

GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting held on Tuesday 14th March 2017 at 7:30pm,

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

MINUTES – PLANNING COMMITTEE

Present: Cllrs M Brown, C Hall, M Bulmer, L Reavill (*Cllr Brown took the Chair in Cllr Brooker's absence*)

C Fox, Acting Clerk Planning 2 members of the public

Plan 17/50 Apologies for absence

Cllr Hancox, , D Brooker, J Wills

Plan 17/51 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Plan 17/52 Public Forum

Mr B Urbick and Mr A Westerhof spoke in relation to item 6.1 P17/S0820/HH. Mr Urbick explained the proposal was to improve a space above their detached garage which already had a room above but they wished to make improvements with regard to the access and light as the room was being used as a hobbies room for quilting. He stated they had sought pre-application advice and the Officer didn't like the proposed dormer windows on the southside preferring them to be on the northside ie the rear slope as this would be less visually prominent (also suggesting in a reduction in the number from 3 to 2 as 3 dormers on the rear slope was considered unsuitable as it gave the building more of a domestic rather than ancillary appearance). However it had since transpired that the neighbours at Treetops were unhappy about this proposal due to overlooking concerns. Mr Urbick stressed the proposed windows were in fact some 50 metres away from the adjacent property but the drawings may give the impression there was overlooking possibly, although Mr Urbick thought when comparing the view of the newly installed Network Rail gantries say this possibly wasn't too awful. For them it would actually have been preferable to have the windows on the sunnier side (south side) as first proposed, and additionally they didn't want to upset the neighbours at Tree Tops and could put in another amended application in due course. They wondered whether they could seek approval for what was currently submitted in the meantime.

Plan 17/53 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 28th February 2017

The minutes were approved and signed by Cllr Brown.

Plan 17/54 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Plan 17/55 Applications

Plan 17/55.1 **P17/S0820/HH Katauyak, Goring on Thames, RG8 0JY.** Alterations to

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double garage.

After inspecting the plans Cllr Bulmer said she hoped the issue could be resolved with the neighbour with regard to the overlooking objection and Cllr Hall said she didn't have a problem with either of the two proposals. Cllr Reavill said he could see no particular problem with overlooking given the distance of 50 metres between the two buildings which was acceptable in relation to the legal requirement.

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

Plan 17/55.2 **P17/S0593/HH 27 Lockstile Way, Goring on Thames, RG8 0AL.**
Removal of conifer hedge and erection of 1.82 metre high fence.

Cllr Hall noted the property was situated on the corner plot and this proposal was simply replacing a hedge with a fence. Cllr Reavill noted there had been a supportive comment from no 25 who thought the fence was preferable to a hedge which may encroach over the pavement etc.

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

Plan 17/56 **SODC Decisions**

No decisions had been received.

Plan 17/57 **Matters arising from those minutes not on the agenda elsewhere**

There were no matters arising.

Plan 17/58 **West Berkshire applications**

Nothing of concern was noted.

Plan17/59 **Correspondence**

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Plan 17/60 **Site visits**

To see schedule

Plan 17/61 **Matters for further discussion**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50 pm

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