

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

Saturday 31st May 2025 at 18:00, Goring Village Hall

Council Members Present:

Chair	Cllr S Lofthouse (SL)
Members:	Cllr B Newman (BN)
	Cllr M Stares (MS)
	Cllr N Mallen (NM)
	Cllr R Williamson (RW)
	Cllr B Mckenzie (BM)
	Cllr J Emerson (JE)

Officers Present:

Assistant Clerk	M Harper (MH)
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Public: Around 50 members of public.

Meeting started 18:15

2025.1 Welcome, apologies and administration

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a short introduction.

Apologies were received from Cllrs T Thurston, D Bermingham, B Urbick, Clerk.

2025.2 To approve the minutes of the Previous Meeting – 18th May 2024

The meeting approved the minutes of 18th May as an accurate record of the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting and they were duly signed.

2025.3 Report from the Parish Council

The Chair reported on the previous year's activities.

The Council was now occupying new offices in the Old School. Station Road, she thanked Cllr Emerson and the Community Centre for organising the move. The office is open to the public Monday and Friday mornings at other contact can be made via e-mail. Work is about to start on the new playground at Bourdillon Field. Proludic have been contracted to do the work. The playground at the Gardiner Recreation Ground will be next. A new Committee has been formed for Sheepcot Field and will work with the football and tennis clubs to improve facilities.

The Travel and Transport Committee have, after a long public consultation process, brought in changes to parking arrangements including the re-surfacing of Station Road and the new pedestrian lane. Their ideas for future developments were displayed in the Hall.

Work is going on to create a Natural Burial Ground at Whitehill. It was hoped to share the plans at the next annual meeting.

The Council now has a full complement of ten Councillors., who are busy developing new projects for the whole Village.

2025.4 End of the Meeting

Next Meeting 2026 date TBC

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting, thanking those attending and Cllrs Bermingham and Stares for organising it.

Meeting Closed: 18:20