

GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting held on Tuesday May 10th 2016 at 7:30pm,

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

MINUTES – PLANNING COMMITTEE

Present: Cllrs D Brooker, M Brown, J Reavill, J Wills, M Bulmer, C Hall

C Fox, Acting Clerk Planning, approx. 4 members of the public

Plan 16/112 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Hancox

Plan 16/113 **Election of new Chairman/Deputy Chairman**

The vote had been taken at the full council meeting the previous evening but was re-visited Cllr Hall proposed Cllr Brooker to be re-elected Chairman (this was unanimously approved) and Cllr Brown to be re-elected as Vice Chairman (this was unanimously approved).

Plan 16/114 **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

Plan 16/115 **Public Forum**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

Plan 16/116 **To approve the minutes of the meeting of 24th April 2016.**

The minutes were approved and signed.

Plan 16/117 **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

Plan 16/118 **Applications**

Plan 16/118.1 **P16/S1150/FUL Bromsgrove, Croft Road, Goring on Thames, RG8 9ES.**
New House with linked garage block (with ancillary roof accommodation).

Cllr Hall said the previous design for the house (which the Committee had approved) had been far more modest, this design was larger and had a bigger roof. The large windows at first floor level, on a constrained site surrounded by other houses, is unneighbourly. There would be overlooking and privacy problems. Cllr Reavill noted that Highways had not yet objected. It was noted the design was sold as “sustainable” as it encompassed a home office. After further discussion Cllrs agreed the proposal was too bulky, too large was not domestic in scale and there could be overlooking problems and be unneighbourly.

Cllrs then voted unanimously to recommend the application for **REFUSAL**.

Plan 16/118.2 **P16/S1360/T56 Goring Fire Station, Icknield Road, Goring on Thames, RG8 0DL.** GPDO application for proposed 4G upgrade to existing

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equipment.

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

Plan 16/119 **Matters arising from those minutes not on the agenda elsewhere**

There were no matters arising.

Plan 16/120 **SODC Decisions**

P16/S0695/HH 25 Lycroft Close, Goring on Thames, RG8 0AT. Two storey single storey extensions to dwelling with changes to fenestration detail and external materials.

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P16/S0678/HH 8 Meadow Close, Goring on Thames, RG8 0AP. Proposed conservatory and porch extension to dwelling (as amended by drawing 5115_PP_02 A to correct the depiction of the existing dwelling received on 14.03.16).

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P16/S0173/FUL Upper Gatehampton Farm, Gatehampton Road, Goring on Thames, RG8 9LY. Construction of single storey agricultural building. As amended by revised plans received on 21 April 2016 showing a reduction in the height and footprint of the proposed building.

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Plan 16/121 **West Berkshire applications**

Nothing had been noted of concern.

Plan16/122 **Correspondence**

Letter from SODC confirming the Tree Preservation Order 15S23 in relation to a number of Trees at Limetree Road.

Noted.

Letter from SODC confirming Tree Preservation Order 15S21 for a tree in Manor Road.

Noted

Letter from SODC confirming Tree Preservation Order 15S22 for another tree in Manor Road.

Noted

Plan 16/123 **Site visits**

To see schedule

Plan 16/124 **Matters for further discussion**

Cllr Reavill raised whether or not the Chilterns Conservation Board and National Trust should be informed about the Council's legal action over the

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weir. Cllr Brooker said they had been approached at the time of the first application and the Chiltern Conservation Board was in fact slightly in favour “as community based renewable energy schemes are something they wished to support, as long as they do not conflict with AONB objectives”. Cllr Reavill said he thought they may wish to remain neutral but there had been a report from the National Trust about problems with planning and the AONB, in particular to do with CAB at Wallingford, and that the view was the requirements of the AONB were being poorly considered. Cllr Hall said she thought the Chiltern Conservation Board / Chiltern Society were just another consultative body so had limited powers. Cllr Wills said there were two different bodies, the Chilterns Conservation Board and the Chilterns Society. Cllr Hall mentioned that the appeal conducted by a public hearing last year for a housing development at Woodcote the matter of Chiltern Conservation Board’s role and consultation with them had been raised. Specifically questions were raised by the defendant because they been consulted but had chosen not to respond. Cllr Hall’s understanding of the answer given by specialist planning barrister was that Chiltern Conservation Board were simply another consultee body so their input could not be insisted upon and would not necessarily make any difference to the decision. Cllrs discussed further the pros and cons of whether these bodies should become involved in the weir action.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.00 pm

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