



# GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

## Notice of a Meeting of the Goring-on-Thames Parish Council

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 18:30, The Old School, Station Road, Goring RG8 9HB

All Councillors are summoned to a Meeting of Goring-on-Thames Parish Council.

Members of the public and press are invited to attend all council meetings.

(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)

**At the start of the meeting; Questions and comments from members of the public  
(limited to 10 minutes in total)**

*This provides an opportunity for members of the public (who are not usually permitted to speak during the meeting except by special invitation of the Chairman) to participate before the start of the meeting. Members of the public may make only one address to the council of no more than three minutes' duration and only concerning topics on the agenda. No decision can be taken during this session, but the Chairman may decide to refer any matters raised for further consideration.*

**Recording of Meetings Policy;** this meeting will be livestreamed commencing after the public forum; a link will be published on our website. Recordings of the meeting can be viewed at the Council Office by arrangement. **If anyone speaking at the meeting does not wish to be recorded, they should let the Chair of the meeting know.**

## AGENDA

**1. To receive apologies for absence. [LGA 1972 s85(1)]**

**2. To Receive any Declarations of Interests for items on this agenda [LA 2011 s31]**

*Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interest they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct. (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)*

2.1. To consider requests for Dispensations [LA 2011 s33]

**3. To approve the minutes of previous council meetings [LA 1972 Sch 12. Para 41(1)]**

3.1. Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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

**4. Councillor vacancy**

4.1. To note the resignation of Councillor N Mallen,

*the vacancy has been advertised & if no election is called, the post will be available for co-option from the March meeting*

**5. To note that Mike Harper has resigned as Assistant Clerk as from last day of Feb**

*Nick Mallen has taken on the role as Volunteer Deputy Clerk. The staffing committee will meet and recommend the next course of action. We continue to invite other applications for voluntary admin support.*

**6. To note reports from District and County Councillors**

6.1. Oxfordshire County Councillor: M Filipova-Rivers

**CIr Report**



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## 7. To Receive Minutes of Committees

- 7.1. Travel and Transport Committee
  - Meeting Dated 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025 **Appendix A**
- 7.2. Finance Committee
  - Meeting Dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 **Appendix B**
- 7.3. Playgrounds Committee
  - Meeting Dated 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025 **Appendix C**
- 7.4. Planning Committee
  - Meeting dated 28<sup>th</sup> October **Appendix D**
  - Meeting dated 9<sup>th</sup> December **Appendix E**
  - Meeting dated 6<sup>th</sup> January **Appendix F**

## 8. To consider and if thought fit to approve a grant request from Goring Community Centre to upgrade the lavatories **Appendix G**

## 9. To note the current membership of committees/working groups or terms of reference and approve any updates **Appendix H**

- 9.1. To approve appointing Facilities and Grounds Maintenance Manager to the role of VH Liaison
- 9.2. To approve filling any vacancies created by resignation of Cllr N Mallen

## 10. To receive reports from each of the Committees, Working Groups or Village Liaisons:

- 10.1. To receive an update from Traffic & Transport Committee **Appendix I**
- 10.2. To receive a report from the Finance Committee **Appendix J**
  - 10.2.1 To treat any £85,000 limit in the Investment Strategy as a £125,000 limit and to authorise Finance Committee to redistribute existing investments to keep each within the new £125,000 FSCS protection limit.
  - 10.2.2 To open an Easy Access SME saver with Hampshire Trust Bank (interest rate 3.81%) and deposit up to £125,000.
  - 10.2.3. To open a 180-day notice account with Mansfield Building Society (interest rate 4%) and deposit up to £125,000.
  - 10.2.4. To transfer £1,106.68 from General Funds into EMR 355 Street Light Replacement.
- 10.3. To receive a report from the Playgrounds Committee (verbal) **Appendix K**
- 10.4. To receive a report from the Place & Assets WG **Appendix L**
  - 10.4.1 To note the next footpath clearing Volunteer Day is 25<sup>th</sup> February
  - 10.4.2 To approve a budget of £100 for the litterpicking day on 21<sup>st</sup> March, the Reiss Room has been booked



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10.5. To receive a report from the Sheepcot Committee

**Appendix M**

10.6. To receive a verbal report from the OJFS Sale WG

**11. To note the IT Policy Draft is under discussion and is due to be brought to the March meeting for approval**

**12. To note the publication of the Goring-on-Thames Conservation Area Appraisal and the obligations in its Management plan**

**Appendix N**

**13. To approve continuing to support Readibus to the end of the financial year (31 March 2026) with paying £350 towards the running costs**

**Appendix O**

**14. To approve the Statement of Work for a consultant to take forward an update of the Neighbourhood Plan, and to approve seeking quotes from potential consultants.**

**Appendix P**

**15. To note the Annual meeting of the Parish is booked for 6pm on Friday 29 May**

15.1. To discuss and if thought appropriate approve the format and date of the village gathering, Saturday 4th of July has been provisionally booked.

## **16. Clerks Report**

16.1. To approve permission for the GG Croquet & Bowls Club to fit out the changing room at the Gardiner

*Keys to any locked storage are to be left with the Clerk*

16.2. To approve permission for Goring in Bloom to use the Rectory Garden for their annual plant sale, on Saturday, 2 May 2026.

16.3. To approve permission for Goring in Bloom to plant an Elm at the top of the Sheepcot Field. *Their volunteers have offered to plant the tree at a spot agreed by the Council, and to ensure it is watered during its first year in the ground.*

16.4. To approve the annual King's Club 28<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August using the Rectory Gardens & Gardiner Recreation Ground for children of the village.

*A "Bouncy Castle" would also be erected as in previous years. The supplier of the "Bouncy Castle" has the appropriate insurance to cover public liability.*

16.5. To approve the football presentation day at Sheepcot on Saturday 6th June 2026.

*The usual scaffolding presentation stage to be erected for the weekend, along with inflatables and BBQ on the day.*

16.6. To approve the purchase of 50 hi viz vests with council logo and VOLUNTEER printed, budget of £375

**17. To approve the PAWG recommended strategy for weed control in the village.**

**Appendix Q**



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**18. Matters for future discussion.**

**19. To note the date and time of the next meeting 18:30 on Monday 09 March 2026**

NOTE: Proposals of Motion to be received by the Clerk no later than Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March please

**20. Confidential To consider and, if thought fit, approve the following motion: In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.**

**Confidential Papers**

20.1. To approve the business case ref staffing

20.2. To approve a request for short term hire of WHBG grounds