



GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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

Thursday 16th April 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. Vacant Seat (LGA 1972 s89(6))

Co-option Policy

3.1. To note the Council has one vacant seat, and it is available to be filled through co-option

3.2. To receive and consider written applications for the office of Parish Councillor and to co-opt one of Mark Eynstone-Hinkins or Anna Povey to fill the vacancy for Parish Councillor.

3.3. To receive declarations of acceptance of office from the co-opted Councillor. and be countersigned by the Clerk

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

4.1. Meeting held on 16th March 2025

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

5. To note reports from District and County Councillors

5.1. Oxfordshire County Councillor: M Filipova-Rivers

Cllr Report



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6. To Receive Minutes of Committees

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| 6.1. | Travel and Transport Committee | |
| | • Meeting Dated 17 th February 2026 | Appendix A |
| 6.2. | Travel, Transport & Planning Meeting | |
| | • Meeting Dated 24 th March 2026 | Appendix B |
| 6.3. | Planning Committee | |
| | • Meeting Dated 24 th February 2026 | Appendix C |
| 6.4. | Finance Committee | |
| | • Meeting Dated 13 th February 2026 | Appendix D |
| 6.5. | Staffing Committee | |
| | • Meeting Dated 22 nd January 202 | Appendix E |

7. To note the current membership of committees/working groups or terms of reference and approve any updates or filling any vacancies

Appendix F.1

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| 7.1. | To approve amalgamating the Playground and Sheepcot committees | |
| 7.2. | To approve the TOR for the Goring Neighbourhood Plan Update Steering Group | Appendix F.2 |
| | <i>The Council formerly approved a Steering Committee, but it is considered that a Steering Group is more appropriate.</i> | |

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

If a written report is not submitted, then a verbal update will be given

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| 8.1. | To receive an update from Traffic & Transport Committee | Appendix G |
| 8.2. | To receive a report from the Finance Committee | Appendix H |
| | <i>including a statement summarising the Council's income and expenditure for the last quarter and the Financial Year</i> | |
| 8.3. | To receive a report from the Playgrounds Committee | Appendix I |
| 8.4. | To receive a report from the Place & Assets WG | Appendix J |
| 8.5. | To receive a report from the Sheepcot Committee | Appendix K |
| 8.6. | To receive a report from the OJFS Sale WG | Appendix L |

9. To approve requests from Goring Cricket Club (GCC)

Appendix M

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| 9.1. | To approve positioning roll-on cricket covers at Gardiner Recreation Ground. | |
| | <i>These covers will protect the wicket from rain, improve playing conditions, meet league ground requirements and support the continued development of cricket within the local community.</i> | |
| 9.2. | To approve a request for the windows on the exterior of the pavilion to be painted white | |
| | <i>This could be undertaken by the parish council or if preferred, the GCC have offered to do it themselves.</i> | |



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10. To reapprove the following documents for 2026-2027:

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| 10.1. | To approve Financial-Risk-Assessment-and-Management-Register | Appendix N |
| 10.2. | To approve the Investment Policy and Strategy Policy | Appendix O |
| 10.3. | To approve the Reserves Policy | Appendix P |
| 10.4. | To approve the Statement of Internal Controls | Appendix Q |
| 10.5. | To approve the Fees and Tariffs for April 2026 to March 2027 | Appendix R |

11. Clerks Report

Appendix S

- 11.1. To note the Jubilee Garden has been enhanced with new plants & edging has been purchased.
- 11.2. To approve No Mow May / rewilding extensions
- 11.3. To approve £850 for new bins and commencing the third weekly bin collection as soon as it is available from the contractor.

12. To approve granting permission to the Goring Village Hall Trustees to upgrade the 3 phase supply to the hall enabling conversion from gas to air heat pumps.

Appendix T

There is no cost to the council but SSE require written permission from us.

13. Matters for future discussion.

14. To note the date and time of the next meeting 18:30 on Monday 11 May 2026

NOTE: Proposals of Motion to be received by the Clerk no later than Monday 4th May please

15. 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

- 15.1. To approve a quote for the replacing the fence between the playground and croquet lawn on Gardiner.
- 15.2. To approve a budget to purchase hand/power tools for Facilities & Grounds staff
- 15.3. To approve a quote for equipment storage
- 15.4. To approve recommendation from the staffing committee re facilities assistant role, cleaning and combining the WHBG with the Deputy Clerk Roles
- 15.5. To approve a supplier for the provision of visualisations of the T & T Pedestrian Safety Improvement Projects 2026
- 15.6. To approve the appointment of a consultant to update the Neighbourhood Plan and delegate to the Clerk & appoint two Councillors to sign the contract with the recommended supplier.