

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

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 the 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: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025.**

Confirmed.

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