

APPENDIX H.1

Communications Working Group Meeting July 2026

Present: Cllr Barbara Newman, Cllr David Bermingham, Cllr Toby Thurston, Deputy Clerk Nick Mallen

Agreed that communicating current council activity to residents is a priority. Cllr Thurston suggested the Chair's report at the start of full council meetings could provide content.

Noted that genie is reducing publication dates to monthly. BN questioned if the PC mailing list could provide a platform for a more substantial "newsletter" that the current notification of meetings. **NM & BN to investigate**

Agreed that better use should be made of the council website and it should become more resident focused. BN has prepared papers outlining the issue with the current site, suggested refocus and comparison of possible third party website providers. TT suggested that the website and email platform could be separated. **BN to send documents to NM. BN & NM to agree a proposal for September full council.**

IT issues were touched upon. DB suggested that Mike & Fawzia had been very helpful with IT solutions around the neighbourhood plan and might be able to provide an expert view of current issues and possible solutions. **DB to provide contact details for Mike.**

Current Communication Issue

Quiet Lanes

NM provide an article to GGN with his contact details for questions. Agreed any response should be purely factual. **NM to seek clarification from OCC.**

Depending on outcome, agreed we should prepare a leaflet drop to communicate the process and any public consultation. **NM to draft and share**

CCTV for Bourdillon

Agreed that technical solution/s should be confirmed before informing residents and seeking views. Agreed main audience for comms will be school parents.

TT to speak to the small group of parents who raised issues to tell them what's happening

NM to speak to Tim Monk (Goring Primary School) re communicating with parents (likely Sept).

NM to speak to Cllr Urbick re identified safeguarding issues.

Other Activity

BN to prepare an article for GGN (Aug 5 deadline) on pump track, Teen Space and Sheepcot pavilion.

Phone booth to be left for later communication.

Date of next meeting: Wed 16th September. 10.30an at Friars Ford.

GGN Dates: Aug 5/ Sept 2/ October 30th/ Nov 4th/ Dec 2nd