



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

Tuesday 18th November 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:
None.

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

Meeting started at 10.30 am

25.36.1. To receive apologies for absence and substitutions.
None.

25.36.2. Declarations of Interest.

25.36.2.1. To receive declarations of interest.
None.

25.36.2.2. To consider requests for dispensations.
None.

25.36.3. To approve the minutes of previous committee meetings.

25.36.3.1. Meeting held on the 21st October 2025.

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

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

Cllr Thurston reported that the speed watch signs had been acquired and were to be installed in the locations identified at the October Committee meeting. An article about speed watch was to go in the Goring Gap News.



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25.36.5. To consider support for Goring Readibus and make a recommendation to Full Council.

Appendix A

MIGGS had approached the Committee seeking a commitment to continued support of Readibus by the Parish Council following the winding up of MIGGS. MIGGS had provided Readibus a sum equivalent to its annual contributions up to 2028-29. The future support by the Parish Council requested would therefore be to match that provided by MIGGS up to 2028-29 and thereafter the entire amount. It was noted that for the current financial year (FY 2025-26) there was a budget allocation which would cover a Parish Council contribution to match that of MIGGS. Whilst it was expected that the Council would be supportive, any contribution from Council in any financial year would be a decision for the Full Council at the time and therefore no guarantee of future funding can be given. The Assistant Clerk was asked to write to the Chairman of MIGGS accordingly (ACTION Assistant Clerk),

25.36.6. To consider measures to limit vehicular use of the Bridleway.

A 'No Through Road' sign at the junction of the Bridleway and Mill Road had been removed and needed to be replaced. This had been reported to OCC Highways, it was suggested that, with the Owner's consent, the sign would be better located on land belonging to The Temple where their private drive diverges from the Bridleway. OCC Highways would be asked to do so (ACTION Assistant Clerk),

At the point where The Bridleway ended and was continued by the Ridgeway Path, a 'No vehicular Access' sign had been vandalised. Some Satnav guidance apps do direct vehicles inappropriately from the Bridleway on to the footpath. Installing bollards, subject to any restrictions that may cause to users of the footpath, might be a solution and the Assistant Clerk was asked to contact the OCC Countryside access team to find out if this would be possible (ACTION Assistant Clerk), Cllr Williamson would also contact the Ridgeway officer to find out the legality of putting signs on the Ridgeway (ACTION Cllr Williamson).

25.36.7. To receive an update on progress with the Goring-Wallingford Greenway.

Cllr Williamson reported on the action taken to secure a car-free route for cyclists and horse riders between Goring and Wallingford. Freddie van Mierlo MP, OCC and the four parish councils were supportive, The Henley Standard had been taken on the route as it is and experienced the traffic hazards for cyclists and walkers on the Wallingford Road, it was hoped that an article would follow. The opening up of the new route depends on the agreement of one remaining landowner and Freddie van Mierlo MP will be contacting them to seek a solution.

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

The Action List was reviewed. The issuing of Parking Infringement Notice wallets with a warning note from the Parish Council was discussed and it was decided the legality of doing so needed to be established. The Assistant Clerk was asked to write to OCC to establish the position (ACTION Assistant Clerk),



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25.36.9. 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

No members of the public were present.

25.36.9.1 To receive a report on the consultant engineer's site visit to assess schemes for improving pedestrian safety and consider further actions.

It was decided that another consultant highways engineer should be asked to carry out a site visit to provide an alternative assessment of the five schemes and to provide estimates of the design and works costs of each scheme.

25.36.10. Matters for future discussion.

None.

25.36.11. To confirm the date of the next meeting: Tuesday 16th December 2025.

Confirmed.

There being no further business to be transacted, the Chair closed the meeting at 12.20pm

Travel and Transport Committee: Action List: 18th November

Action No.	Title	Current Status	Action Owner	Status
2021 -004	Station Rd Pedestrian Safety/Yellow Lines Consultation	<p>8 March 2025 – Yellow lines to be marked 17-19th March. Notice on Genie, website Facebook Notice Boards and businesses. Marking of Station Rd to follow re-surfacing work.</p> <p>7 April 2025 – Yellow lines and parking bays marked with the exception of Upper Red Cross Road to await further work on verges. Station Road re-surfaced and PPL marked.</p> <p>15 April 2025 – Raise need to replace Yellow lines at Station Road station entrance and GWR to provide 'Keep Clear/emergency access' sign.</p> <p>16 September 2025 – Assistant Clerk to contact OCC Highways.</p> <p>13 October 2025 – Update requested from OCC Highways.</p> <p>21 October 2025 – Agreed to ask GWR to contact OCCH noting emergency use of Station Rd entrance</p>	OCC Highways	Implemented but matters to be resolved
2022-013	Provision of EV Parking Spaces	<p>10 February 2025- Confirmation from Cllr Filipova-Rivers that EV chargers are intended to be installed in Goring (Wheel Orchard Carpark?).</p> <p>21 October 2025 – RW to ask Cllr F-R for progress report.</p>	Committee	Monitoring
2022-015	Full Village Pedestrian Safety Review	<p>18 March 2025 – Paper on Measures to Improve Pedestrian Safety discussed by Committee. Agreed to put revised proposals to OCCH.</p> <p>18 March 2025 – To consider speed bumps in Elevelndon Rd and Gatehampton Rd after re-doing speed surveys.</p> <p>20 May 2025 – Site visit with OCC to discuss Measures to Improve Pedestrian Safety arranged for 17th June post next T&T committee meeting..</p>	Committee	Open

		(Now see 2025 – 002.003,004,005, 006.)		
2024 - 002	Social Club Parking spaces	<p>6 June 2024 – Letter sent to Social Club.</p> <p>2 July 2024 Reminder sent.</p> <p>8 July 2024 Secretary responded – investigating land ownership.</p> <p>15 August 2024 - Further reminder sent.</p> <p>20 August 2024 – Possible Cllr visit to chase up a response.</p> <p>19 September 2024 – Historic information obtained from Local History Society.</p> <p>15 October 2024 – Assistant Clerk to write to the Club suggesting revised parking arrangements.</p> <p>11 November 2024 – Club asked to consider re-alignment of parking spaces.</p> <p>19 November 2024 – Cllr Williamson to contact the Club.</p> <p>10 February 2025 – Data on OCC Highways mapping confirms the parking area is Highway land, to consider referring to Highways?</p> <p>18 February 2025 – Decided to refer to OCC Highways, write to Club and complainant accordingly.</p> <p>9 April 2025 – Referred to Highways and Club and resident informed.</p> <p>30 April 2025 – Meeting with Social Club to discuss alternative arrangements, Club considering re-alignment of spaces.</p> <p>20 May 2025 – Assistant Clerk to write to the Club asking that parking spaces be re-arranged as discussed.</p> <p>10 May 2025 – OOC Highways consulted on extent of highway behind double yellow lines.</p>	Assistant Clerk Cllr Williamson	Open

		<p>11 June 2025 – OCC Highways confirm extent of highway is as far as slabs/setts but land between them and the Club is incorrectly shown as highway owned on Highways extent and ownership map.</p> <p>30 June 2025 – Social Club informed as above.</p> <p>16 September 2005 – Cllr Lofthouse to contact Club, Assistant Clerk to check possibility of enforcement with OCCH.</p> <p>3 November 2025 – Cllr Lofthouse spoke to Club, Assistant Clerk asked to draft letter for her to send.</p>		
2024 - 005	Ferry Lane Path	<p>15 August 2024 - Proposals for an accessible boardwalk/footpath put to Committee on 20 August.</p> <p>20 August 2024 – Committee agreed that Cllr Thurston should get quotes for the work and prepare a submission for Full Council.</p> <p>17 September 2024 – Contractors approached with a specification for the work required, awaiting responses.</p> <p>15 October 2024 – No formal quotes from specialist boardwalk contractors received but informal contacts suggest a cost of £40K.</p> <p>19 November 2024 – one quote received.</p> <p>17 December 2024 – awaiting better weather before taking further.</p> <p>18 March 2025 – a restricted byway exists on Ferry Lane open space, proposed on basis of OCC advice to consider a hard surface not a boardwalk, and to link with Mend the Gap plans.</p> <p>15 April 2025 – Carry out survey of existing byway route to identify actions needed.</p> <p>17 April 2025 – Site visit, identified need for arboricultural advice on tree roots on byway route. Quotes from contractors to be sought.</p> <p>22 May 2025 – Invitations to provide cost estimates sent to four potential suppliers.</p>	Cllr Thurston	Open

		<p>25 June 2025 – Estimates received from two contractors suggest the cost of a path would be between £8000 and £12000.</p> <p>14 July 2025 – Quote sought from a third supplier.</p> <p>16 September 2025 – Resolved to seek a budget of £20,000 for the work and invite quotes (to include necessary work to trees). Need to alert OCC countryside access team if work progresses.</p> <p>13 October 2025 – Budget of £20,000 agreed by Full Council.</p> <p>21 October – 2025 – Invitation to quote to be drafted for approval.</p>		
2024 - 006	Thames Path	<p>20 August 2024 – Concern over condition of the Path reported. Cllr Thurston was asked to discuss with interested parties.</p> <p>15 October 2024 – Signs to go up and closure of section of footpath (in West Berks); Cllr Thurston to contact West Berks for update on progress with repairs.</p> <p>17 December 2024 – West Berks awaiting allocation of funds for repairs.</p> <p>18 February 2025 – Footpath inspected, handrail on bridge repaired but no evidence of work on path/banks.</p> <p>18 March 2025 – No further development, work only possible when river is low. Funding and EA permission awaited.</p> <p>15 April 2025 – Timescale for work extended, likely cost £100K. Diversion path muddy so contact OCC Rights of Way to report. (postponed because of dry weather)</p> <p>20 May 2025 – No further updates on Thames Path.</p> <p>17 June 2025 – Awaiting news but no prospect of the closed section of the path being opened in the next 18 months.</p> <p>15 July 2025 – Awaiting an update from West Berkshire DC.</p>	Cllr Thurston	Open

		16 September 2025 – Current target for work June 2026.		
2024 -008	Community Speed Watch and Lorry Watch	<p>8 October 2024 – Approach from a resident wanting to set up a Speed Watch Group. Raise with Highways Engagement Team on their visit?</p> <p>19 November 2024 – Resident in process of applying to Police for approval; Cllr Thurston to discuss support needed. Agreed to explore setting up a lorry watch and Cllr Thurston to contact Streatley PC for advice.</p> <p>2 December – 2024 Information about lorry watch and speed watch received from Streatley PC.</p> <p>17 December 2024 – Meeting with Streatley PC reported: difficult to measure through lorry traffic accurately; Cllrs Williamson and Thurston to trial a spot check on lorry traffic. Resident now trained to do Speed Watch, volunteers needed.</p> <p>18 February 2025 – Resident unwell over January. Cllr Thurston to action recruiting volunteers.</p> <p>18 March 2025 – Poster asking for volunteers put up by resident.</p> <p>7 April 2025 – Resident reports no volunteers; will provide text for Assistant Clerk to write a piece for GGN.</p> <p>17 April 2025 – piece submitted to GGN for May edition. ANPR unlikely to be practical because of legislative requirements.</p> <p>28 May 2025 – Meeting of Speed watch group arranged for 11th June.</p> <p>11th June - Meeting with new volunteers held.</p> <p>17 June 2025 – 7 volunteers, 3 fully trained 3 due to be trained, proposed sites for speed watch to be approved by Thames Valley Police (TVP).</p> <p>15 July 2025 – All volunteers trained, 12 sites for speed watches logged with TVP for approval.</p> <p>28 August 2025 – Speed watch team operational.</p> <p>16 September 2025 – Resolved to seek a budget of £400 for signs.</p>	Cllr Williamson Cllr Thurston	Open

		<p>13 October 2025 – Budget of £400 agreed by Full Council.</p> <p>21 October 2025 – Cllr Thurston to determine exact locations for signs .</p>		
2024 - 009	Hedgehog Signs	<p>19 November 2024 - Assistant Clerk asked to order three additional signs, one to replace the missing Manor Rd sign.</p> <p>20 December 2024 – Signs delivered. Replacement for Manor Rd other locations to be determined.</p> <p>18 February 2025 – New signs to be ordered.</p> <p>10 April 2025 – signs ordered and received 21st April.</p> <p>20 May 2025 – Cllr Williamson collected signs.</p> <p>17 June 2025 – Missing sign replaced, other sites being considered.</p> <p>15 July 2025 – Signs broken during re-painting of lamp posts, bracket ordered to replace cable tie fittings.</p> <p>16 September 2025 – Signs replaced , 2 held in reserve.</p>	Assistant Clerk/Cllr Williamson	Open
2024 - 010	Off-street Car Parking	<p>19 November 2024 – need to improve capacity at the Wheel Orchard Carpark identified, proposal for discussion at next meeting 17th December.</p> <p>18 February 2025 – Cllr Thurston to draft a review of off-street parking.</p> <p>18 March 2025 – Report for next meeting, consider effect of new parking restrictions.</p> <p>20 May 2025 – Report to be produced in September.</p> <p>16 September 2025 – Report postponed.</p>	Cllr Thurston	Open
2025 - 001	Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan	<p>18 February 2025 – Need to develop Plan.</p> <p>18 March 2025 – See minutes of Committee meeting.</p>	Cllr Williamson	Open

		<p>20 May 2025 – OCC confirm that a Plan for Goring and Woodcote is to be produced.</p> <p>15 July 2025 – reported that priority for plans would be for areas with populations of more than 10,000.</p> <p>16 September 2025 – Reported visit to route with MP F van Mierlo identifying issues to car-free route.</p> <p>21 October 2025 – Goring and Woodcote to be suggested as a joint candidate for a LCWIP.</p>		
2025 – 002	Manor Rd/High St junction pedestrian refuge	<p>18 February 2025 – Proposal for a pedestrian refuge: take forward with OCC Highways.</p> <p>10 April 2025 – Request sent to OCCH.</p> <p>14 May 2025 – Site visit with OCC officers and Cllr Filipova-Rivers to be arranged.</p> <p>20 May 2025 – Site visit on 17th June.</p> <p>17 June – site visit with OCCH officers who agreed in principle, GPC would have to engage consultants to design, dropped kerbs to be re-aligned cost of works estimated to be £20K.</p> <p>15 July 2025 – Assistant Clerk to identify consultants and obtain quotes for the design of each scheme.</p> <p>16 September – 2025 – Resolved to seek a budget of £725 for a site visit by consultant engineers to develop an estimate of the cost of designing pedestrian safety measures.</p> <p>13 October 2025 – Budget of £725 agreed by Full Council.</p> <p>22 October 2025 – Engineer's site visit carried out.</p>	Assistant Clerk	Open
2025 - 003	High St/Social Club Crossing	<p>18 February 2025 – ask OCC Highways for likely cost and feasibility of pedestrian crossing.</p> <p>10 April 2025 – Request for advice sent to OCCH.</p>	Assistant Clerk	Open

		<p>14 May 2025 – Site visit with OCC officers and Cllr Filipova-Rivers to be arranged.</p> <p>20 May 2025 – Site visit on 17th June.</p> <p>17th June – site visit with OCCH officers, zebra crossing likely cost of works £30-60K (as at High Street on raised table); possibility of installing dropped kerbs and applying a coloured surfacing to denote an informal crossing - estimated cost £10-15K.</p> <p>16 September – 2025 – Resolved to seek a budget of £725 for a site visit by consultant engineers to develop an estimate of the cost of designing pedestrian safety measures.</p> <p>13 October 2025 – Budget of £725 agreed by Full Council.</p> <p>22 October 2025 – Engineer's site visit carried out.</p>		
2025 - 004	Pedestrian crossing High St Raised Table	<p>18 February 2025 – ask OCC Highways for likely costs and feasibility.</p> <p>10 April 2025 – Request for advice sent to OCCH.</p> <p>14 May 2025 – Site visit with OCC officers and Cllr Filipova-Rivers to be arranged</p> <p>14 May 2025 – Site visit with OCC officers and Cllr Filipova-Rivers to be arranged.</p> <p>20 May 2025 – Site visit on 17th June.</p> <p>17th June – site visit with OCCH officers identified narrowness and probable need for siting of belisha beacon on walls, need for build out to accommodate wheelchairs on south side. GPC would have to engage consultants to design, probable costs of works (including traffic management) £30-60K, painting surface to indicate an informal crossing – estimated cost £10K.</p> <p>16 September – 2025 – Resolved to seek a budget of £725 for a site visit by consultant engineers to develop an estimate of the cost of designing pedestrian safety measures.</p> <p>13 October 2025 – Budget of £725 agreed by Full Council.</p>	Assistant Clerk	Open

		22 October 2025 – Engineer’s site visit carried out.		
2025 - 005	Reading Rd/Farm Rd footpath	<p>18 February 2025 – ask OCC Highways about likely costs and feasibility of widening the footpath at junction with Fairfield Rd and/or opposite steps.</p> <p>10 April 2025 – Request for advice sent to OCCH.</p> <p>14 May 2025 – Site visit with OCC officers and Cllr Filipova-Rivers to be arranged.</p> <p>14 May 2025 – Site visit with OCC officers and Cllr Filipova-Rivers to be arranged.</p> <p>20 May 2025 – Site visit on 17th June.</p> <p>17 June 2025 – not visited.</p> <p>20 August 2025 – vegetation along footpath cleared by volunteer councillors.</p> <p>16 September – 2025 – Resolved to seek a budget of £725 for a site visit by consultant engineers to develop an estimate of the cost of designing pedestrian safety measures.</p> <p>13 October 2025 – Budget of £725 agreed by Full Council.</p> <p>22 October 2025 – Engineer’s site visit carried out.</p>	Assistant Clerk	Open
2025 - 006	Pavement outside Pierrepont’s	<p>18 February 2025 - Investigate possibility of installing a Parklet</p> <p>10 April 2025 – Request for advice sent to OCCH.</p> <p>14 May 2025 – Site visit with OCC officers and Cllr Filipova-Rivers to be arranged.</p> <p>14 May 2025 – Site visit with OCC officers and Cllr Filipova-Rivers to be arranged.</p> <p>20 May 2025 – Site visit on 17th June.</p> <p>17 June site visit with OCCH officers identified need to clarify sight lines for a pedestrian crossing and for vehicles exiting the Boathouse carpark. GPC would need to engage consultants for design. The possibility of a build out around the tree on the north side was not ruled out subject to detailed tracking survey for vehicles exiting the Boathouse carpark.</p>	Cllrs Williamson and Thurston	Open

		<p>16 September – 2025 – Resolved to seek a budget of £725 for a site visit by consultant engineers to develop an estimate of the cost of designing pedestrian safety measures.</p> <p>13 October 2025 – Budget of £725 agreed by Full Council.</p> <p>22 October 2025 – Engineer's site visit carried out.</p>		
2025 – 007	Station Signage	<p>18 February 2025 - To improve signage to encourage use of south entrance to Station.</p> <p>20 May 2025 - Cllr Williamson to chase GWR .</p> <p>17 June 2025 – No response from GWR.</p> <p>16 September 2025 – reported not to be done before 2026</p>	Cllr Williamson	Open
2025 - 008	Safe Walking Routes	<p>18 February 2025 – To identify possible routes.</p>	Cllrs Mallen and Thurston	Open
2025 - 009	Parking enforcement	<p>17 February 2025 – Requested meeting with OCCH and Trellint with no response.</p> <p>11 June 2025 – Further request made.</p> <p>8 July 2025 – OCCH asked to provide spreadsheet records of enforcement activity and agree meeting</p> <p>16 September 2025 – Assistant Clerk to contact OCCH, cc Cllr Filipova -Rivers to seek meeting with new(?) contractors (incl Social Club enforcement)</p> <p>13 October 2025 – OCCH asked for update on new contract for parking enforcement.</p> <p>21 October 2025 – Notices for inclusion in windscreen stickers to be drafted.</p>	Assistant Clerk	Open
2025 – 010	Speed Surveys	<p>20 May 2025 – Agreed to order speed surveys in Cleeve Rd/Penny Piece, Elvendon Rd, Manor Rd, Gatehampton Rd and High St outside Social Club.</p> <p>9 June 2025 – Full Council agree a budget of £900 for second round of speed surveys.</p> <p>15 July 2025 – Wait until last week in September (after the holidays).</p>		

		16 September 2025 – Agreed second round speed surveys to be in December, check use of permanent speed survey equipment on High Street (Pierrepoint's) at same time.		
		30 September 2025 – OCCH tell us that the counter on the High Street is not providing usable data.		