



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 17th September 2024 at 11.00am, Gardiner Pavilion

Members Present: Cllr Robin Williamson (Chair)
Cllr Sonia Lofthouse
Cllr Nick Mallen
Cllr Toby Thurston

Officers Present:

Assistant Clerk Mike Harper

Public and Press:

1 MoP

Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting

The MoP raised three points in relation to Agenda item 6, asking if the marking of the pedestrian priority lane (PPL) in Station Rd would be done at the same time as the changes to yellow lines in the Village; and asking for updates on the PPL by the Station and on the proposed boardwalk at ferry lane pointing out that this should be at least 1.5m wide and close boarded to enable use by wheelchairs.

Cllr Thurston said that he had prepared a specification that required close boarding and a 1.5m width and he had sent that to selected contractors and that he was awaiting replies from them. On the other queries, the Assistant Clerk replied that he had assumed that the work on the Station Rd PPL would proceed together with the yellow lines as this would be the obviously most economical way. However, he would check. On the PPL by the Station, the first thing would be to get the dropped kerb in place; an invoice for the work had been paid and we are waiting for OCC Highways to provide a date for the work.

The MoP pointed out that the surface of Station Rd would need to be improved before the PPL was marked, as only limited patching has been done so far. Cllr Williamson responded saying that he had assurances from the responsible OCC officer that this would be done and that he intended to hold him to account for that.

The MoP reported on the condition of the Thames Path where a section had recently been closed for repairs. This section lies in West Berkshire DC. Cllr Thurston undertook to coordinate responses from the Council and the responsible agencies. It was suggested that useful contacts would be Hannah Gutteridge (OCC) and Elaine Cox (Countryside Council).

Meeting Started at 11.20

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

None

24.25.2. Declarations of Interests (LA 2011 s31)

None

Cllr R Williamson
Chair of the Committee

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

None.

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

24.25.4.1. Meeting held on 20th August 2024.

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

24.25.5. To consider draft revised terms of reference for the Committee. Appendix A

The existing terms of reference of the Committee incorporate, amongst other things, four actions arising from the Goring Neighbourhood Plan (GNP). Now, over five years later, a number of those actions had been completed, in full or in part, and others needed to be reviewed to see if they were still relevant. Since the terms of reference had been adopted, National Government policy for active travel and a reduction in car use has been developed, and recently reflected in OCC's strategy for active/sustainable travel. The GNP has a policy in this respect which is not in the Committee's terms of reference. There is therefore a need to consider, update and revise the terms of reference accordingly. This would need to include a revised set of actions; how the Committee should engage with third parties including OCC as the Highway Authority and others with interests in rights of way. A report for Full Council would be needed reviewing what had been done and what remained to be done under the existing terms of reference. There was a discussion about re-naming the Committee which concluded that a working title should be Transport and Travel. It was agreed that Cllr Thurston should take forward the re-drafting of the Committee's terms of reference.

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

The Action List was reviewed. A discussion on the enforcement of parking restrictions followed. It was agreed to further publicise the need to report illegally parked vehicles through The Goring Gap News and GENIE. Advice is on the Council's website but could be included on its Facebook page. It was agreed that parking enforcement should be included as an agenda item for the next Committee meeting.

24.25.7. Matters for future discussion.

Following the resignation of Cllr Hutchins the Committee was no longer represented at meetings of the Parish Transport Representatives. His replacement to be considered at the next Committee meeting.

24.25.8. To confirm the date of the next meeting: 15th October 2024.

Confirmed.

There being no further business to be transacted, the Chair closed the meeting at 12.30pm.