



GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Notice of an Extra Full Meeting of the Goring-on-Thames Parish Council

Monday 24th 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)**

This provides an opportunity for members of the public (who are not usually permitted to speak during the meeting except by special invitation of the Chairman) to participate before the start of the meeting. Members of the public may make only one address to the council of no more than three minutes' duration and only concerning topics on the agenda. No decision can be taken during this session, but the Chairman may decide to refer any matters raised for further consideration.

Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting

None

Members Present:

Chair Cllr S Lofthouse (SL)

Members:

Cllr T Thurston (TT)

Cllr M Stares (MS)

Cllr B McKenzie (BM)

Cllr B Urbick (BU)

Cllr N Mallen (NM)

Cllr B Newman (BN)

Cllr R Williamson (RW)

Cllr D Birmingham (DB)

Officers Present:

Clerk S Edmunds (SE)

Assistant Clerk M Harper (MH)

Public and Press: None

Meeting started 19:30

AGENDA

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

Apologies received from Cllr J Emerson



24.70.2. 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)

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

None

24.70.3. To receive a report from the Playgrounds Committee

Appendix A

To include a report from the Evaluation Working Group

Report received. It was confirmed that all shortlisted companies had been credit checked

24.70.4. To receive a report from the Finance Committee

Appendix B

Finance Committee recommendation for financing the new playground

Report received

24.70.5. Matters for a future agenda

Bridge streetlight survey

BN proposed motion without notice to permit the co-opted members of the playground committee to stay after we exclude the general public & press in item 6- confidential business

Unanimously Approved to allow the co-opted members to stay

24.70.6. To consider and, if thought fit, approve the following motion: In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw. LGA 1972 s.100 (a) (2)

Confidential Papers

24.70.6.1. To consider the applications made for the replacement of the Bourdillon playground.

Papers including contract terms etc shared

NM Chair of evaluation working group: they agreed TOR and structure to evaluate with a mixed group of co-opted parent and Cllrs. They met a number of times, including visiting different councils to see what others had done to ensure a robust process. All of the suppliers were asked additional questions and this fed in the sense of how willing a supplier was to deal with us.

Re Contract T&C's: all suppliers said pay on delivery of materials, supplier #4 said no payment until the playground is complete, and they agreed a bespoke contract to include the basketball court

Chair SL said how thrilled she is to be at this stage, two years ago that this was set into motion Thankyou to all who worked so hard to get to this stage.

Resolved: Unanimously Approved to appoint supplier 4 - Proludic for £203,738(+VAT)

24.70.6.2. To approve a budget of up to £1000 for Prettys Solicitors to review the successful supplier contract.

Resolved: Unanimously approved

24.70.6.3. To approve delegating to the Clerk to deal with the Supplier on this matter.

Resolved: Unanimously approved



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24.70.6.4. To approve Councillors to work with the Clerk & the Supplier.

Resolved: unanimously approved MS, NM, ask Comms to write a press release and for Anna to liaise with school

24.70.7. 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 20.25