



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

Tuesday 16th September 2025 at 10.30am, Council Office, Station Road

Members Present: Cllr Robin Williamson (Chair)
Cllr Sonia Lofthouse
Cllr Nick Mallen
Cllr Toby Thurston

Officers Present:
Assistant Clerk Mike Harper

Public and Press:
One Member of the Public (MoP)

Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting

The MoP wanted to thank the Council for considering extending the 20mph speed limit in Gatehampton Road to its end, noting that the unrestricted part was narrow and used by pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. Speed bumps might be a solution; they had contacted OCC Highways about enforcing the existing speed limit without success.

In response Cllrs said that a second round of speed surveys was planned for later this year and would include Gatehampton Road. The Assistant Clerk was asked to request OCC Highways to extend the 20mph limit to include the new housing development in Gatehampton Road and to designate the rest of the Road as a 'Quiet Lane' with accompanying signage (ACTION: Assistant Clerk).

Meeting started at 10.35.

25.24.1. To receive apologies for absence and substitutions.

None.

25.24.2. Declarations of Interest.

25.24.2.1. To receive declarations of interest.

None.

25.24.2.2. To consider requests for dispensations.

None.

25.24.3. To approve the minutes of previous committee meetings.

25.24.3.1. Meeting held on the 15th July 2025.

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

Cllr R Williamson
Chair of the Committee

21st October 2025



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25.24.4.2. Matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.

The 134 bus service had been identified as a matter for future discussion. The service was now run by Thames Travel on a regular timetable, hourly between 8.30am and 6.00pm. The service would not be subject to variations due to the dependence on volunteer drivers as previously. Going Forward Buses will run a 133 service three to four times a week going to Wallingford via Moulsoford.

5. To consider the need for signs indicating that a Community Speed Watch is in operation, their number and locations and make recommendations to Council with a request for a budget if required. **Appendix A**

It was agreed that there was no room for additional signs on the roadside 'gates' at the Village entrances. Instead 'portrait style' signs could be fixed to lampposts. OCCH approval may be needed for the chosen locations. It was considered that three signs would be sufficient – one on the Wallingford Road and two on the High Street. Additionally a portable sign would be needed to warn of the presence of speed watch activity when and where it was taking place.

Resolved: Unanimously resolved to request Full Council to approve a budget of £400 for the purchase of Community Speed Watch signs.

6. To consider actions needed to achieve effective enforcement of parking restrictions in the Village.

It was reported that the contract for civil parking was out to tender. Once appointed this would be an opportunity to engage with the company awarded the contract. The Assistant Clerk was asked to get an update, to remind OCCH of the Committee's previous requests for data on the numbers of visits and fines issued in the past year, and to request an early meeting to consider how to ensure more effective enforcement (ACTION Assistant Clerk).

7. To agree a proposal for a sign warning drivers leaving the Wheel Orchard Carpark of the presence of pedestrians and make recommendations to Council with a request for a budget if required. **Appendix B**

OCC Highways had been consulted and had no objection to a sign at the exit where it would not be on the highway. MIGGS has donated £100 towards the cost of a sign. Possible locations were considered and the favoured option was on the brick gate post/pier belonging to the house on the left as leaving the carpark. This would need the owner's permission.

Resolved: Unanimously resolved to seek the permission of the owners of Tripleholt for the fixing of a sign to their gatepost and, if forthcoming request a budget of £100 for the cost of a sign.

8. To take forward the request for a directional sign to the Catholic Church **Appendix C**

In discussion the point was made that the street light where the sign was proposed to go was visually overloaded. It was agreed that the larger highways sign was inappropriate as it would direct traffic down Ferry Lane. There was a preference for a separate post, rather than use the street light, with a brown pedestrian finger post sign which OCC Highways could provide. In any case any sign would need OCC Highways agreement.



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It was agreed that the No Through Road highway sign at the entrance to Ferry Lane would be suitable for a finger post and visible for drivers and pedestrians but that the hedge which currently overgrows it needs to be trimmed back and the Church notified accordingly, The Assistant Clerk to request a sign from OCC Highways and report the hedge on Fix My Street (ACTION Assistant Clerk) and Cllrs to notify the Parish Priest.

9. To Consider the next steps in creating a permanent footpath in the Ferry Lane Open Space and make recommendations to Council with a request for a budget if required. Appendix D

The wording of this item should have reflected that this was the surfacing of an existing byway (not a footpath). It was agreed that work to remove the snow berries on the southern boundary of the Open Space should be done now, including clearing the nettles on the northern boundary. Subject to Full Council agreement to providing a budget, the contractors doing the work would also remove tree branches and advise on how to avoid damage to the tree roots, obtaining consent for work on trees subject to TPOs as necessary.

Resolved: Unanimously resolved to request Full Council to approve a budget of £20,000 so that contractors can be engaged to surface the byway along the Ferry Lane Open Space can be sought.

10. To receive a report on progress with obtaining quotes for the design of pedestrian crossing on the High Street and at the junction of the High Street and Manor Road.

Quotes have been received from two engineering consultants who had been given details of the Committee's ideas for improving pedestrian safety. Both companies quoted for an initial site visit at £695 and £725 respectively (excl VAT). One company provided a more detailed estimate of the possible costs of designing the five schemes identified in the Committee's proposals, at £17,000 (excl VAT).

It was proposed that the first step should be to engage one company to undertake a site visit after which they would be able to firm up on how schemes might be developed and provide better estimates of their feasibility and design cost. Thereafter, depending on that outcome, decisions can be made about which, or all, schemes to take forward to design stage.

Resolved: Unanimously resolved to request Full Council to approve a budget of £725 to provide for a site visit by engineering consultants so that detailed estimates of the feasibility and design costs of the measures to improve pedestrian safety could be prepared for future consideration.



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

The Action list was reviewed. The implementation of the second round of speed surveys should now be in December. OCC Highway to be asked to activate the permanent speed measurement unit on the High Street to coincide with the survey. A meeting and site visit with Freddie van Mierlo MP had been organised to identify actions needed to remove obstacles to enabling a cycle route connecting Goring and Wallingford.

12. Matters for future discussion.

Signs to prevent unauthorised vehicle access to the Bridleway.

13. To confirm the date of the next meeting: Tuesday 21st October 2025.

Confirmed.

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