



GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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

Monday 14th September 2026 at 18:30, The Reiss Room, 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)

**Prior to the start of the meeting; Questions and comments from members of the public
(limited to 10 minutes in total)**

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.

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

3.1. Meeting held on 13th July 2026

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

4. Chair's Report

5. To note reports from District and County Councillors

5.1. SODC leader & OCC Councillor: M Filipova-Rivers

Cllr Report

6. To Receive Minutes of Committees

6.1. Planning Committee

- Meeting dated 30th June 2026
- Meeting dated 21st July 2026

Appendix A

Appendix B

6.2. Travel & Transport Committee

- Meeting dated 23rd June 2026

Appendix C

6.3. Open Spaces Committee

- Meeting dated 2nd June 2026

Appendix D

7. To approve any amendments to existing committees and working groups

Appendix E

7.1. To note the disbanding of the OJFS Working Group



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

Where possible they should provide a written report and/or action list in advance of the meeting as per standing orders, NB. at the time this agenda is published, appendices have been allocated but maybe replaced with a verbal report instead.

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| 8.1. Traffic & Transport Committee | Appendix F |
| 8.2. Open Spaces Committee | Verbal Report |
| 8.3. Finance Committee | Appendix G |
| 8.3.1 To approve the Statement for Internal Controls | |
| 8.3.2 To approve the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit | |
| 8.4. Place & Assets WG | Appendix H |
| 8.5. Comms Working Group | Appendix H.1 |
| 8.6. OJFS sale Working Group | Verbal Report |
| 8.7. Liaisons | Verbal Report |

9. To consider and if agreed, approve a grant application to replace three kissing gates in Goring **Appendix i**

10. The Parish Council would like to ensure that the Community Centre continues to provide services and benefits to the village and the surrounding area.

- 10.1. To approve if the Community Centre should be offered for sale by the County Council, the Parish Council would be interested in acquiring it, subject to: a satisfactory agreement of a purchase arrangement; a satisfactory survey to determine the costs of future maintenance and other liabilities; and satisfactory agreements with the Trust that currently holds the lease and other tenants.
- 10.2. The Council appoints three Councillors, supported by one Officer, to act as a Working Group to investigate the possible acquisition of the Community Centre, to negotiate with the County Council, and to negotiate with the existing lease holders and tenants. The Working Group are to draw up terms of reference and present them to Council for approval. The Working Group should report to Council at all Full Council meetings.

11. To approve the New Councillor Pack for use

Appendix J

Reapproval period- annually or when a vacancy occurs, add to website

12. Clerk's Items for Approval

Appendix K

- 12.1. Christmas Trees: To approve purchasing 13 x 1m High Street trees and either a 5m tree OR a permanent planted tree for Rectory Garden – total budget £425
- 12.2. To note the NALC/ Local Government Service Pay Agreement from 1st April 2026-31st March 2027 has been approved nationally.
The value of the scale point has increased. The Council operates an NJC contract, and this is a contractual obligation. Backpay to 1st April 2026 will be applied to all employed during the applicable period



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- 12.3. To approve permitting the Cricket Club to install a glass washer and a fridge/freezer at the Gardiner Pavilion.
- 12.4. To approve investigating installing a permanent practice football goal at Sheepcot and Gardiner Recreation Grounds delegating to OS Committee
- 12.5. To note tree surgery & hedge trimming works to be performed on the WHBG shared boundary at the requesters cost.

13. Motion Received: To approve that as soon as any press release has been submitted on behalf of the Parish Council the submitter shall copy it to all Councillors for information.

This avoids Cllrs looking out of touch when others have seen a release that they were not aware of, and, should a Cllr notice anything wrong, they can contact the submitter pointing out the issue.

14. Motion Received: To approve withdrawing the application to OCC to designate Battle Road as part of the 'Quiet Lanes' pilot scheme

Appendix L

15. To note the date and time of the next regular Full Council meeting 18:30 Monday 12th October at The Reiss Room, Community Centre, Station Road

NOTE: Proposals of Motion and Committee / Working Group reports to be received by the Clerk no later than 2nd October please

16. To consider and, if thought fit, approve the following motion: In view of the confidential nature of the business about to transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded, and they will be instructed to withdraw. By reason of confidential business relating to employment.

Confidential Papers

- 17. To require the Clerk to ensure appropriate cover for duties affected by a staff member's sick leave
- 18. To approve a quote and select the insurance provider for the Council.
- 19. To approve a quote and appoint an internal auditor FY 2026/7 onwards