

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

Monday 9th September 2024 at 19:30, Gardiner Pavilion, Upper Red Cross Road, Goring RG8 9BD

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)

Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting

None to speak

Members Present:

Chair	Cllr S Lofthouse (SL)
Members	Cllr T Thurston (TT)
	Cllr S Bridle (SB)
	Cllr B Newman (BN)
	Cllr R Williamson (RW)
	Cllr N Mallen (NM)
	Cllr M Stares (MS)
	Cllr J Emerson (JE)

Officers Present:

Clerk	S Edmunds (SE)
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Public and Press: at least 5 members of public

Meeting started 19:30

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

none

24.22.2. 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)

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

none

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

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

24.22.3.2. 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)

Bryan Urbick stood and spoke about his enthusiasm to rejoin the council. The Chair asked if any Councillors wished to ask a question. His Co-option was Proposed by SL and Seconded by MS

Cllr S Bridle resigned and left the Cllrs table

Resolved: Unanimous vote to co-opt B Urbick as a new Councillor

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

BU signed the declaration of office, countersigned by the Clerk

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

24.22.4.1. Meeting held on 8th July 2024

24.22.4.2. Meeting held on 3rd September 2024

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

Resolved: Both sets of minutes were approved unanimously & signed

24.22.5. To review the Active List progress and update

Full Council Active List

Reviewed and updated in meeting

24.22.6. To Receive Minutes of Committees

24.22.6.1. Finance Committee

- Meeting Dated 17th June 2024
- Meeting Dated 15th July 2024

Appendix A

Appendix B

24.22.6.2. Planning Committee

- Meeting Dated 11th June 2024
- Meeting Dated 25th June 2024
- Meeting Dated 9th July 2024
- Meeting Dated 23rd July 2024
- Meeting Dated 13th August 2024
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Appendix C

Appendix D

Appendix E

Appendix F

Appendix G

24.22.6.3. Traffic Management and Pedestrian Safety Committee

- Meeting Dated 18th June 2024
- Meeting Dated 16th July 2024

Appendix H

Appendix I

Resolved: All the above minutes were unanimously received

24.22.7. 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.

24.22.7.1. To receive an update from TMPPS

Appendix J

Discussions re ongoing parking problems. Noting there was an upcoming meeting with Goring Robins Chair and Secretary at Sheepcot plus discuss at TMPPS next meeting.

24.22.7.2. To receive an update from Playgrounds Working Group

Appendix K

Verbal report - BN spoke about waiting for the grant, visiting different playgrounds, looking at recommended equipment, getting a list of companies to approach. Waiting for preapplication advice. All other council playgrounds visited said putting in kit is straightforward, but the installation is critical – not one would recommend the company used! Need to consider these issues.

24.22.7.3. To receive the Village Environment Working Group Action List

EWG Action List

The report and list were received, the litter picker will do an extra pick at Ferry Lane post snowberry bush clearance

24.22.7.4. To receive an update from the Finance Committee

Appendix L

Received

24.22.7.5. To receive an update from the New Council offices Working Group

Appendix M

Glazing due to be fitted 24th September, aiming for 1st October official opening.

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

24.22.8.1. To appoint another member to the Emergency Plan Working Group following the resignation of Cllr Bridle from the group.

TT appointed

24.22.9. To approve the following updated Policies & Documents

24.22.9.1. Grants Policy 2024

Appendix N

Resolved: Unanimously approved and Communications Committee to follow up post grant evaluation

24.22.9.2. WHBG Notice of Internment

Appendix O

Resolved: Unanimously approved

24.22.9.3. WHBG Memorial Permit

Appendix P

Resolved: Unanimously approved

24.22.9.4. WHBG Regulations 2024

Appendix Q

Resolved: Unanimously approved

24.22.9.5. WHBG Information Leaflet

Appendix R

This is a draft document, feedback welcome especially on the wording/explanation/clarification of “uniform” and “dignified” in relation to memorials and “extraordinary” in relation to processions.

Resolved: Unanimously approved for Cllrs to send suggestions to the clerk

24.22.10. 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 S**

24.22.10.1. To approve continuing the annual High Street & Rectory Garden Christmas trees plus lighting the avenue.

Resolved: Unanimously approved

24.22.10.2. To approve the licence to garden the corner of the Gardiner Recreation Ground by Goring in Bloom

Resolved: Unanimously approved

24.22.10.3. To approve the 2025 Goring in Bloom costs to maintain the planter in the High Street (by Davis Tate)

Resolved: Unanimously approved

24.22.11. To approve engaging solicitors on behalf of the Council to pursue the issue of the unlawfully removed streetlight on Fairfield Road and thus facilitate its replacement.

Resolved: Unanimously approved if necessary

24.22.12. To approve marking out Pedestrian Priority Lanes at the Community Centre car park & the access road to Sheepcot Field

Resolved: Unanimously approved to mark out the PPL at community centre and Sheepcot

24.22.13. 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. **Confidential Papers**

24.22.13.1. To approve the budget for the solicitors to commence the case file for the Fairfield Road Streetlight

Resolved: Unanimously approved to use only if needed

24.22.13.2. To approve the cost for the PPL lanes at the Community Centre & Sheepcot Field

Resolved: Unanimously approved to appoint TGS and do both on the same day if possible

24.22.13.3. To approve the renewal of the Council's insurance policy with Clear Councils (year 2 of a fixed period)

Resolved: Unanimously approved the renewal offer from Clear Councils

24.22.13.4. To approve the cost for new fence supports in Yew Tree Court

Resolved: Unanimously approved to appoint MBC fencing

24.22.13.5. To approve the budget for tree surgery identified by the Tree Survey.

Resolved: Unanimously approved to appoint Heritage Tree Services

24.22.13.6. To approve the additional budget for completing the move to the new Council offices.

Resolved: Unanimously approved to increase the-budget to £7,000

24.22.13.7. To approve the budget for the Christmas Trees and lights

Resolved: Unanimously approved the budget of £1,100

24.22.14. To note reports from District and County Councillors

24.22.14.1. Member of Parliament & Oxfordshire County Councillor: F Van Mierlo

Appendix T

24.22.14.2. Oxfordshire County Councillor: K Bulmer

Appendix U

N.B. Cllr BU to approach Cllr KB to request a grant towards office relocation costs.

24.22.14.3. South Oxfordshire District Councillor: M Filipova-Rivers

Appendix V

24.22.15. Matters for future discussion.

24.22.16. To note the date and time of the next meeting Monday 14th October at 19:30

NOTE: Proposals of Motion to be received by the Clerk no later than **5th October**, in accordance with the Standing Orders.

Meeting Closed 20:50