



GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Travel and Transport Committee of the Goring-on-Thames Parish Council

Tuesday 18th February 2025 at 10.30am, Council Office

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

Officers Present:
Assistant Clerk Mike Harper

Public and Press:
7 Members of the Public (MoPs)

Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting

MoP 1 spoke in support of complainant in respect of parking at Whitehills Green. It was pointed out that there had been an increase in the use of Sheepcot Field as Goring Robins FC had moved up the league. Parking problems had got worse. Credit was given to Goring Robins for providing cones to protect residents' access to their driveways but there were difficulties in getting out of driveways on Saturdays and Sundays. The wider picture should be considered as parking in Gatehampton Road was often illegal and dangerous.

MoP 2 was the originator of the complaint, instances of verbal and physical abuse had been reported affecting elderly residents trying to access their driveways.

MoP 3 inquired about progress on the proposed PPLs on Station Road and on the Sheepcot access road; on Appendix B, A.1 (Manor Rd/High St junction) a pedestrian refuge might be a simpler solution; and there was a need to review the provision of dropped kerbs across the Village. It was reported that MIGGS had provided a wheelchair accessible gate at Streatley Meadow to enable a circular route across the meadow via the recreation ground to Church Lane.

Meeting Started at 10.40am.

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

None

24.62.2. Declarations of Interests (LA 2011 s31)

None

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

None.

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

24.62.4.1. Meeting held on 17th December 2024.

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

24.62.5. To consider a complaint about parking at Whitehills Green**Appendix A**

Councillors emphasised that verbal or physical abuse should not be tolerated but acknowledged that this was difficult to police. MoP2 had received a reply from OCC Highways explaining that the current parking restrictions only applied on weekdays. Any change (e.g. to double yellow lines in places) would require a Traffic Restriction Order and would have to be consulted on across the Village and there would be a significant cost to the Council. To be effective yellow lines need to be enforced and this could not be guaranteed.

There was a discussion about the introduction of a car sharing scheme and ways of encouraging the use of public transport. It was felt that Goring Robins could take a lead and that a meeting with the Club to discuss should be set up (Action: Assistant Clerk). Cllr Thurston would ask Going Forward Buses about the possibility and cost of running a service to Sheepcot Field at weekends.

24.62.6. To consider action in respect of the condition of Elvendon Lane.

Cllr Williamson had written to the complainant directing him to OCC Highways and Fix my Street. Cllr Bulmer (OCC) had arranged for a site visit and urgent repairs were to be carried out.

24.62.7. To recommend a budget of £100 to support the establishment of a footpath alongside the Reading Road near Park Farm.

Resolved: Unanimously resolved to recommend that a budget of £250 be allocated for the provision of Sign boards and permissive way notices on the proposed new route.

24.62.8. To further consider actions needed to improve pedestrian safety.**Appendix B****A. Matters for OCC Highways**

A.1 Manor Rd/High St Junction: This was given top priority and the suggestion of installing a pedestrian island at an estimated cost of about £500 was accepted. OCC Highways to be approached to take this forward.

A.2 High St/Red Cross Rd/Upper Red Cross Rd Junction: The location of a crossing should be between the Junction and the Social Club. OCC Highways to be approached for likely costs and feasibility.



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A.3 High St Raised Table: OCC Highways to be approached for likely costs and feasibility.

A.4 Reading Rd – Access to Farm Rd Footpath: It was considered that work could be done to widen the Footpath at the eastern end as it joined Fairfield Rd and that a refuge could be provided opposite the steps from the Footpath on to the Reading Rd. . OCC Highways to be approached for likely costs and feasibility.

A.5 Speed Restriction Measures: Discussed under Agenda Item 9.

B. Matters for the Council

B.1 Pavement Outside Pierrepont 's Café : It was agreed Cllrs Wiliamson and Thurston would approach the Café with proposals for a Parklet using one of the parking spaces opposite.

B.2 Wallingford Rd to the Station: It was agreed that there was no scope for widening the pavement on the Wallingford Road, but that Station Road was to be improved with a PPL although the pavement along Gatehampton Road was in a poor state of repair despite numerous reports on Fix my Street. Cllr Williams is in discussion with GWR about signs marking the southern entrance to the Station.

B.3 Safe Walking Routes: Cllrs Mallen and Thurston agreed to take this forward identifying suitable routes.

B.4 Ferry Lane footpath: Cllr Thurston has done initial work on proposals for a boardwalk, but held up by wet weather and flooding from getting quotes. Cllr Lofthouse will contact the contractor used for the boardwalk at the Withymead Nature Reserve. Likely costs were estimated at £40-50,000.

B.5 Cycle Routes: Cllr Williamson is pursuing the change to a shared path on the Lockstile Way-Bourdillon Field footpath.

24.62.9 To identify further actions following the Speed Survey.

Speed Survey Analysis

It was agreed that a further survey should be carried out in six months' time and to include the sites of the flashing speed signs in the survey.

In view of the time and the likelihood of the meeting exceeding two hours:

Resolved: Unanimously resolved to extend the meeting by a further half hour if needed.

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

The Action List was reviewed and updated.

24.62.11. Matters for future discussion.

Cllr Thurston will draft a map of walking routes in and around the Village, showing those that are accessible for wheelchair users.

24.62.12. To confirm the date of the next meeting: 18th March 2025.

Confirmed.

There being no further business to be transacted, the Chair closed the meeting at 12.15 pm

Travel and Transport Committee: Action List: 18th February 2025

Updated post-meeting

Action No.	Title	Current Status	Action Owner	Status
2021 -004	Station Rd Pedestrian Safety/Yellow Lines Consultation	<p>30 October 2023 – OCCH confirms that consultation on yellow lines will take place before Christmas with, depending on outcome of consultation around Easter.</p> <p>13 December 2023 – OCCH indicates plans to be provided 5th January.</p> <p>16 January 2024 – Plans received, and Committee’s response sent – noting Mill Rd and Cleeve Rd North not included and asking for an update.</p> <p>23 January 2024 – Response from OCCH, Assistant Clerk clarified – Mill Rd: existing yellow lines to be retained (but need re-marking), Cleeve Rd: to note OCCH agreed addition, Glebe Ride: remove EV charging spaces and allocate for parking.</p> <p>31 January 2024 – Consultation deferred from 8th February to 2 weeks later: clarification of no waiting times on Cleeve Rd South needed.</p> <p>4 March 2024 – Revised plans provided by OCCH to include Cleeve Rd North; confirmed times (10.00-3.30) restrictions apply.</p> <p>11 March 2024 – Final proposals sent; advertisement expected to be placed 21st March.</p> <p>20 March 2024 – Consultation issued.</p> <p>16 April 2024 – Committee agreed to meet Cllr Bulmer to discuss outcome. OCC Cabinet expected to consider in May.</p> <p>19 April 2024 – Consultation closed.</p> <p>1 May 2024 – Meeting with OCCH to review initial responses to consultation and amendments proposed by TMPPS Committee.</p> <p>13 May 2024 – Full Council endorses TMPPS Committee amendments.</p>	OCC Highways	Monitoring / Awaiting Implementation

		<p>21 May 2024 – Site visit with OCCH.</p> <p>28 May 2024 – Proposed revisions to original proposals for Glebe Ride and Thames Rd agreed with OCCH.</p> <p>18 June 2024 – OCCH officer reporting to OCC responsible Cabinet Member on 20th June for decision.</p> <p>20 June 2024 – Decision taken to implement proposals as amended.</p> <p>15 July 2024 – Lines likely to be painted in October.</p> <p>23 August 2024 – Issue with position of posts in Cleeve Rd reducing space on the footway – hedge to be trimmed?</p> <p>6 September 2024/12 September – 2024 Reminders sent to resident seeking their permission to trim hedge.</p> <p>17 September 2024 – OCCH to consider alternative location for posts in Cleeve Rd.</p> <p>25 September 2024 – OCCH identify more work than expected needed to provide a ‘pedestrian safe’ surface for the Station Rd PPL.</p> <p>2 October 2024 – OCCH advise not proceeding with removal of parking bays in Station Rd and PPL until after resurfacing. Cllrs wish to proceed with all changes including the removal of bays in Station Rd.</p> <p>9 October 2024 – OCCH alternative location for posts in Cleeve Rd considered by GPC to be unsuitable as narrowing the footway OCCH advised accordingly.</p> <p>15 October 2024 – Likely implementation of yellow line changes now likely to be after Christmas. OCCH hope that Station Road re-surfacing could be done by then so that removal of parking bays and marking a PPL can go ahead at the same time as the yellow line changes across the village.</p> <p>7 November 2024 – OCCH asked for progress on Station Road re-surfacing. OCCH replied that this was in hand.</p> <p>7 January 2025 – Work on re-surfacing Station Rd to begin on 24th March. Marking of yellow lines etc. to take place around this time or sooner – dates awaited.</p>		
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2022-013	Provision of EV Parking Spaces	<p>21 February 2024 - OCCH asked for details of their plans for the number and location of chargers in the Village.</p> <p>12 March 2024 – OCCH response: definitely including Goring, Wheel Orchard Car Park under consideration, possibly also Community Centre Car Park. 7kW AC chargers intended. OCCH would welcome GPC's thoughts.</p> <p>19 March 2024 – OCC issue press notice outlining plans and announcing grant scheme for local councils to install community charging hubs.</p> <p>26 March 2024 – When grant scheme opened consider bidding for sites for community/micro hubs at Village Hall, Community Centre and Station carpark.</p> <p>17 May 2024 – Tendering process for micro hubs delayed, scheme unlikely to be operational before early 2025.</p> <p>4 October 2024 – OCCH have submitted an application for funds from OZEV, if approved they will appoint a Charge Point Operator by January 2025 with work beginning in April. Meanwhile applications for community micro hubs expected to open in the New Year, the aim being to plan provision across micro hubs, LA carparks and on-street provision.</p> <p>10 February 2025 Confirmation from Cllr Filipova-Rivers that EV chargers are intended to be installed in Goring (Wheel Orchard Carpark?).</p>	Committee	Monitoring
2022-14	Pedestrian Crossing Gatehampton Rd near Station	<p>30 November 2023 – Assistant Clerk wrote to GWR with request to permit marking a PPL on GWR land.</p> <p>2 December 2023 – GWR respond, supportive in principle but need to consult internally.</p> <p>19 January 2024 – GWR confirm support after internal consultation, but wanted to know who would do the work.</p> <p>26 January 2024 – OCCH site visit – need for dropped kerb on Gatehampton Rd pavement to continue PPL raised (possible CIL funding).</p> <p>30 January 2024 GWR note that GWR would need to approve design and materials and a site access permit will be needed. There is a possibility of GWR doing the work by agreement with GPC.</p>	Assistant Clerk	Open

		<p>21 February 2024 – GWR asked to provide an estimate of their contractors doing the work. OCCH confirm that if GPC funds the dropped kerb it could be done in 2024/25.</p> <p>18 March 2024 – GWR provide an estimate of £1.3K (excl VAT) for the work, also advise of a grant scheme operated by GWR that may fund.</p> <p>26 March 2024 – Agreed to ask GWR to proceed with the work subject to Full Council agreeing funds – seek Full Council agreement for £1.4K for PPL and £3K for dropped kerb.</p> <p>8 April 2024 – Full Council agreed budget of £4,700 (excl VAT) and to GWR contractors doing the work.</p> <p>18 April 2024 – GWR asked to proceed with contractors.</p> <p>7 May 2024 – GWR contractors (APCOA) ask for dropped kerb to be completed first, OCCH asked for a date and cost.</p> <p>16 May 2024 – OCCH reminded about need for dates and cost.</p> <p>12 May 2024 – further reminder sent.</p> <p>13 June 2024 – Quotation for dropped kerb received, exceeds budget.</p> <p>18 June 2024 – Committee agrees to refer increased cost to Full Council.</p> <p>9 July 2024 – Council agrees revised budget, increased to £7,800 from £4,700 to reflect increased cost of dropped Kerb.</p> <p>17 July 2024 – OCCH authorised to proceed with dropped kerb, date of installation to be confirmed.</p> <p>20 August 2024 – Works ordered, awaiting installation date.</p> <p>3 October 2024 – Installation of dropped kerb expected in November.</p> <p>18 October 2024 – Dropped kerb installed.</p>		
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2022-015	Full Village Pedestrian Safety Review	<p>23 January 2024 - consider with OCCH possibility of traffic lights at Wallingford Rd/High St junction to reduce speed before and after the junction in lieu of a speed hump.</p> <p>26 January 2024 – OCCH site visit confirmed that OCC would not consider traffic lights without evidence of the risk of a serious accident.</p> <p>20 February 2024 – Decided to review the need for a speed hump or other measures after speed signs had been installed.</p> <p>20 August 2024 – Committee agreed in November 2023 to consider the need for three flashing speed signs (in Manor Rd, Cleeve Rd and Elvendon Rd) additional to those then planned in the High St and Wallingford Rd, if speed surveys showed a need. It was agreed to seek Full Council approval for a budget for speed surveys to be carried out on those three roads.</p> <p>9 September 2024 – OCCH asked to provide costs of speed surveys and procedure for applying for extension of 20mph limit in Gatehampton Road. This would require a further speed survey.</p> <p>17 September 2024 – Assistant Clerk to submit a request for a budget to October Council meeting.</p> <p>14 October 2024 - Budget agreed for 4 surveys at £760.</p>	Committee	Open

		<p>15 October 2024 – Revisions to sites for surveys on lampposts as follows: Cleeve Rd by the Ridgeway Path crossing; Manor Rd by the junction with Littlecroft Rd; Gatehampton Rd by No.4; Elvendon Rd further up to the east if suitable lamppost.</p> <p>28 November 2024 – Speed surveys ordered.</p> <p>2 December 2024 – Speed surveys operational.</p> <p>17 December 2024 – Summary of results provided by Cllr Thurston, to present to Full Council in March. Results suggest a need for measures to limit speeds in Elvendon Road and Gatehampton Road.</p> <p>10 February 2025 - Summary of results presented to Full Council; Council request that Committee consider necessary measures and report to March meeting.</p> <p>18 February 2025 – Agreed to resurvey sites and to include speed sign sites as well.</p>		
2024 - 002	Social Club Parking spaces	<p>6 June 2024 – Letter sent to Social Club.</p> <p>2 July 2024 Reminder sent.</p> <p>8 July 2024 Secretary responded – investigating land ownership.</p> <p>15 August 2024 - Further reminder sent.</p> <p>20 August 2024 – Possible Cllr visit to chase up a response.</p> <p>19 September 2024 – Historic information obtained from Local History Society.</p> <p>15 October 2024 – Assistant Clerk to write to the Club suggesting revised parking arrangements.</p> <p>11 November 2024 – Club asked to consider re-alignment of parking spaces.</p> <p>19 November 2024 – Cllr Williamson to contact the Club.</p> <p>10 February 2025 – Data on OCC Highways mapping confirms the parking area is Highway land, to consider referring to Highways?</p> <p>18 February 2025 – Refer to OCC Highways, write to Club and complainant.</p>	Assistant Clerk Cllr Williamson	Open

2024 - 003	Community Centre Carpark	<p>12 June 2024 – TGS provided a quote for line marking in carpark. In view of cost competitive quotes needed.</p> <p>3 July 2024 – Two further quotes sought with one reply – in excess of TGS quote.</p> <p>15 August 2024 – additional quotes received for a PPL at Sheepcot and at the Community Centre car park.</p> <p>20 August 2024 – Agreed to put a resolution to Full Council in September seeking a budget for marking PPLs at Sheepcot Field and the Community Centre.</p> <p>9 September – Council agreed to a budget of £820 for marking PPLs at Sheepcot Field and the Community Centre car park.</p> <p>17 September 2024 – Overhanging vegetation on Western boundary wall to be trimmed and undergrowth cleared prior to marking.</p> <p>15 October 2024 – Assistant Clerk to seek landlord’s agreement to marking a PPL in the Community Centre Carpark</p> <p>7 November 2024 – OCC Property Services contacted.</p> <p>14 January 2025 – Reminder sent.</p> <p>15 January 2025 – contact with the relevant officer made, copies of lease provided (the PPL would run on land not leased to GPC).</p> <p>20 February 2025 – OCC refuse permission for marking PPL, asked to reconsider.</p>	Assistant Clerk	Open
2024 - 004	Rights of Way	<p>18 June 2024 – Committee decided not to establish a Working Group but retain this as a standing item on the Action List. As part of an accessible circular route around the Village, the previously considered idea of a pedestrian crossing at the High St/Red Cross Rd junction be considered.</p> <p>11 September 2024 – Cllr Thurston met with Mend the Gap to establish that they consult with GPC, visit planned providing an opportunity to discuss an accessible circular route in the Village.</p>	Cllr Thurston Cllr Williamson	Open

		<p>17 September 2024 – Cllr Williamson reported that he is pursuing making Goring Footpath No 10 between Lockstile Way and Bourdillon Field shared use for pedestrians and cyclists.</p> <p>15 October 2024 – Meeting arranged with Mend the Gap on 27th October.</p> <p>19 November 2024 – At 27th October meeting proposals for a shared path at Lockstile Way/Bourdillon Field and for the Ferry Lane boardwalk discussed; support sought for cycle route to Wallingford.</p> <p>17 December 2024 – Report of 27th October meeting expected from Mend the Gap in January. Cllr Williams asked Assistant Clerk to find an appropriate contact in OCC to take forward proposal for changing Goring Footpath No 10 to a shared path.</p> <p>18 February – Committee agree to recommend a budget of £250 for signs to indicate new permissive path at Elvendon Priory.</p> <p>18 February 2025 – Cllr Williamson to progress Lockstile Way/Bourdillon Field shared path</p>		
2024 - 005	Ferry Lane Boardwalk	<p>15 August 2024 - Proposals for an accessible boardwalk/footpath put to Committee on 20 August.</p> <p>20 August 2024 – Committee agreed that Cllr Thurston should get quotes for the work and prepare a submission for Full Council.</p> <p>17 September 2024 – Contractors approached with a specification for the work required, awaiting responses.</p> <p>15 October 2024 – No formal quotes from specialist boardwalk contractors received but informal contacts suggest a cost of £40K.</p> <p>19 November 2024 – one quote received.</p> <p>17 December 2024 – awaiting better weather before taking further.</p>	Cllr Thurston	Open
2024 - 006	Thames Path	<p>20 August 2024 – Concern over condition of the Path reported. Cllr Thurston was asked to discuss with interested parties.</p>	Cllr Thurston	Open

		<p>15 October 2024 – Signs to go up and closure of section of footpath (in West Berks); Cllr Thurston to contact West Berks for update on progress with repairs.</p> <p>17 December 2024 – West Berks awaiting allocation of funds for repairs.</p> <p>18 February 2025 – Footpath inspected, handrail repaired but no evidence of work on path/banks.</p>		
2024 -008	Community Speed Watch and Lorry Watch	<p>8 October 2024 – Approach from a resident wanting to set up a Speed Watch Group. Raise with Highways Engagement Team on their visit?</p> <p>19 November 2024 – Resident in process of applying to Police for approval; Cllr Thurston to discuss support needed. Agreed to explore setting up a lorry watch and Cllr Thurston to contact Streatley PC for advice.</p> <p>2 December – 2024 Information about lorry watch and speed watch received from Streatley PC.</p> <p>17 December 2024 – Meeting with Streatley PC reported: difficult to measure through lorry traffic accurately; Cllrs Williamson and Thurston to trial a spot check on lorry traffic. Resident now trained to do Speed Watch, volunteers needed.</p> <p>18 February 2025 – Resident unwell over January. Cllr Thurston to action recruiting volunteers.</p>	Cllr Williamson Cllr Thurston	Open
2024 - 009	Hedgehog Signs	<p>19 November 2024 - Assistant Clerk asked to order three additional signs, one to replace the missing Manor Rd sign.</p> <p>20 December 2024 – Signs delivered. Replacement for Manor Rd other locations to be determined.</p> <p>18 February 2025 – New signs to be ordered</p>	Assistant Clerk	Open
2024 - 010	Off-street Car Parking	<p>19 November 2024 – need to improve capacity at the Wheel Orchard Carpark identified, proposal for discussion at next meeting 17th December.</p> <p>18 February 2025 – Cllr Thurston to draft a review of off-street parking.</p>	Cllr Thurston	Open
2025 - 001	Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan	18 February 2025 – Need to develop identified in Annex B		Open
2025 - 002	Manor Rd/High St junction	18 February 2025 – Proposal for a pedestrian refuge: take forward with OCC Highways	Assistant Clerk	Open
2025 - 003	High St/Social Club	18 February 2025 – ask OCC Highways for likely cost and feasibility of pedestrian crossing	Assistant Clerk	Open

2025 - 004	Pedestrian crossing High St Raised Table	18 February 2025 – ask OCC Highways for likely costs and feasibility.	Assistant Clerk	Open
2025 - 005	Reading Rd/Farm Rd footpath	18 February 2025 – ask OCC Highways about likely costs and feasibility to identify ability of widening the footpath at junction with Fairfield Rd and/or opposite steps	Assistant Clerk	Open
2025 - 006	Pavement outside Pierrepont's	18 February 2025 - Investigate possibility of installing a Parklet	CLrs Williamson and Thurston	Open
2025 – 007	Station Signage	18 February 2025 - To improve signage to encourage use of south entrance to Station	CLr Williamson	Open
2025 -008	Afe Walking Routes	18 February 2025 – To identify possible routes	CLrs Mallen and Thurston	Open