



GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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

Monday 14th October 2024 at 19:30, Belleme Room, Goring Village Hall

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)

Prior to the start of the meeting; Questions and comments from members of the public (limited to 10 minutes in total)

This provides an opportunity for members of the public (who are not usually permitted to speak during the meeting except by special invitation of the Chairman) to participate before the start of the meeting. Members of the public may make only one address to the council of no more than three minutes' duration and only concerning topics on the agenda. No decision can be taken during this session, but the Chairman may decide to refer any matters raised for further consideration.

AGENDA

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

2. To Receive any Declarations of Interests for items on this agenda [LA 2011 s31]

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)

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

3. To note the resignation of Cllr S Bridle

4. Vacant Seat (LGA 1972 s89(6))

4.1. To note the Council has 2 vacant seats, and both are available to be filled through co-option

4.2. To hear representations from any eligible persons wishing to be co-opted to the council and approve co-opting the new Councillor(s) to fill the vacant seat(s) subject to achieving a majority vote from Councillors present.

4.3. To receive declarations of acceptance of office from any co-opted Councillor. To be countersigned by the Clerk

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

5.1. Meeting held on 9th September 2024

5.2. Meeting held on 17th September 2024

The two nominees have accepted the award and are confirmed as John Boler and Mike Ward. There will be a formal presentation ceremony in due course.

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

6. To review the Active List progress and update

Full Council Active List



7. To Receive Minutes of Committees

- 7.1. Finance Committee
- Meeting Dated 12 August 2024 **Appendix A**
- 7.2. Planning Committee
- Meeting dated 27 August 2024 **Appendix B**
 - Meeting dated 10 September 2024 **Appendix C**
 - Meeting dated 24 September 2024 **Appendix D**
- 7.3. Traffic Management and Pedestrian Safety Committee
- Meeting Dated 20 August 2024 **Appendix E**

8. To receive reports from each of the Committees, Working Groups or Village Liaisons: C-WG-VL-List

Where possible they should provide a written report and/or action list in advance of the meeting as per standing orders.

- 8.1. To approve a budget of £760 for four speed surveys from TMPPS **Appendix F**
- 8.2. To receive an update from Playgrounds Working Group **Appendix G**
- 8.3. To approve a proposal from Chair RW to pause the Environment Working Group in light of the resignations of Cllrs Hutchins & Bridle, pending further discussion
- EWG Action List open items transferred to Full Council Active List*
- 8.4. To receive an update from the Finance Committee **Appendix H**
- 8.5. To receive an update from the Communications WG **Appendix I**
- 8.6. To receive an update and approve disbanding the New Office WG **Appendix J**

9. To appoint members to Committees / Working Groups / Liaison as required

- 9.1. To appoint new members as per the attached list **Appendix K**

10. To approve the following updated Policies & Documents

- 10.1. Open Spaces Working Group Playgrounds ToR **Appendix L**

11. To approve the following items proposed by the Playgrounds Working Group,

if approved, all actions regarding budget spend, to be delegated to the Clerk.

- 11.1. To approve applying for full planning permission to extend the Bourdillon playground, budget £369.
- 11.2. To approve the cost of an Arboricultural Impact Assessment to accompany the Bourdillon planning application, budget £1000
- 11.3. To approve applying for full planning permission to extend the Gardiner playground, budget £369.
- 11.4. To approve the cost of an Arboricultural Impact Assessment to accompany the Gardiner planning application, budget £1000



- 11.5. To approve granting the WG permission to seek quotes for moving the top (north) emergency entrance from the corner of Gardiner near the playground to a new location on Upper Red Cross Road along from the pavilion, including installing a suitable ramp and pedestrian access. This is necessary to be able to extend the playground as planned in the Open Spaces Report.

Any quotes received to be placed before Council for consideration & approval

12. To approve permitting Goring Robins signage, noticeboards & temporary tractor storage solution at Sheepcot **Appendix M**

13. To approve fitting bollards at Sheepcot to prevent vehicles accessing the field from the overflow car park.

If approved, quotes to be sought and brought to full council for budget approval

14. To approve submitting a request for preplanning advice for the Sheepcot Development Working Group **Appendix N**

15. Clerk Report: The Clerk would like to remind everyone that any concerns or defects should be reported directly via email at the earliest opportunity. **Appendix O**

- 15.1. To approve a budget of £1500 to undertake a specialist survey of streetlights used for hanging baskets, after consulting with our contractor.
This is following concerns from Goring in Bloom requesting that we seek advice from our contractor about streetlights in the village which have been fitted with brackets and hung with floral baskets.
- 15.2. To approve a budget of £750 to replace the locks on the Gardiner so all doors are keyed alike
- 15.3. To approve a budget of £300 to maintain & winterise the Jubilee Garden to Feb/March 2025
- 15.4. To note the receipt of the Post Grant Evaluation forms from Goring in Bloom and the Gap Festival.

16. To approve the following for the White Hills Burial Ground: **Appendix P**

- 16.1. The idea, in principle, of expanding the burial ground services (as previously approved) to include natural burials and a memorial garden for the scattering of ashes. Consent to put together the formal plan with the final, fully costed plan to be approved by the full council).
- 16.2. To Commission a landscape design (for plots, planting, benches and fencing/memorial wall for plaques) for the 'natural burial ground' and 'memorial garden'
- 16.3. To approve a budget of up to £5,000 to commission an experienced Landscape Architect to propose a design for the natural burial ground and memorial garden. The Landscape Architect and the costs to be approved at a full council meeting.
- 16.4. To approve developing a plot map, with different designations (ie specified tree, specified bush, wildflower, etc) based on Landscape Architect advice and full council consent.
- 16.5. To approve principle of works to burial ground though seek costs for final approval (this decision is proposed to be made whether or not there is approval for the principle of a natural burial ground and memorial garden for scattering of ashes).



- 16.6. To approve creating (with landscaping) two access points/stairs/ramps: one off the parking area; the other to join the upper 'natural burial ground' with the lower traditional burial ground
- 16.7. To approve converting the shed/garage to disabled toilet (probably with septic tank)
- 16.8. To approve recommissioning the WHBG office – all burial ground records to be stored there, burial ground tool storage, existing desk for burial ground Clerk to work, meet funeral directors, families, and regular overview of burial ground needs (lawn, cleaning, etc) etc.
 - 16.8.1. Office clean and simple decoration (ie paint the walls)
 - 16.8.2. Install Electricity
 - 16.8.3. Heater
 - 16.8.4. Sink/running water
 - 16.8.5. Designated laptop, Small printer, WiFi dongle
- 16.9. To approve the interment of historic bones in a Non-Denominational plot, accompanied by the ashes of a late resident of Goring, subject to securing appropriate government licence **Appendix Q**

17. To approve GoTPC adopts the British Heart Foundation strategy for the location of well-dispersed defibrillators throughout the parish; and supports obtaining grant funding from various sources to achieve this overall strategy in the coming years **Appendix R**

If approved, this action is delegated to the Clerk, in conjunction with Cllr B Urbick

18. To approve sending a thank you letter to Cllr Bulmer for his support of the GoTPC Office move

Minute ref 24.22.14.2. from the last meeting – Cllr BU approached Councillor Bulmer for a Councillor Priority Grant to cover some costs of the office move, the application was submitted, approved and the funds (£3,070) have been paid. This grant was to cover the cost of a removals company to conduct the move, new signage, postbox, doorbell, installation of a ceiling mounted projector, and purchase of window blinds. This was a significant contribution to the total costs of the office relocation.

19. To receive reports:

- 19.1. Oxfordshire County Councillor: K Bulmer **Appendix S**
- 19.2. South Oxfordshire District Councillor: M Filipova-Rivers **Appendix T**

20. Matters for future discussion.

21. To note the date and time of the next meeting Monday 11th November at 19:30

NOTE: Proposals of Motion to be received by the Clerk no later than **1st November**, in accordance with the Standing Orders.