



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

Monday 10th March 2025 at 19:30, Belleme Room, Goring Village Hall

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)

**Prior to the start of the meeting; Questions and comments from members of the public
(limited to 10 minutes in total)**

Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting

MoP1: re Bridge hanging flower baskets

MoP2 John Boler on behalf of MIGGS re item 5.1 – it has been 7 years since this process began , thanks to council for finally getting it done.. 2ndly Gatehampton pedestrian lane – MIGGS offered £1k- but no date from GWR to start.

Members Present:

Chair	Cllr S Lofthouse (SL)
Members	Cllr J Emerson (JE)
	Cllr T Thurston (TT)
	Cllr M Stares (MS)
	Cllr B McKenzie (BM)
	Cllr B Urbick (BU)
	Cllr N Mallen (NM)
	Cllr B Newman (BN)

Officers Present:

Clerk	S Edmunds (SE)
Assistant Clerk	M Harper (MH)

Public and Press: at least 4 members of public

Meeting started 19:30

AGENDA

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

Apologies received from Cllrs D Bermingham & R Williamson

24.66.2. 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)

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

None



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

3.1. Meeting held on 10th February 2025

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

Resolved: Unanimously approved

24.66.11.2 was brought forwards to allow the District Councillor to make her report in person Joint Local Plan 2041 is progressing. Councillor Grant Scheme have been very popular, had to spread around but has now increased to £7500. There are loans to help empty homes back into use, they want to work with private landlords, social housing allocation policy is changing. There is a 20th March funding workshop with many grant schemes and guidance for which ones might be most suitable. Examples of grants on offer e.g. Cllr Capital grants, Cil grants etc

24.66.4. To Receive Minutes of Committees

4.1. Finance Committee

- ~~Meeting Dated 25 November 2024~~ **Appendix A**

4.2. Planning Committee

- Meeting dated 28 January 2025 **Appendix B**
- Meeting dated 11 February 2025 **Appendix C**

4.3. Travel and Transport Committee (formerly TMPPS)

- Meeting Dated 17 December 2024 **Appendix D**

4.4. Playgrounds Committee

- Meeting dated 07 January 2025 **Appendix E**
- Meeting dated 05 February 2025 **Appendix F**

Resolved: all above unanimously received with the exception of 4.1 which was approved at the previous meeting.

24.66.5. To receive reports from each of the Committees, Working Groups or Village Liaisons:

Where possible they should provide a written report and/or action list in advance of the meeting as per standing orders.

5.1. To receive an update from Traffic & Transport Committee

Appendix G

JE suggests community speed watch appeal not just on FaceBook pages, should be elsewhere including GGN.TT said the intention was to use all mediums to contact volunteers inc. GGN.

5.2. To approve a budget of £250 for the provision of sign boards and permissive way notices on the proposed new route:

Appendix H

Resolved: Unanimously approved code 6060

5.3. To receive a report from the Sheepcot WG

Appendix I

Received

5.4. To receive a report from the Finance Committee and approve a new bank account

Appendix J.2

JE YE 31.03.25 spend request for this year in right now. Sunday 9 march 11.3 of payments budget left.3rd – later this month there will be a request to pay for playgrounds, 185-200 , until funds rebuild inc cil or ojfs – attachment gives the list. EMR for playground equip and refurb 345 unallocated cil. Suggest fin reg amended to two cllrs to approve moving funds



Resolved: received report and Unanimously Approved to open a Hinckley & Rugby Building Society

5.5. To receive a report from the Playgrounds Committee

Appendix K

Received

5.5.1 The Playground Committee proposes an extra ordinary full council meeting on 24.03.25, called by the Clerk, to select the approved supplier to fulfil the tender document timescale.

NB TT & JE away

24.66.6. Committees / Working Groups / Liaisons

6.1. To approve converting the Sheepcot WG to a Committee and the new ToR

Appendix L

JE proposed two changes of wording to this ToR

3 Frequency of meetings

Change “provide regular updates to full council.”

to “provide updates to each full council meeting.”

4. Process Phase one

change “All expenditure to be managed in accordance with the Council Financial Regulations.

Approval for the above costs for designs and documentation as fees for planning permission will be approved by the Committee (based on utilising some of the EMR budgeted for this project).”

to “All expenditure to be managed in accordance with the Council Financial Regulations.

(5.15 of the November 2024 Financial Regulations defines the authorisations required for various amount of expenditure.)”

Resolved: Unanimously Approved the co-opted members: Tomi Wills, Tim Monk (Football), Jane Cartledge (tennis)

Revised ToR to address parking

6.2. To changes to the attached list of Committee/Working Group/Liaisons

Appendix M

24.66.7. To approve the following updated Policies & Documents

7.1. To approve the amended Financial Risk Assessment & Management policy 2024-5

Appendix N

Updated to include credit control measures.

Resolved: Unanimously approved

7.2. To approve the Sports Club, Car Park & Amenity Hire fees for the financial year 2025-2026 **Appendix O**

This is the Finance Committee recommendation brought to full council for approval.

Resolved: Unanimously approved

~~**24.66.8. To receive an update from WhiteHills Burial Ground** **Appendix P**~~

24.66.9. To approve a meetings recording option suggested by the Communications Working Group **Appendix Q**

Resolved: Approved by majority trialled at committee level prior to full council. Spend to come from code 6090



24.66.10. Clerk Report: The Clerk would like to remind everyone that any concerns or defects should be reported directly via email at the earliest opportunity.

- 10.1. To approve supporting No Mow May and delegate to Clerk to discuss the areas with the grass cutting

JE grass cutting team mow all areas in April then leave in May TT ask team to mow paths through any larger areas

Resolved: Unanimously Approved to delegate to Clerk

To approve OJFS clearance commencing with confidential waste disposal, removal of retained items and then a garage style /table top disposal for remaining items and budget £650 for a skip

JE £712 in 6240 Waste budget for skip TT nominate a charity?

Resolved: Unano

- 10.2. To approve using Window Flowers to supply the hanging baskets for the village

Exact amount TBC following the streetlight surveys, but it is likely to be 40 at £86 each

Resolved Unanimously approved- £5k budget from April

24.66.11. To receive reports:

- 11.1. Oxfordshire County Councillor: K Bulmer

Appendix R

- 11.2. South Oxfordshire District Councillor: M Filipova-Rivers

Appendix S

Both reports received

24.66.12. Matters for a future agenda

Bin collection frequency

Policy renewal

24.66.13. To confirm the date and time of the Extra Ordinary Full Council meeting Monday 24th March at 19:30 Village Hall

24.66.14. To note the date and time of the next Full Council meeting Monday 14th April 2025 at 19:30

NOTE: Proposals of Motion to be received by the Clerk no later than **31st March 2025**, in accordance with the Standing Orders

Meeting Closed 21:02