



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

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am, Council Office, Station Road**

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

**Officers Present:**  
Deputy Clerk            Nick Mallen  
Assistant Clerk        Mike Harper

**Public and Press:**  
Two members of the public (MoPs)

### **Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting.**

MoP1 spoke about parking Lockstile Mead. Since the introduction of parking restrictions in Lockstile Way there had been a significant increase in the numbers of vehicles parked in Lockstile Mead, which remained unrestricted. Cars were now parked from 7am to 7pm; there were instances of vehicles parked close to driveways making access difficult. Vehicles parked close to the junctions with Milldown Avenue and with Lockstile Way meant that those entering or leaving Lockstile Mead had to pull over to the opposite side of the road and face oncoming traffic. Discussion followed under agenda item 5.

MoP2 spoke about proposals to resurface and improve the Bourdillon Field access path, from Elvendon Road to Milldown Road and to Designate the track from the end of Manor Road to Gatehampton as suitable for cycling/wheeling/walking. Bourdillon Field: Cycling should continue to be prohibited on the narrow path below the field. A shared use cycling/wheeling/walking path should be signed from the top of Lockstile Way to the Elvendon Road / Icknield Road junction via this path and Cleeve Down. Manor Road – Gatehampton: This could be either as a permissive path or re-classification as a bridleway. It would provide an ideal route for novices and nervous cyclists to practise, and open it up for wheelchair and mobility scooter users. These proposals were further discussed under agenda Item 11, Action List 2025-001.

Meeting started at 10.40am

### **25.51.1. To receive apologies for absence and substitutions.**

Apologies for absence were noted from Cllr Jim Emerson.



**25.51.2. Declarations of Interest.**

25.41.2.1. To receive declarations of interest.

None.

**25.51.3. To consider requests for dispensations.**

None.

**25.51.4. To approve the minutes of previous committee meetings.**

25.51.4.1. Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

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

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

None.

**25.51.5. Parking in Lockstile Mead.**

**Appendix A**

Cllrs responded to MoP1's concerns. It was pointed out that parking restrictions were the responsibility of OCC Highways. Before the latest changes were made, the Parish Council had asked residents what they wanted and put proposals to OCC Highways for implementation. These proposals included Lockstile Way where there were concerns about commuter all-day parking. OCC Highways were statutorily required to consult before making a Traffic Restriction Order and residents of Lockstile Mead were included in that consultation.

In respect of the junctions with Lockstile Way and Milldown Avenue, there were different standards for the marking of yellow lines at junctions where the speed limit was 20mph on the basis that, as traffic was slower moving, collisions at junctions could be avoided.

Recognising MoP1's concern, the Committee will ask the OCC Highways Engagement Team to look at Lockstile Mead on their next visit ACTION Deputy Clerk.

**25.51.6. To note the results of the speed survey and consider any actions to be taken.**

**Appendix B**

Cllr Thurston had analysed the data comparing the results from the speed surveys carried out in 2024 and 2025, taking account of the addition of the High Street site in 2025. The total number of vehicles recorded was 19.8 thousand in 2024 and 63.3 thousand in 2025 (22.9 thousand in 2025 excluding the High Street). Speeds in 2025 were much the same as in 2024 with, when the High Street is excluded, 58% keeping below 20 mph and there was slight decrease in the proportion going over 25mph (one in ten in 2025 from one in eight in 2024). Including the High Street, in 2025 one in twelve exceeded 25mph.

Higher speeds on average were recorded in Gatehampton Road but were not significant. Excessive speeds (over 50 mph) were rare and occurred in Manor Road and Gatehampton Road.

It was agreed that the results of the surveys and the work of the Community Speed Watch should be published in an article in the Goring Gap News.



**25.51.7. Parking enforcement: to note the response from Cllr Gant and consider any actions to be taken.**

**Appendix C**

The Committee were disappointed with Cllr Gant's response. The Deputy Clerk should draft a response in respect of the funding of additional patrols – possibly in conjunction with other parish councils – and requesting data on the numbers of reports of illegally parked vehicles made on the OCC website and the action taken including times and dates. ACTION Deputy Clerk.

**25.51.8. To consider the response from OCC Highways Engagement Team following their visit on 15<sup>th</sup> January.**

**Appendix D**

The response and the actions promised were noted.

**25.51.9. To receive a report on the quotes obtained for the Ferry Lane path and to agree the next steps, including making a recommendation to Full Council.**

Four quotes have been received and a preferred supplier identified. Before proceeding the possibility of getting grant funding should be explored, in addition the need for planning permission and the agreement of OCC Countryside Access Team was to be established. The Deputy Clerk will inform the preferred supplier accordingly. ACTION Deputy Clerk.

**25.51.10. To consider sending a representative to the Oxfordshire Countryside Access Forum.**

Cllr Thurston was nominated as the Council's representative.

**25.51.11. To review the Action List and agree any further actions.**

**Action List**

Under 2025-001 MoP2's proposals were considered.

**Bourdillon Field path:** It was felt that improving access to the Bourdillon Field playground would be beneficial. The Committee considered that the footpath between Elvendon Road and Milldown Road needed to be resurfaced and widened where possible to accommodate wheelchairs etc. but the 'No Cycling' prohibition should be retained with additional signage as recommended since an alternative route for cyclists existed via Cleeve Down. Changing the 'No Cycling' designation on the section between Lockstile Way and Milldown Road could be a lengthy process and it might be possible to simply provide signs indicating a shared use and to link with Cleeve Down. However, the junction with Cleeve Down would need improving. The section of path along the side of Bourdillon Field to the Primary School was in the Council's ownership, the remainder was the responsibility of OCC Highways.

It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk should contact OCC Highways about changing signage and resurfacing and improving the footpath between Elvendon Road and Bourdillon Field. ACTION Deputy Clerk.

**Manor Road-Gatehampton:** The proposal is for a circular cycle route from Manor Road, via Hartslock Close and the Station, Gatehampton Road and Gatehampton Fields back to Manor Road. The path across the fields between Manor Road and Gatehampton is a footpath right of way only and the landowners' agreement would be needed if it were to be redesignated as either a permissive cycle route or a bridleway open to cyclists. It was agreed that the route should be considered as part of the development of the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for Goring and Woodcote and the landowners contacted for their views.



## **GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

On Item 2025-003 it was agreed that the Deputy Clerk should write to Trellint/OCCH asking for specific enforcement action be taken in respect of illegal parking at the Club and at the Station Entrance. ACTION Deputy Clerk

### **25.51.12. Matters for future discussion.**

None.

### **25.51.13. To confirm the date of the next meeting.**

Due to Cllr Emerson's commitments on the third Tuesday of the month it was agreed to meet in future on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10.30am. The next Committee meeting would therefore be on Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am

There being no further business to be transacted, the Chair closed the meeting at 12.00 pm

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