

GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting held on Tuesday 9th May 2017 at 7:30pm,

The Old Jubilee Fire Station, Red Cross Road, GORING ON THAMES

MINUTES – PLANNING COMMITTEE

Present: Cllr D Brooker, C Hall, Wills, L Reavill, M Dowling

C Fox, Acting Clerk Planning, 2 members of the public

Plan 17/98 Apologies for absence

Cllr M Brown

The re-election of the Chair and Deputy Chair took place as follows:

Cllr Hall proposed Cllr Brooker as Chair and the Committee then voted unanimously to re-elect Cllr Brooker. Cllr Wills proposed Cllr Brown as Deputy Chair and the Committee voted unanimously to re-elect Cllr Brown as Deputy Chair.

Plan 17/99 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Plan 17/100 Public Forum

Mr McClean said he was present in relation to item P17/S1324/FUL Manor Road and was there in support of Mrs French (of Mulberry Cottage). He said he wasn't intending to object on this occasion but said he was thoroughly disillusioned by the whole planning system generally given what had previously happened (the previous application having been ultimately approved by SODC). He thought this new proposal was certainly no worse than the previous application, although he thought policy H4 had been totally ignored.

Mrs French (Mulberry Cottage) showed some pictures which she thought were misleading as they seemed to imply the proposal was for a small house in a big plot which in her view was incorrect. She still held concerns over trees, overlooking, shade (although Cllr Brooker pointed out some of these things were actually civil matters rather than planning ones). She was concerned over the chimney which would be close to her hedge, but she thought this proposal was slightly better than the previous one. Cllr Brooker said representations had been made to SODC previously but were ignored.

Plan 17/101 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 25th April 2017

The minutes were approved and signed.

Plan 17/102 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

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Plan 17/103 Applications

Cllr Brooker brought forward item 6.4 to be considered first

Plan 17/103.1 **P17/S1324/FUL Manor Road, Goring on Thames, RG8 9EB.** Proposed new detached house on infill plot. Previously within the grounds of South Woden. (Variation to approval P15/S4367FUL

Cllr Wills thought the proposal was still overdevelopment and unneighbourly, but Cllr Hall was concerned if the Committee objected the applicants could simply revert to the previous application which they had permission for. She wondered whether the Committee could raise an objection to the windows overlooking Mulberry Cottage on the ground floor in particular (the bathroom windows could be obscured glass). Other changes were noted when comparing the plans in that the garage had been moved and the bulk/footprint appeared slightly reduced, the design possibly slightly better. After further discussion the Committee voted unanimously to recommend they held **NO STRONG VIEWS** on the application. (With a small caveat in relation to the ground floor windows overlooking Mulberry Cottage).

Plan 17/103.2 **P17/S1418/HH 41 Gatehampton Road, Goring on Thames, RG8 0EN.**

Single storey timber building for use as a garden room.

Cllr Hall was slightly concerned over the reference to a “garden room”, but it seemed so far no neighbours had objected. Cllr Brooker hoped this wouldn't be allowed to be used as a separate dwelling.

Cllrs then voted unanimously to recommend the application for **APPROVAL**

P17/S1489/HH 10 Wallingford Road, Goring on Thames, RG8 0AH.

Formation of habitable room in roof space with rear dormer and velux rooflights.

Cllrs could see no problems with the proposal and therefore voted unanimously to recommend the application for **APPROVAL**

Plan 17/103.4 **P17/S1397/HH 43 Holmlea Road, Goring on Thames, RG8 9EX.** Ground floor internal alterations, first floor additions.

Cllr Reavill said he was somewhat confused by the drawings and Cllr Hall noted there was a flat roof becoming a pitched roof. Cllr Reavill wasn't very impressed with the design. However after further discussion Cllrs voted unanimously to recommend the application for **APPROVAL**.

Plan 17/104 **SODC Decisions**

Plan 17/104.1 **P16/S2637/FUL 19 Gatehampton Road, Goring on Thames, RG8 0EN.**

The demolition of offices and redevelopment of site to form 9 new dwellings with car parking and associated development (as supported by agent's email and attached plan received on 20 September 2016. As amended by revised plans received on 7 November 2016 and as supported by Financial Viability Appraisal Report received on 30 November 2016). As

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supported by additional financial information and contamination report received on 8 March 2017.

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Plan17/104.2 **P17/S0820/HH Katauyak, Goring on Thames, RG8 0JY.** Alterations to double garage.

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Plan 17/105 Matters arising from those minutes not on the agenda elsewhere

There were no matters arising.

Plan 17/106 West Berkshire applications

Nothing of concern was noted.

Plan17/107 Correspondence

Email from Ms Canavan in relation to Chalfont, Croft Road in response to the letter sent by the Planning Committee requesting the application be considered by the DRC (Design Review Committee). Cllr Hall was unhappy about the response and said she knew Ms Clare Goulden who was on the panel, she said small schemes are considered although many of the schemes tend to be in the Vale (who have had a DRC for some time). Cllr Hall referred to some national guidelines which suggest this should happen, and she added that Planning Officers do not have the remit to design buildings. It was agreed the Committee should consider how to further respond on this matter.

ACTION: Cllr Hall to consider further

Letter from SODC (Luke Veillett) in relation to P17/S1305/LDP 10 Wallingford Road, Goring on Thames, RG8 0AH (formation of habitable room in the roof space with rear dormer and velux rooflights) stating the application had been **WITHDRAWN**. Cllrs noted this application had since been submitted as a formal planning application (householder).

Noted.

Plan 17/108 Site visits

To see schedule

Plan 17/109 Matters for further discussion

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.05pm

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