



GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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

Wednesday 5th February 2025 at 9.00am, Council Office, Station Road

Members Present: Cllr Barbara Newman (Chair)
Cllr Mike Stares
Cllr Nick Mallen
Mrs Anna Povey

Officers Present:
Assistant Clerk Mike Harper

Public and Press:
None.

Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting
None.

Meeting Started at 9.00am.

24.59.1. To receive apologies for absence and substitutions. (LGA 1972 s85(1))
Mr Craig Dove.

24.59.2. Declarations of Interests (LA 2011 s31)

24.59.2.1. To receive Declarations of Interest

None.

24.59.2.2. To consider requests for dispensations.

None.

24.59.3. To agree the dates and frequency of future meetings.

The first Wednesday of the month at 9.30am.



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24.59.4. To agree the revised membership of the Evaluation Work Group.

Resolved: Unanimously resolved that Laura Kelly should be a member of the Work Group.

24.59.5. To receive an update on progress with the Planning Application for Bourdillon Field.

An application has been submitted for the proposed extension to the existing playground area, the target date for a decision is 19th March. An application for permitted development rights will be made once a supplier has been contracted and there is a final design to include in the application. The contracted supplier will be asked to provide the required design for the application. If the work falls within permitted development rights permission should be granted within two weeks. However, if surfacing works is extensive with implications for bio-diversity, full planning permission may be required which will take two months before permission is granted.

24.59.6. To receive an update on the tender process for Bourdillon Field and to approve the scheme for the evaluation of tenders.

Appendix A

The Work Group's proposed evaluation scheme was agreed subject to it being more closely linked to the core requirements in the Invitation to Tender, e.g. by adding cross references to the ITT in the evaluation criteria.

Dates for the review of tenders by the Work Group were agreed to enable the Committee at its next meeting to agree a recommendation to go to Council. It was agreed that there should be an opportunity to brief Council members informally and that there should be an extraordinary meeting of the Full Council to agree the recommended supplier and design and a budget.

24.59.7. To consider the possibility of a grant for an open play area at Bourdillon Field.

It was accepted that the basketball area was severely degraded and was not included in the re-development of the playground. There was a question of priorities in relation to the upgrading of the Gardiner Field playground. It was agreed that a review of the relative priorities should be on the agenda for the next meeting and that the Places and Assets Group should be asked to provide the documentary evidence of condition and safety checks on the Gardiner playground and the basketball area to inform that review. Other sources of funding, e.g. from existing Council budgets should be considered for repairing the basketball surface.

24.59.8. To develop a strategy and timescales for progressing the Gardiner Field playground.

Taken with:

24.59.9. To consider the possibility of a grant for specific items for the Gardiner Field playground.

It was agreed that the current priority was Bourdillon Field and not to take Gardiner Field further until the contract for Bourdillon had been finalised. The next steps would be to establish the condition and potential lifespan of the existing equipment and, in the light of that, what replacements and new equipment would be needed. If we are to expand the Gardiner playground to the north, then a new entrance to the Gardiner



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recreation ground was needed. Preliminary quotes for removing the existing gate and relocating it near the pavilion have been obtained. A full planning application would be necessary due to the presence of trees and for the moving of the gate. This would require a detailed committed design.

The possibility of a grant(s) and contributions from the community will be explored once a renewal scheme has been developed.

24.59.10. To decide the means and timing of communicating the start and extent of the work at Bourdillon Field to residents.

It was anticipated that decision on the supplier for Bourdillon Field will have been made before the end of March. Once a Contract had been finalised details would be communicated via the parent's What's App group, the Council's Facebook pages and website, the press and Goring Gap News and GENIE. Residents living adjacent to the Field would be notified by letter of the timing of the work and what would be involved when this was known.

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

Action List

The Action List was reviewed.

24.59.12. To confirm the date of the next meeting as per item 3 above.

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There being no further business to be transacted, the Chair closed the meeting at 10.40.