



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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Chair of the Committee

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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