



GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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

Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 2.00pm, Council Office

Members Present: Cllr Barbara Newman (Chair)
Cllr Mike Stares
Cllr Nick Mallen
Cllr Brian McKenzie
Mrs Anna Povey
Mr Craig Dove

Officers Present:

Assistant Clerk Mike Harper

Public and Press:

None.

Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting

None.

Meeting Started at 2.00pm

24.55.1. To elect a Chair of the Committee.

Cllr Newman was unanimously elected Chair of the Committee.

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

None.

24.55.3. Declarations of Interests (LA 2011 s31)

None.

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

None.



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

24.55.5.1. Proposed date and frequency: The first Tuesday of the month at 10.30am.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be at 9.00am on Wednesday 5th February. Future dates thereafter to be agreed in the light of Mrs Povey's work commitments.

24.55.6. To receive the Committee's Terms of Reference.

Appendix A

The Terms of Reference were received.

24.55.7. To receive an update on the meeting with potential suppliers.

Appendix B

Eleven suppliers had indicated that they were intending to submit tenders for the work to the Bourdillon Field playground. Seven suppliers attended the site visit and the subsequent question and answer session earlier today. [A note of the questions raised by suppliers and the Council's responses is attached to these minutes and has been circulated to all potential suppliers including those not attending the meeting.]

24.55.8. To receive an update on progress with the Planning Application.

Appendix C

Cllr Stares reported that the Planning Application was submitted to South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) in December. The submission did not meet the Council's requirements for a valid application on technical grounds but more significantly because potential biodiversity issues were not identified. The application has been redrafted clarifying that only the playground area is involved and not the remainder of Bourdillon Field. A response from SODC is awaited but it is hoped that it will be confirmed that the work will be considered to be permitted development and not need planning permission.

24.55.9. To agree the Terms of Reference and membership of the Evaluation Group. Appendix D

Resolved: Unanimously resolved to accept the Terms of Reference at Appendix D as agreed at the December Full Council meeting and to suggest to Council that the membership of the Evaluation Group be as follows:

Cllr Mallen (Chair), Cllrs Newman and McKenzie, Mrs Povey and Mr Dove.

24.55. 10. To review the Action List and agree any further actions.

Appendix E

The Action List was reviewed. Item PWG. 24 was revised to include looking at the possibility of grants for specific items on the Gardiner playground.

24.55.11. To confirm the date of the next meeting: Wednesday 5th February 2025 at 9.00am.

There being no further business to be transacted, the Chair closed the meeting at 3.00pm.