

### **Traffic Management Parking and Pedestrian Safety Committee – Report**

**1. Yellow Lines/ Station Road Pedestrian Lane:** Revised proposals, following discussions between the Council and OCC Highways were approved on 20th June. It is currently anticipated that the changes will be made in the New Year. OCC Highways are willing to do some refurbishment of existing yellow lines where they are particularly worn as well as replacing missing signs. These have been identified and notified to OCC Highways. The work will include the resurfacing of Station Road to bring it up to the standard required for a footway.

**2. Flashing speed signs and speed surveys:** When consideration was given to introducing flashing speed signs in the Village, several potential sites were identified. Including Manor Rd, Cleeve Rd and Elvendon Rd. When the decision was made to install signs on the High Street and Wallingford Rd, it was agreed that speed surveys should be carried out on those other roads to see if further measures to control speeds would be necessary. Following residents' concerns about speeds in the Gatehampton Rd (see 3 below) the Committee agreed to include it as well, and a budget of £760 for speed surveys in Manor Rd, Elvendon Rd, Cleeve Rd and Gatehampton Rd was agreed at the October Council meeting. Speed survey equipment was installed at those locations on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December and will be in place for one week.

### **3. Extending the 20mph speed limit for the length of Gatehampton Road**

Residents have concerns that the proposed housing development in Gatehampton Rd would exacerbate the existing volume and speed of traffic in the road. The Committee agreed that the unrestricted length of the 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 Council (to make a request to OCC Highways) and the Committee will recommend what would be required in the light of the information from the speed surveys referred to in 2 above.

**4. Pedestrian Crossing at Gatehampton Rd from the station:** Council agreed £4.7K funding for a pedestrian priority lane (PPL) to be marked on the station car park and for a dropped kerb on the Gatehampton Rd opposite. The work to mark a PPL is to be done by GWR's contractor. The dropped kerb has now been installed. A survey of the car park indicated that re-surfacing of the section to be used for the PPL was necessary and the marking of the PPL will follow that work. The Parish Council will not be charged for the re-surfacing.

**5. Community Centre Carpark and Sheepcot Field:** A Risk Assessment recommended marking a pedestrian priority lane (PPL) along the edge of the Community Centre car park, The Committee has also considered that a PPL along the Sheepcot Field access road would improve safety. Quotes for both have been obtained and a proposal for a budget was agreed at the September Council meeting. Undergrowth needs to be cleared, and the landowners (OCC) notified to ensure they have no objections.

### **6. Accessible access to Ferry Lane Open Space**

The Committee considered a proposal for a boardwalk connecting Ferry Lane and the Thames Path. This would make an all-weather 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 Council. Planning permission and Environment Agency agreement would be required.

#### **7. Active Travel/Committee terms of reference**

The Committee is liaising with OCC Highways and Mend the Gap to identify the opportunities for Active Travel in the Village (i.e. principally walking and cycling) in support of OCC's Active Travel Strategy. In addition, parish councils have been asked by OCC to develop Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans. The Committee's current terms of reference do not provide cover for that work and other recent developments and therefore need to be updated. The terms of reference were originally framed to cover the work to meet the actions identified in section 12 of the Goring Neighbourhood Plan. While much of that has been done, the Committee will continue to be responsible for fulfilling section 12. Re-drafted terms of reference are on the agenda for Council agreement at this meeting.

#### **8. Community Speed Watch**

The Committee was approached by a resident interested in forming a community speed watch. The Committee was supportive of the proposal and suggested funding the cost of a radar speed gun and reflective jackets, subject to agreement by Council when a request is made. The resident is taking forward an application to Thames Valley Police. The Committee also considered the need to form a lorry watch to enforce the restriction on HGVs passing through the Village. Streatley PC have provided advice and there is scope for the two communities to work together.

#### **9. Highways Engagement Team**

The Highways Engagement Team have met the Committee to establish contact and understand the Parish's concerns. The Committee raised the lack of enforcement of parking restrictions, especially when the changes to yellow lines in the Village are in place and the need for re-surfacing of Station Road.

#### **10. Car Parking**

In view of the changes to Yellow lines, the Committee will consider how better use can be made of the current provision of off-street parking in the Wheel Orchard carpark.

To change the name of the Traffic Management, Parking, and Pedestrian Safety Committee to the new name of the "Travel and Transport Committee" and to approve the revised terms of reference(below)

# Travel and Transport Committee

## Terms of Reference

*In this document “the Council” means the full Parish Council and “the Committee” means the Travel and Transport Committee. “OCC” means the County Council.*

### 1 Remit and scope

The Committee supersedes the Traffic Management, Parking & Pedestrian Safety Committee that was established after the Goring Neighbourhood Plan (GNP) was adopted in 2019.

**The primary purpose of the Committee** is to implement the actions and to support the objectives & policies that are set out in the GNP Section 12. “Traffic congestion and parking”.

In addition the Committee will support the use of public transport in the village, consider the needs of residents with mobility issues, work with OCC on our local footpaths & bridleways, and support the priorities set out in the OCC Active Travel Strategy (2022):

- to treat walking and cycling as a policy priority
- to make village amenities easy to reach on foot and by cycle
- to work with other stakeholders to develop an inclusive cycle network of safe, high quality routes to link Goring to neighbouring towns and villages
- to manage motor traffic – through measures such as modal filters, reducing traffic speeds, reducing road capacity, and supporting the enforcement of parking restrictions and HGV weight limits
- to develop a local practice that enables all residents to build their lives around active travel modes for local journeys

The scope of the Committee is to do the following.

- Investigate and progress any projects that support the remit set out above, and any other projects that are deemed by the Council to be the responsibility of the Committee
- Commission any required expert reports on behalf of the Council from a suitably-qualified highways consultant, advising the council on the choice of consultant and the most appropriate procurement process
- Obtain advice and information on behalf of the Council from the highway authority
- Obtain and evaluate evidence of the views of village residents who are interested in, or affected by, any project
- Consider the timing and methods of funding for each project and pursue grant applications
- Make recommendations to the Council for approval of appropriate actions arising from any of the items defined in this scope.
- Adopt the OCC Active Travel Strategy guidance in the village context, considering the needs of residents on foot, in wheel chairs, on cycles, or on horseback.
- Work with external stakeholders: the County Council, the District Council, neighbouring Parish Councils, public transport providers, National Trails (Thames Path & Ridgeway), National Landscape (Mend the Gap), Environment Agency, and others, as appropriate.

## **2 Appointment of members**

There will be four members of the Committee. Members of the Committee will be appointed at a meeting of the Council. The Chair of the Committee will be elected from the members at the first meeting of the Committee and thereafter if the position falls vacant.

The Committee may invite persons who are not Council members to work with the Committee where their experience or expertise is required. Those persons will not be able to vote.

## **3 Meetings**

All meetings of the Committee will be open to members of the public. Meetings will be held monthly (excluding August and January) to support the remit and scope defined in these terms of reference. An officer of the council shall be present to take minutes of the meetings and publish them promptly afterwards.

## **4 Delegated authority**

The Committee has delegated authority (a) to prioritise existing projects that support the remit set out in section 1 and any future items as directed by the Council, and (b) to pursue matters and conduct appropriate consultations and investigations in order to make recommendations to the Council on any project within the budget set for the Committee (Budget Code 6060 – Pedestrian Safety Projects).

Formal proposals and budgets for any remedial action recommended by the Committee must be approved by Council before any other work begins.

## **5 Review**

These updated Terms of Reference were approved for use at the meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 9 December 2024. They will be reviewed periodically.

Signed:

Dated:

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