



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

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2026 at 14:00 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)**

Members:

Chair

Cllr S Lofthouse (SL)

Cllr B Newman(BN)

Cllr M Stares (MS)

Cllr A Povey (AP)

**Officers Present:**

Clerk

S Edmunds (SE)

Deputy Clerk

N Mallon (NM)

**Public and Press:**

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**Meeting started 14:01**

### **AGENDA**

#### **26.21.1. To receive apologies and substitutions. [LGA 1972 s85(1)]**

Apologies received from Cllr D Bermingham & Mark Eynstone-Hinkins

#### **26.21.2. Declarations of Interest. [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 and to consider any prior requests from members for dispensations that accord the Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e).*

None

2.1.To consider requests for dispensations. [LA 2011 s33]

None

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

**26.21.3.1** Meeting held 02 June 2026

**26.21.3.2** matters arising from the minutes

**Unanimously Approved**

**Moved up 26.21.5.3. To receive an update from the Bike Track Working Group and approve actions & propose motions**



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MS verbal report- They identified 6/7 potential sites, all been evaluated to a primary & secondary option to progress. Outline initial designs for the preferred site will be circulated as soon as possible prior to full council.

**26.21.5.3.1** To approve supporting the land immediately off Spring Lane next to the Pick Your Own area as our preferred location for a Bike Track Experience, and to commence detailed evaluation.

**Unanimously Approved**

**26.21.5.3.2** To approve nominating two councillors (SL and DB) to immediately hold exploratory discussions with the land owners to identify the annual cost, length and conditions of a long term lease for up to 4 acres of land.

**Unanimously Approved**

**26.21.5.3.3** To approve developing a suitable design for the Bike Track Experience at this location, potentially including an advanced and junior track and car parking and to continue to consult with the community on the design and location.

**Unanimously Approved**

**26.21.5.3.4** To approve seeking pre-planning advice on the potential change of use of this land and all related issues, including access, visual impact and environmental impact once the nominated Cllrs have fed back to committee.

**Unanimously Approved**

**26.21.4.** To review current actions list, approve further actions and recommend any motions for full council.

**Action List**

The Action List was reviewed and updated in the meeting

**26.21.5. Working Group Updates- written reports received are attached**

**Appendix A**

**26.21.5.1 To approve how to utilise the Proludic Voucher which expires at the end of the year**

Approved by Majority to spend the voucher on a slide for the Bourdillon and negotiate spending the excess on replacement/additional equipment

**26.21.5.2 To receive an update from the Sheepcot Pavilion Working Group and approve actions & propose motions**

**26.21.5.2.1** To receive an update from the Deputy Clerk on the tender process and consider next steps

NM has sent off the stage 2 ITT, the timeframe has been aligned with the grant funding application.

**26.21.5.3. moved to after 26.21.3**

**26.21.5.4. To receive an update from the Teen Spaces Working Group and approve actions & propose motions**

WG is looking at options and ideas to progress.

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

We need to review our position as the ecology and forestry teams have raised concerns, we are seeking advice and looking at consultants.

**26.21.7. To discuss signage across the village**

Unanimously approved putting the open spaces signs in front of full council for approval



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**26.21.8. Matters for future discussion**

**26.21.9. To confirm the date of the next meeting: 1pm Tuesday 17 November 2026**

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