCCH asked for a date and cost.</p> <p>16 May 2024 – OCCH reminded about need for dates and cost.</p> <p>12 May 2024 – further reminder sent.</p> <p>13 June 2024 – Quotation for dropped kerb received, exceeds budget.</p> <p>18 June 2024 – Committee agree to refer increased cost to Full Council.</p> <p>9 July 2024 – Council agree revised budget to reflect cost of dropped Kerb.</p>		
2022-015	Full Village Pedestrian Safety Review	23 January 2024 - consider with OCCH possibility of traffic lights at Wallingford Rd/High St junction to reduce speed before and after the junction in lieu of a speed hump.	Committee	For Future Monitoring and Review

		<p>26 January 2024 – OCCH site visit confirmed that OCC would not consider traffic lights without evidence of the risk of a serious accident.</p> <p>20 February 2024 – Decided to review the need for a speed hump or other measures after speed signs had been installed.</p> <p>18 June 2024 – Committee decide to re-visit the idea of a pedestrian crossing at the junction of the High St and Red Cross Rd (see 2023 -004).</p>		
2023-004	Wallingford Rd/High Street junction	<p>26 March 2024 – EWG to check hedge no longer obscuring Red Cross Rd/High St junction.</p> <p>4 July 2024 – Resident agreed to trim hedge.</p>	Committee	Open
2024-001	Hedgehog signs	<p>26 March 2024 – Committee agreed in principle to locate three signs on Manor Rd, Elvendon Rd and Cleeve Rd. Assistant Clerk to establish best locations on those roads.</p> <p>16 April 2024 – Committee ask that signs go further out of the Village than the proposed flashing speed signs for those roads would have gone. Agreement on size and style of signs needed.</p> <p>21 May 2024 – Options for signs put to Committee.</p> <p>21 May 2024 – Committee agree signs to be used and Assistant Clerk to obtain and arrange installation.</p> <p>11 June 2024 – Three signs ordered for installation in following week.</p> <p>25 June 2024 – signs installed in Cleeve Rd, Manor Rd and Elvendon Rd.</p>	Assistant Clerk	Open
2024 - 002	Social Club Parking spaces	<p>6 June 2024 – Letter sent to Social Club.</p> <p>2 July 2024 Reminder sent.</p> <p>8 July 2024 Secretary responded – investigating land ownership.</p>	Assistant Clerk	Open
2024 - 003	Community Centre Carpark	<p>12 June 2024 – TGS provided a quote for line marking in carpark. In view of cost competitive quotes needed.</p> <p>3 July 2024 – Two further quotes sought with one reply – in excess of TGS quote.</p>	Assistant Clerk	Open

2024 - 004	Rights of Way	18 June 2024 – Committee decided not to establish a Working Group but retain this as a standing item on the Action List. As part of an accessible circular route around the Village, the previously considered idea of a pedestrian crossing at the High St/Red Cross Rd junction be considered.	Committee	Open
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