



GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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

Tuesday 20th May 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:

Two members of the Public (MoPs).

Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting

MoP 1 thanked the Committee for the work it had done with Goring Robins FC to alleviate the parking problem at Whitehills Green. MoP 2 spoke about the flooding in Gatehampton Road in respect of Agenda item 7 and had provided photos of past flooding caused by the gully running along the Station carpark which had been blocked. MoP 2 was also concerned about the state of the pavement in Gatehampton Road, Fix my Street had not produced results and Cllr Filipova-Rivers would be asked to help, but the Committee's support was also requested. Cllr Thurston advised that Fix my Street was appropriate for single potholes but in this case it was the whole length of the pavement that needed attention. OCC officers and Cllr Filipova-Rivers were coming to the Village to discuss the Parish Council's proposals for pedestrian safety and that would provide an opportunity to raise the condition of the Gatehampton Road pavements.

Meeting Started at 10.40 am.

25.04.1. To appoint a Chair

Cllr Williamson was unanimously elected Chair.

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

None.

25.04.3. Declarations of Interests (LA 2011 s31)

None.



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

None.

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

25.04.5.1. Meeting held on 15th April 2025.

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

25.04.6. To receive a report on progress with improving parking at the Social Club.

Cllrs Williamson and Thurston met with the President, Treasurer and Secretary of the Club on 30th April. The Club had acknowledged that the parking area was not in their ownership. The availability of parking in Cleeve Road was pointed out and they were shown evidence that, in the past, the parking spaces had been aligned so that vehicles did not intrude on to the Highway. The Club agreed to re-consider their parking arrangements. It was agreed that the Assistant Clerk should write to the Club reiterating these points and asking that they re-arrange their parking spaces. Action: Assistant Clerk.

25.04.7. To note outcome of Fix my Street report on Gatehampton Road dropped kerb. Appendix A

It was agreed that the Assistant Clerk should contact OCC highways asking the to liaise with Network Rail to ensure that the gully from the Station carpark to the rear of Gatehampton Road was kept clear to prevent flooding. Action: Assistant Clerk.

25.04.8. To agree arrangements for site meeting with OCC to discuss GPC's proposals for measures to improve pedestrian safety.

The meeting has been arranged for the 17th June, after the next Committee meeting. It was agreed that the meeting should focus on the Committee's main priorities. The Assistant Clerk would draft a briefing note to send out before the meeting to identify those priorities. Action: Assistant Clerk

25.04.9. To receive a report on the new permissive path at Elvendon Manor. Appendix B

The Committee congratulated Cllr Thurston on his work on opening the path and the guidance provided which had been widely welcomed. It was agreed that a letter of thanks should go to Goring Heath PC and Elvendon Manor Estate for their help.

25.04.10. To review and update sections A06 – A09 of the Goring Neighbourhood Plan. Appendix C

It was agreed that the Assistant Clerk should draft an update to the extract from the Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Report (Appendix C) and circulate it to Committee members before sending to the Planning Committee. Action: Assistant Clerk.

25.04.11. To consider opportunities for increasing community involvement in the light of the Oxfordshire Together initiative (<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/communities/our-work-communities/oxfordshire-together/oxfordshire-together-guidance>) to include updates on Fix my Street Superusers, and Community Speed watch.

A number of actions where volunteers could be involved are identified including cleaning road signs, trimming undergrowth and clearing weeds in addition to the Fix my Street super users and the emerging



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Community Speed watch group. The need for a community leaf sweep in autumn was suggested. The question of insurance was raised and the Council has cover for volunteer activities that it organises, subject to appropriate administration and recording of those activities.

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

Action List

The Action List was reviewed and updated. It was agreed that further speed surveys should be carried out as in the previous locations, but in Cleeve Road, nearer Penny Piece and with the addition of the High Street, outside the Social Club. Action: Assistant Clerk.

25.04.13. Matters for future discussion.

The Committee asked for a meeting to be arranged with OCC parking enforcement to ask whether it was possible to have enforcement officers assigned to the Village (possibly in association with other communities). Reports of visits and notices issued should be provided monthly. It was important to send a message that parking restrictions would be enforced. Action: Assistant Clerk.

25.04.14. To confirm the date of the next meeting: 17th June

Confirmed.

There being no further business to be transacted, the Chair closed the meeting at 12.40 pm

Travel and Transport Committee: Action List: 20th May 2025

Action No.	Title	Current Status	Action Owner	Status
2021 -004	Station Rd Pedestrian Safety/Yellow Lines Consultation	8 March 2025 – Yellow lines to be marked 17-19th March. Notice on Genie, website Facebook Notice Boards and businesses. Marking of Station Rd to follow re-surfacing work. 7 April 2025 – Yellow lines and parking bays marked with the exception of Upper Red Cross Road to await further work on verges. Station Road re-surfaced and PPL marked. 15 April 2025 – Raise need to replace Yellow lines at Station Road station entrance and GWR to provide 'Keep Clear' sign	OCC Highways	Implemented
2022-013	Provision of EV Parking Spaces	10 February 2025 Confirmation from Cllr Filipova-Rivers that EV chargers are intended to be installed in Goring (Wheel Orchard Carpark?). 8 April 2024 – Full Council agreed budget of £4,700 (excl VAT) and to GWR contractors doing the work.	Committee	Monitoring
2022-14	Pedestrian Crossing Gatehampton Rd near Station	8 July 2024 – Council agrees revised budget, increased to £7,800 from £4,700 to reflect increased cost of dropped kerb. 18 October 2024 – Dropped kerb installed. 10 March 2025 – MIGGS confirm offer of £1k towards costs of dropped kerb and PPL. 3 April 2025 – GWR chased for date for marking PPL. 14 April 2025 – PPL on station carpark marked.	Assistant Clerk	implemented
2022-015	Full Village Pedestrian Safety Review	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. 26 January 2024 – OCCH site visit confirmed that OCC would not consider traffic lights without evidence of the risk of a serious accident.	Committee	Open

			20 February 2024 – Decided to review the need for a speed hump or other measures after speed signs had been installed. 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. 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. 17 September 2024 – Assistant Clerk to submit a request for a budget to October Council meeting. 14 October 2024 - Budget agreed for 4 surveys at £760. 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. 28 November 2024 – Speed surveys ordered. 2 December 2024 – Speed surveys operational. 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. 10 February 2025 -- Summary of results presented to Full Council; Council request that Committee consider necessary measures and report to March meeting. 18 February 2025 – Agreed to resurvey sites in 6 months and to include speed sign sites in re-survey. 18 March 2025 – Paper on Measures to Improve Pedestrian Safety discussed by Committee. Agreed to put revised proposals to OCCH.		
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2024 - 002	Social Club Parking spaces	18 March 2025 – To consider speed bumps in Eleventhdon Rd and Gatehampton Rd after re-doing speed surveys. 6 June 2024 – Letter sent to Social Club. 2 July 2024 Reminder sent. 8 July 2024 Secretary responded – investigating land ownership. 15 August 2024 - Further reminder sent. 20 August 2024 – Possible Cllr visit to chase up a response. 19 September 2024 – Historic information obtained from Local History Society. 15 October 2024 – Assistant Clerk to write to the Club suggesting revised parking arrangements. 11 November 2024 – Club asked to consider re-alignment of parking spaces. 19 November 2024 – Cllr Williamson to contact the Club. 10 February 2025 – Data on OCC Highways mapping confirms the parking area is Highway land, to consider referring to Highways? 18 February 2025 – Decided to refer to OCC Highways, write to Club and complainant accordingly. 9 April 2025 – Referred to Highways and Club and resident informed. 30 April 2025 – Meeting with Social Club to discuss alternative arrangements, Club considering re-alignment of spaces.	Assistant Clerk Cllr Williamson	Open
2024 - 003	Community Centre Carpark/Sheepcot Field	9 September – Council agreed to a budget of £820 for marking PPLs at Sheepcot Field and the Community Centre car park. 17 September 2024 – Overhanging vegetation on Western boundary wall to be trimmed and undergrowth cleared prior to marking. 15 October 2024 – Assistant Clerk to seek landlord's agreement to marking a PPL in the Community Centre Carpark	Assistant Clerk	Implemented

		7 November 2024 – OCC Property Services contacted. 14 January 2025 – Reminder sent. 15 January 2025 – contact with the relevant officer made, copies of lease provided (the PPL would run on land not leased to GPC). 20 February 2025 – OCC refuse permission for marking PPL, asked to reconsider. 3 April 2025 - No response from OCC so permission not granted. 24 April 2025 – PPL marked at Sheepcot Field access road.		
2024 - 004	Rights of Way	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. 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. 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. 15 October 2024 – Meeting arranged with Mend the Gap on 27th October. 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. 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. 18 February – Committee agree to recommend a budget of £250 for signs to indicate new permissive path at Elvendon Priory.	Cllr Thurston Cllr Williamson	Open

		18 February 2025 – Cllr Williamson to progress Lockstle Way/Bourdillon Field shared path. 10 March 2025 – budget of £250 approved by Full Council. 18 March 2025 – Need to acquire finger post signs for new permissive path at Elvendon Priory. 15 April 2025 – Posts to be installed 29th April.		
2024 - 005	Ferry Lane Path	12 May 2025 – Path signposted and open. 15 August 2024 - Proposals for an accessible boardwalk/footpath put to Committee on 20 August. 20 August 2024 – Committee agreed that Cllr Thurston should get quotes for the work and prepare a submission for Full Council. 17 September 2024 – Contractors approached with a specification for the work required, awaiting responses. 15 October 2024 – No formal quotes from specialist boardwalk contractors received but informal contacts suggest a cost of £40K. 19 November 2024 – one quote received. 17 December 2024 – awaiting better weather before taking further. 18 March 2025 – a restricted byway exists on Ferry Lane open space, proposed on basis of OCC advice to consider a hard surface not a boardwalk, and to link with Mend the Gap plans. 15 April 2025 – Carry out survey of existing byway route to identify actions needed. 17 April 2025 – Site visit, identified need for arboricultural advice on tree roots on byway route. Quotes from contractors to be sought.	Cllr Thurston	Open

2024 - 006	Thames Path	20 August 2024 – Concern over condition of the Path reported. Cllr Thurston was asked to discuss with interested parties. 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. 17 December 2024 – West Berks awaiting allocation of funds for repairs. 18 February 2025 – Footpath inspected, handrail on bridge repaired but no evidence of work on path/banks. 18 March 2025 – No further development, work only possible when river is low. Funding and EA permission awaited. 15 April 2025 – Timescale for work extended, likely cost £100K. Diversion path muddy so contact OCC Rights of Way to report. (postponed because of dry weather)	Cllr Thurston	Open
2024 -008	Community Speed Watch and Lorry Watch	8 October 2024 – Approach from a resident wanting to set up a Speed Watch Group. Raise with Highways Engagement Team on their visit? 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. 2 December – 2024 Information about lorry watch and speed watch received from Streatley PC. 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. 18 February 2025 – Resident unwell over January. Cllr Thurston to action recruiting volunteers. 18 March 2025 – Poster asking for volunteers put up by resident. 7 April 2025 – Resident reports no volunteers; will provide text for Assistant Clerk to write a piece for GGN. 17 April 2025 – piece submitted to GGN for May edition. ANPR unlikely to be practical because of legislative requirements.	Cllr Williamson Cllr Thurston	Open

2024 - 009	Hedgehog Signs	19 November 2024 - Assistant Clerk asked to order three additional signs, one to replace the missing Manor Rd sign. 20 December 2024 – Signs delivered. Replacement for Manor Rd other locations to be determined. 18 February 2025 – New signs to be ordered. 10 April 2025 – signs ordered and received 21st April.	Assistant Clerk	Open
2024 - 010	Off-street Car Parking	19 November 2024 – need to improve capacity at the Wheel Orchard Carpark identified, proposal for discussion at next meeting 17th December. 18 February 2025 – Cllr Thurston to draft a review of off-street parking. 18 March 2025 – Report for next meeting, consider effect of new parking restrictions. 18 February 2025 – Need to develop Plan.	Cllr Thurston	Open
2025 - 001	Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan	18 March 2025 – See minutes of Committee meeting.		Open
2025 - 002	Manor Rd/High St junction	18 February 2025 – Proposal for a pedestrian refuge: take forward with OCC Highways. 10 April 2025 – Request sent to OCCH.	Assistant Clerk	Open
2025 - 003	High St/Social Club	14 May 2025 – Site visit with OCC officers and Cllr Filipova-Rivers to be arranged. 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	10 April 2025 – Request for advice sent to OCCH. 18 February 2025 – ask OCC Highways for likely costs and feasibility. 10 April 2025 – Request for advice sent to OCCH.	Assistant Clerk	Open
2025 - 005	Reading Rd/Farm Rd footpath	14 May 2025 – Site visit with OCC officers and Cllr Filipova-Rivers to be arranged 18 February 2025 – ask OCC Highways about likely costs and feasibility of widening the footpath at junction with Fairfield Rd and/or opposite steps. 10 April 2025 – Request for advice sent to OCCH. 14 May 2025 – Site visit with OCC officers and Cllr Filipova-Rivers to be arranged.	Assistant Clerk	Open

2025 - 006	Pavement outside Pierrepont's	18 February 2025 - Investigate possibility of installing a Parklet 10 April 2025 – Request for advice sent to OCCH. 14 May 2025 – Site visit with OCC officers and Cllr Filipova-Rivers to be arranged.	Cllrs Williamson and Thurston	Open
2025 – 007	Station Signage	18 February 2025 - To improve signage to encourage use of south entrance to Station.	Cllr Williamson	Open
2025 -008	Safe Walking Routes	18 February 2025 – To identify possible routes.	Cllrs Mallen and Thurston	Open