



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

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 10.30am, Council Office**

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

**Officers Present:**  
Assistant Clerk Mike Harper

**Public and Press:**  
Three members of the public (MoPs)

### **Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting**

MoP1 spoke about weekend parking at Whitehills Green which had been discussed at the last Committee meeting. He was disappointed that a meeting with the Goring Robins FC had not yet taken place. If residents were able to provide a donation to cover the costs of a consultation on changes to parking restrictions would the Council provide a written guarantee that the funds would be used for that purpose. Did Goring Robins FC have a plan for parking and could they be required to have one? Cars were now being parked on the roundabout obstructing traffic. MoP2 spoke in support of MoP1, could the Council designate alternative carparks for users of Sheepcot Field? MoP3 spoke about the parking in Gatehampton Road suggesting that Network Rail extend the station carpark urgently.

In response Cllrs said that changes to parking restrictions would require a full consultation by the Highway Authority. Enforcement was always an issue and any illegal parking was a matter for the police. A new committee with responsibility for Sheepcot Field is to be formed and could take on the wider issue of access and parking. An idea of installing planters on the roundabout to prevent parking had been suggested but would require Highway Authority approval and arrangements for continued weeding watering etc. Network Rail have been asked about their plans for an extension to the station carpark. A meeting with Goring Robins FC will be arranged parking at Whitehills Green will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Meeting Started at 10.55am.



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### **24.68.1. To receive apologies for absence and substitutions. (LGA 1972 s85(1))**

Cllr Lofthouse

### **24.68.2. Declarations of Interests (LA 2011 s31)**

None

### **24.68.3. To consider requests for Dispensations (LA 2011 s33)**

None.

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

24.68.4.1. Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February.

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

### **24.68.5. To determine the need to prepare a Cycling and Walking infrastructure Plan. Appendix A**

A number of Infrastructure Plans have been approved by OCC for towns in Oxfordshire, including one for Wallingford which extended to North Stoke. In discussion it was felt that a number of factors needed to be taken into account, including the impact of the changes to parking restrictions in the Village, the availability of off street parking, and the recently published Mend the Gap report (which would go on the agenda for the next meeting). It was agreed that the Assistant Clerk should sound out the appropriate officer in OCC about the need for a Plan but in principle, rather than a formal document, which would have to be subject to consultation and approval by OCC, an informal plan be developed for presentation at the Parish Meeting in May. This should include cycling, walking and riding and pedestrian safety.

### **24.68.6. To approve a submission to the Highways Authority on measures to improve pedestrian safety**

#### **Appendix B**

The Committee wanted to see the following changes made: to reorder the list so that the Manor Road/High Street junction proposal be put first as it was a request to OCC and a photo of a refuge be included, and that a photo of an example of a 'parklet' be included. The Assistant Clerk would circulate a final draft together with the text of an introductory e-mail for committee members to approve before sending to OCC.

### **24.68.7. To review the need for a Pedestrian Priority Lane at Sheepcot Field.**

This had been delayed while waiting for OCC agreement to mark a PPL on the Community Centre carpark so that the two could proceed together. That had been refused and the Committee asked the Assistant to order the marking of a PPL on the access road to Sheepcot Field.



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### **24.68.8. To review the Action List and agree any further actions.**

The Action List was reviewed and updated.

### **24.68.9. Matters for future discussion.**

The Mend the Gap Access Improvement Report should go on the agenda for the next meeting, with a view to preparing a report from the Committee to Full Council noting the Goring, Wheel Orchard & Ferry Lane easier access routes in the Report and the relevance to the Committee's proposals for a footway on the Ferry Lane open space.

### **24.68.10.. To confirm the date of the next meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025.**

Confirmed.

There being no further business to be transacted, the Chair closed the meeting at 12.25 pm