

GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting held on Tuesday 21st November 2017 at 7:30pm,

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

MINUTES – PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

C Fox, Acting Clerk Planning, 3 members of the public

Plan 17/146 Apologies for absence

Cllr M Brown

Plan 17/147 Declarations of interest

Cllr Urbick declared an interest in item 6.4 P17/S3827/HH Katauyak, Goring on Thames as he was the applicant. In relation to item 6.3 P17/S3788/LB Nappers Cottage as he is owner of the adjacent building (Nappers Stores, the neighbouring property whose current tenant is Virgo Beauty) as indicated in the Declaration of Interest form.

Plan 17/148 Public Forum

Mr & Mrs Holland stated they were present in relation to item 6.3 Nappers Cottage, High Street, Goring on Thames. They stated they were the applicants and were present to see what the Committee thought of the proposal.

Plan 17/149 To approve the minutes of the meetings of 7th November 2017

The minutes were approved and signed.

Plan 17/150 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Plan 17/151 Applications

Item 6.3 P17/S3788/LB Nappers Cottage was brought forward to be considered first.. Cllr Urbick left the room.

Plan 16/151.1P17/S3788/LB Nappers Cottage, High Street, Goring on Thames, RG8 9AR. Replace existing 1980s double glazed windows on upper storey with new windows

Cllrs noted the building was listed as well as being in a prominent position on the High Street and within the Goring-on-Thames Conservation Area. It appeared the proposal was to replace upper storey existing 1980s UPVc windows with new ones. Cllr Hall said the newer UPVs windows were much better than the older ones in that they were visually much better these days and could replicate a number of different styles of windows. However Cllr Wills wondered whether the applicants could investigate looking into replacing the windows with wooden ones. Cllrs discussed whether this decision should be left to the Conservation Officer to decide. Cllr Brooker

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however felt quite strongly due to the prominent location wooden windows may be preferable and was concerned about precedents being set for UPVC if the Committee approved this (the building being Listed as well as in the Conservation Area). The applicant in response to questioning from Cllrs agreed to look into the costs etc of possibly incorporating wooden windows instead of UPVC. After further discussion Cllrs voted unanimously to recommend the application for **REFUSAL** (and to include a request for a Conservation Area Appraisal).

Cllr Urbick returned to the room.

Plan 17/151.2 17/S3502/HH The Angles, 14A Summerfield Rise, Goring on Thames, RG8 ODS Amendment no 2 – dated 6th November 2017. Removal of existing roof and dormer to bungalow and new first floor extension to form living accommodation (as amended by plan ref H1 353.05A which replaces a first floor casement window in the eastern elevation with a high level window). (As amended by elevation plan H1353.05B increasing the cill height of the bathroom window to 1750mm).

Cllrs noted this was another amendment to the application, Cllr Hall recalled the application which was a modern house in corner plot. Cllrs could see no problems with the proposal and therefore voted unanimously to recommend the application for **APPROVAL**.

Plan 17/151.3 P17/S3760/FUL Brownies Patch, Bridle Way, Goring on Thames, RG8 OHS. Demolition of existing boathouse and replacing with new boathouse.

Cllrs noted the application referred to a “boathouse”, and the plans were somewhat poor and more a ‘garden shed’ than boathouse. Cllr Wills queried the parking space shown as this was public land, and was concerned this shouldn’t be used as a weekend cottage. Cllrs then voted unanimously to recommend the application for **APPROVAL**.

[Cllr Urbick left the room]

Plan 17/151.4 P17/S3827/HH Katauyak, Lane Between Mill Road and Bridle Way, Goring on Thames, RG8 0JY. Alterations and extension to double garage

Cllr Hall noted the nearest neighbour was in favour of the proposal, they had previously lodged an objection. Cllr Brooker was happy as long as the building wouldn’t be used as a separate dwelling. After further discussion Cllrs voted unanimously to recommend the application for **APPROVAL**.

Plan 17/155 SODC Decisions

No decisions had been received this week.

Plan 17/156 Matters arising from those minutes not on the agenda elsewhere

There were no matters arising.

Plan 17/157 West Berkshire applications

Nothing of concern was noted.

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Plan17/158 Correspondence

No correspondence had been received (except in relation to applications).

Plan 17/159 Site visits

N/A

Plan 17/160 Matters for further discussion

Cllr Urbick proposed the idea of reducing the number of planning meetings to one each month similar to South Stoke. The Clerk has some reservations as she thought South Stoke may receive fewer applications and was unsure whether it would always be possible to get extensions for response times from the Officers. It was decided Cllrs would discuss this at the next Full Council meeting in December.

Cllrs discussed the Applications and Decisions Schedule and CIL payment information that Cllr Urbick had incorporated into it. It was agreed going forward that each Cllr should monitor a CIL site as apparently payments of monies became due once building works commenced. Cllr Urbick had spent quite some time editing the applications and decisions spreadsheet to highlight where CIL payments should be due and it was agreed to further discuss this at a forthcoming meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm

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