



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

Wednesday 16th July 2025 at 10.30am, Council Office, Station Road

Members Present: Cllr Barbara Newman (Chair)
Cllr Mike Stares
Cllr Nick Mallen
Cllr Brian McKenzie

Officers Present:
Assistant Clerk Mike Harper

Public and Press:
None.

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

Meeting Started at 10.30am.

25.16.1. To elect a Chair

Cllr Barbara Newman was unanimously elected as Chair of the Committee.

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

Apologies – Anna Povey

25.16.3. Declarations of Interests (LA 2011 s31)

25.16.3.1. To receive Declarations of Interest

None.

25.16.3.2. To consider requests for dispensations.

None.

25.16.4. To approve the minutes of previous committee meetings.

25.16.4.1 Meeting held on 30th April 2025.

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

Cllr B Newman
Chair of the Committee

26th August 2025

25.16.5. To receive an update on the progress with the Bourdillon Field playground.

The opening was now to be at 11am on Thursday 24th July. Work remaining to be done included cleaning up the existing picnic table, basketball frame and retained memorial bench; strimming back all the ivy along the school boundary ready for the opening. Decisions need to be made about the location of the new benches and bins. Wire fencing behind the basketball court and on the school boundary needed to be removed. Otherwise the grass needed to be strimmed and watered before the opening and the edges bedded in.

For the opening, Cllr Filipova-Rivers had been invited; Proludic will provide bunting and balloons, sweets and goody bags. The Parish Council was organising an ice cream cart to attend and would provide cold drinks and a gazebo and table. The Heras fencing would only be removed by Proludic shortly before the opening to maintain security.

Arrangements needed to be made for getting feedback on the use of the playground and this would be considered at the next Committee meeting.

25.16.6 . To review and agree the next steps for the Gardiner Field playground. Appendix A

The application for grant from SODC was progressing and was likely to be made by the end of August. A Planning Application for the 4m extension to the playground had been submitted and the aim was to issue the Invitation to Tender for the renewal of the playground by the end of the week (subject to agreement by Council members). Expressions of interest from potential suppliers have already been received and Proludic would be providing an outline of possible options.

It was agreed that an evaluation group should be formed to assess the tenders and that should consist of the same members and with same evaluation criteria (possibly with minor variations) as the evaluation group for Bourdillon.

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

The draft Action List was considered and changes would be made before the next Committee meeting to reflect current progress.

25.16.8. To confirm the date of the next meeting: Date to be agreed.

The date of the next meeting was agreed to be Tuesday 26th August at 7.30pm.

There being no further business to be transacted, the Chair closed the meeting at 11.50am.

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Action	Description	Owner	Update on Progress	Date of Update	Completed
PWG.05	Moving eastern access gate at Gardiner Field		Carried over from PWG; quotes obtained, decision to be made as part of expansion of playground. Extension of Gardiner playground by more than 3m and removal of gate likely to be difficult because of trees – limit extension to 3m.	27/5/25 16/7/25	
BF.01	Monitor progress of work on Bourdillon Field	MS			
BF.02	Consider arrangements for formal opening of Bourdillon Field				
GF.01	Assess current equipment condition/suitability and lifespan at Gardiner and identify additional equipment needed incl. accessible and SEN equipment				
GF.02	Work with SODC and other potential sources to secure grants for Gardiner and Bourdillon in current FY				

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GF.03	Obtain Planning Permission for extension of Gardiner by 3m				
GF.04	Obtain Council approval to proceed to open tender for Gardiner				
GF.05	Finalise and issue Gardiner ITT				
GF.06	Manage an open competitive procurement process for Gardiner				
GF.07	Develop an evaluation scheme for Gardiner				
GF.08	Form an Evaluation Working Group				