



**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 20th August 2024 at 10:30am, Gardiner Pavilion

Members Present:

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

24.19.1 To elect a Chair for the meeting in the absence of Cllr Williamson

24.19.1.1 Cllr Lofthouse was unanimously elected Chair for the meeting.

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

Cllr R Williamson

24.19.3. Declarations of Interests (LA 2011 s31)

None.

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

None.

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

24.19.5.1. Meeting held on 16th July 2024.

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



24.19.6. To consider proposals for improving accessibility to the Ferry Lane open space. Appendix A

Cllr Thurston explained that the proposal was to install a board walk along the length of the Ferry Lane Open Space as shown in Appendix A. This would be a useful improvement, and he had discussed it with several residents. It would make a circular walk, accessible for wheelchairs and push chairs, via Station Road, the Thames Path and back along the High Street. Details of the scheme would need to be worked up before putting it to Full Council. Bushes to the south of the space would need to be trimmed, the board walk would need to be designed to take account of flooding and provide for drainage. The boardwalk would be made of re-cycled plastic having a longer life than timber and being environmentally acceptable. An initial estimate of cost would be £11,000 for the materials and £10,000 for installing. The plan could need a Flood Risk Activity Permit and the Assistant Clerk was asked to check if planning permission was needed (Withybush Nature Reserve had recently applied for permission for a similar boardwalk). The Committee agreed that Cllr Thurston should get quotes for the work and work up a fully costed proposal. The possibility of funding from Mend The Gap should be explored with the newly appointed person responsible for accessible routes

24.19.7. To consider the need for extending the existing 20mph speed limit to the remainder of Gatehampton Road and, if thought necessary, request the Highway Authority to do so.

This arose following the Planning Committee meeting on 13th August when residents expressed their concerns about proposed housing development on Gatehampton Road and the current and likely future speed and volume of traffic along the Road. It was agreed that the unrestricted length of Gatehampton Road was narrow and used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders and that it would be appropriate to consider extending the 20mph speed limit to the full length of the road. This would be for a resolution by Full Council and the Assistant Clerk was asked to contact OCC Highways to establish what would be required to initiate a request.

24.19.8. To review the Action List and agree any further actions.

The Action List was reviewed. Item 2022-015 to include carrying out speed surveys in Manor Rd, Cleeve Rd and Elvendon Rd (taken from 2022-007 now otherwise completed).

24.19.9. To consider and, if thought fit, approve the following motion: In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.

No members of the public were present, and the motion was not voted on.

24.19.9.1 To consider quotes received for line marking pedestrian priority lanes in the Community Centre Carpark and along the access road to Sheepcot Field, and for laying a grass mat path as an alternative pedestrian access to Sheepcot Field and proposals to go to Full Council accordingly.



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Following the meeting of the Committee on 16th July when it was considered that alternative solutions to a hoggin path for providing a safe pedestrian access to Sheepcot Field should be explored, including a pedestrian priority lane (PPL) or a grass mat path, and that quotes should be obtained together with the additional quotes for providing a PPL at the Community Centre carpark (Action List 2024-003).

Quotes for supplying and fitting grass matting to provide pedestrian access on the northern side of the Sheepcot access road between the Jubilee Garden and the neighbouring property had been sought but not received. However, an estimate of the cost of grass matting, based on advertised prices, would be between £1,080 and £700 for the length of the road, and there would be additional costs for laying and pegging. The cheapest quote for marking a PPL along the road was considerably cheaper.

Grass matting would separate pedestrians from vehicles, but the pathway could still be muddy in winter months when it is likely to be most heavily used. A PPL would not take pedestrians off the road and a residual risk of accidents remains. If cars continue to observe the yellow lines this may be acceptable.

It would be most cost-effective to marking the PPL at the Community Centre car park and at Sheepcot Field at the same time.

Resolved: Approved unanimously that the Assistant Clerk should prepare a resolution for Full Council seeking approval for the replacement of the proposed hoggin path at Sheepcot Field with a PPL along the access road and for the marking of a PPL at the Community Centre car park and a budget for both.

24.19.10. Matters for future discussion.

Councillor Thurston raised concerns about the condition of the Thames Path. It was agreed that he should facilitate a discussion with the various interested parties, including Mend The Gap, and report back to the Committee. He also drew the Committee's attention to the Ridgeway art project 'Ridgeway 50' and proposed a sign advertising it. It was agreed that he should put a resolution to Full Council accordingly.

24.19.11. To confirm the date of the next meeting: 17th September 2024

Confirmed.

There being no further business to be transacted, the Chair closed the meeting at 12.15pm.

Traffic Management Parking and Pedestrian Safety Committee: Action List: 20th August 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 5th 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 8th 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 21st 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 20th June for decision.</p> <p>20 June 2024 – Decision taken to implement proposals as amended.</p> <p>15 July 2024 – Lines likely to be painted in October.</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>	Committee / Full Council Delegation Request	Open

		<p>16 April 2024 – OCCH chased regarding installation of poles for solar powered signs.</p> <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 13th 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 11th July confirmed.</p> <p>11 July 2024 – Signs installed and operational.</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>	Clerk Team	Open

		<p>19 January 2024 – GWR confirm support after internal consultation, but wanted to know who would do the work.</p> <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 agrees revised budget to reflect cost of dropped Kerb.</p>		
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2022-015	Full Village Pedestrian Safety Review	<p>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.</p> <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>	Committee	For Future Monitoring and Review
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>	Assistant Clerk	Open

		<p>8 July 2024 Secretary responded – investigating land ownership.</p> <p>15 August 2024 - Further reminder sent.</p>		
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> <p>15 August 2024 – additional quotes received for a PPL at Sheepcot and at the Community Centre carpark.</p>	Assistant Clerk	Open
2024 - 004	Rights of Way	<p>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.</p> <p>15 August 2024 proposals for an accessible footpath put to Committee on 20 August.</p>	Committee	Open