



## GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

### NOTICE OF MOTION TO COUNCIL

To be referred to Committee (if yes, specify which committee)	No – Place & Assets Working Group have discussed already
Title of Motion	Maintenance of benches in 2025 / 2026
Proposed by	Toby Thurston
Proposed Resolution	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The council asks the clerk to arrange for repair of upto 8 existing benches identified by the Place and Asset WG, with all work to be completed by April 2026</li><li>2. The council asks the clerk to arrange for the replacement of three existing benches identified by the Place and Asset WG as beyond repair</li></ol> <p>In both cases the Clerk should attempt to follow the existing benches policy and contact the original donors if possible inviting them to contribute to any repair or replacement, and follow the recommendations in the Thirwell report on use of sustainable materials.</p>
Background (provided by the proposer)	A recent survey of benches in the parish has identified several benches that need repair work, and three benches that may be beyond repair. The attached map shows the location of 51 existing benches in public spaces in the village. The condition of each bench is shown with traffic light colours – the red ones are the ones that need to be replaced, orange ones need repair.
Background (provided by the Proper Officer)	
Financial implication (anticipated by the proposer)	<p>Repairs to 8 benches might cost upto £1000 in parts and labour. Replacement in high quality sustainable materials costs about £750 plus installation costs.</p> <p>The funds should come from the relevant EMRs both of which are underspent so far in 2025/2026</p> <p>6030 General Maintenance &amp; Repair 6150 Street Furniture inc Seats &amp; Bins</p>
Financial implications (anticipated by the Proper Officer)	

Benches : 2025-07-08

