



GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Open Spaces Committee of the Goring-on-Thames Parish Council

Tuesday 2nd June 2026 at 6.30pm at The Old School, Station Road, Goring

All Councillors who are members of the committee are summoned to attend the meeting.

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

Members:

Chair
Cllr S Lofthouse (SL)
Cllr B Newman (BN)
Cllr D Bermingham (DB)
Cllr M Stares (MS)
Cllr A Povey (AP)

Officers Present:

Clerk
S Edmunds (SE)

Public and Press: None

Meeting started 18:31

AGENDA

26.06.1. To appoint a Chair

1.1 To receive Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office [LGA 1972 s83(4)]

Unanimously voted SL as Chair, the acceptance of office was duly signed

26.06.2. To receive apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85(1))

None

26.06.3. Declarations of Interests [LA 2011 s31]

None



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

None

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

5.1 N/A

26.06.6. To approve by vote, the application by Mark Eynstone-Hinkins to become the co-opted Member of Public on the Open Spaces Committee

Approved by Majority

26.06.7. Motion without notice to approve Open Spaces Committee TOR

Unanimously Approved

26.06.8. To receive summative concluding report from the Chair of Playgrounds Committee

BN gave a verbal report – not much to add to the report to full council, still need to make a decision regarding the chimes, vandalism continues

26.06.9. To receive summative concluding report from the Chair of Sheepcot Committee

SL spoke about the attached report

26.06.10. To approve an option to replace the Chimes in the Gardiner Recreation Ground

Unanimously Approved to delegate to AP to work with former co-opt member Laura to recommend a suitable replacement to the committee

26.06.11. To receive an update from the Deputy Clerk on the tender process and consider next steps

The Sheepcot Pavilion WG will arrange a meeting to take the next steps and move forward. SL will send a request to Colin at Archytas, to talk us through the process.

Unanimously Received

26.06.12. To receive an update from the Deputy Clerk on the Sheepcot bike track and consider next steps

The Bike Track WG to prepare for a public consultation, four companies have been identified for examples to establish costs.

Unanimously Received

26.06.13. To receive an update from the Deputy Clerk Teen Spaces update and consider next steps

The Teen Spaces Working Group will develop the proposed solutions, and AP will speak with a potential member of the public to co-opt.

Unanimously Received

26.06.14. To review the Bourdillon Playground project after 10 months of usage and consider next steps

Unanimously Approved to delegate to the Clerk to put together a maintenance schedule, including grass quality and a proposal for CCTV as well as shade options for July Full Council

26.06.15. To review the Gardiner Playground project after 1 month of usage and consider next steps

Proludic to be consulted re the pink ball panel sticking

Unanimously Approved to delegate to the Clerk to put together a maintenance schedule, including grass quality and a proposal for CCTV as well as shade options for July Full Council

26.06.16. To receive an update from the Deputy Clerk on the Ferry Lane Green Space

Mend the Gap have offered a substantial grant, to add to the Parish Council funds to create an accessible public footpath.

26.06.17. To approve the creation of the following Working Groups-

16.1 Shepcot Pavilion

16.2 Bike Track

16.3 Teen Spaces

Unanimously Approved to create the above Working Groups

26.06.18. To approve two or more Councillors for each Working Group

17.1 Shepcot Pavilion

Unanimously Approved SL, DB, MS

17.2 Bike Track

Unanimously Approved MS, AP, DB

17.3 Teen Spaces

Unanimously Approved BN, AP

26.06.19. To approve the Members of Public (MoP) / Non-Cllr for each Working Group

18.1 Shepcot Pavilion TW/ JC / TM & Kevin Sanders & Nick Mallen & Cllr BU as Funding Liaison

18.2 Bike Track

18.3 Teen Spaces

Unanimously Approved for Cllr members to invite co-opt mop delegate to clerk to onboard

26.06.20. To discuss signage across the village

Delegate to Clerk, BN & AP to bring signage proposals back to open spaces committees by the beginning of September. Clerk to speak to Cllr Emerson re History Society signage research



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26.06.21. To start an Action List and agree any further actions

Delegate to Clerk to create the Action List & circulate to the committee.

26.06.22. Matters for future discussion

Adult Exercise Equipment to be added to any future consultation.

26.06.23. To confirm the date of the next meeting: End of August, exact date TBC

Meeting Closed 20.00