



GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Playgrounds Committee of the Goring-on-Thames Parish Council

Wednesday 30th April 2025 at 10.00am, Council Office, Station Road

Members Present: Cllr Barbara Newman (Chair)
Cllr Mike Stares
Cllr Nick Mallen
Mrs Anna Povey

Officers Present:
Assistant Clerk Mike Harper

Public and Press:
One member of the public.

Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting
None.

Meeting Started at 10.00.

24.77.1. To receive apologies for absence and substitutions. (LGA 1972 s85(1))
Cllr Brian McKenzie.

24.77.2. Declarations of Interests (LA 2011 s31)

24.77.2.1. To receive Declarations of Interest

None.

24.77.2.2. To consider requests for dispensations.

None.

24.77.3. To approve the minutes of previous committee meetings.

24.77.3.1 Meeting held on 5th March 2025.

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



24.77.4. To receive an update on the finalisation of the contract with Proludic and the next steps including communications with residents and the school.

There is to be a site meeting with Proludic on 1st May. Work is to start on the 2nd June and is expected to be completed by the 1st August, the last two weeks will include the final checks and approvals. Proludic will be asked to complete a risk assessment for OCC Countryside Access Team to allow restricting access to the footpath while there are vehicle movements on site. Proludic have been asked to update the poster showing the final design and this will be used in communications with the school and residents.

During the work it is expected that the rest of Bourdillon Field, excluding the site and access to the site from the footpath/Cleeve Down, will be available as usual, to be confirmed at the site meeting.

It was noted that the trees along the School boundary need to be cut back to the boundary; waste bins needed to be ordered and additional dog waste bins provided. The Clerk to be asked to action.

Proludic's design team had produced designs for the panels on the boat etc. based on the contributions from the school. These were considered very acceptable.

Following the publication of the Contract Award Notice only one supplier had asked for feedback on their tender.

On Communications, a leaflet for residents was to be produced and it was agreed that this should issue two weeks before work began on site (19th May), the school will be informed at the same time with a letter to go to parents. Once residents and the School have been informed details will also be posted on the PC Facebook Page. An article has been prepared for GGN. The article in GGN will highlight that the design of the playgrounds will be available at the Parish Meeting on 31st May.

Notices to go on the entrances to the footpath warning of temporary restrictions and on the playground fence advising of its closure will be prepared (action BN). Agreed that inclusion of a picture of the new playground is desirable. Notification of restricted access will also be sent to GENIE .

24.77.5. To consider taking forward plans for the Gardiner Field playground and, if so, next steps.

It was agreed that it was appropriate to begin to progress Gardiner Field. There was a discussion on possible options, and it was recognised that it would be unlikely that Council would be able to fund the entire cost. It was agreed that it would be desirable to extend the existing playground as far as



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possible within the constraints of access, and mature trees and that this would require an application for planning permission.

The next step would be to ask Proludic (and possibly Wicksteed) to assess the condition and likely lifespan of the equipment and provide some options, taking account of current requirements, and rough costings without prejudice to any future procurement process. Meanwhile, potential sources of funding can be identified with a view to, once an outline scheme is available, setting up a fundraising working group.

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

Action List

The Action List to be redrafted to exclude completed actions and reflect the discussion under agenda item 5. Action: Assistant Clerk.

24.65.7. To confirm the date of the next meeting: Wednesday 7th May.

The 7th May was the next scheduled meeting, however that was considered too soon and, subject to Full Council's agreement to change to the Committee's Terms of Reference to allow meetings at more than monthly intervals, the next meeting should be Monday 2nd June at 7.00pm.