



GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee of the Goring-on-Thames Parish Council

Tuesday 10th September 2024 at 19.30, Gardiner Pavilion

Members Present: Cllr M Stares (Chair)
Cllr J Emerson
Cllr B Newman
Cllr S Lofthouse
Cllr T Thurston
Cllr B Urbick

Officers Present:
Assistant Clerk Mr M Harper

Public and Press
4 Members of the Public.

Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting.

Two MoPs spoke in support of P20/S2540/HH. The proposed acoustic fencing would not be visible from the road and was intended to reduce the railway noise. The new fence along the High St/Red Cross Rd boundary would replace the existing dilapidated fence and overgrown ivy and scrub. The present appearance was unkempt, there was a danger that pedestrians or children could fall through gaps into the garden some 10 feet below and the growth was obstructing the pavement on Red Cross Rd and visibility at its junction with the High St. It was noted that similar close boarded fencing existed within the conservation area and at neighbouring properties in particular. They would have preferred to plant a hedge but considered there was insufficient room.

One MoP objected to the application on the grounds that, in the Victorian centre of the Village, hedges were an integral feature, and their greenery contributed to the value of the conservation area. It would be preferable to cut back the existing growth to improve pedestrian safety and the visibility of the junction. A fence would represent a large and damaging intrusion into the conservation area.

Meeting started 19.45

24.23.1. To receive apologies for absence and substitutions.

Cllr Williamson, substituted for by Cllr Thurston, Cllr Urbick substituted on the resignation of Cllr Bridle.

24.23.2. Declarations of Interest

24.23.2.1. To receive declarations of interest.

Cllr Urbick declared an interest in agenda item 5.3 as the applicant.

24.23.2.2. To consider requests for dispensations.

None.



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24.23.3. To approve the minutes of previous committee meetings.

24.23.3.1. Meeting held on 27th August 2024.

It was agreed the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting and they were duly signed.

24.23.4. To consider applications and approve response to the planning authority.

24.23. 4.1. P24/S2540/HH 1 Red Cross Road Goring RG8 9HG

Erect 10ft acoustic fencing on railway line boundary and 6ft close board fencing to High Street/Red Cross Road. Widening of driveway.

Committee members were not concerned about the acoustic fencing or the widening of the driveway. The potential improvements to pedestrian safety and visibility at the High St/Red Cross Rd junction were noted, but the Committee were reluctant to lose the appearance of greenery and considered that a plain 6ft fence would be overbearing in a prominent position.

Resolved: Approved by five votes with one against to submit the response: Object; but to suggest that on the boundaries with the High Street and Red Cross Road a one metre fence, topped with a trellis to allow vegetation to be seen would be preferable to maintain the greenery typical of the conservation area. The Council has no objection to the acoustic fence nor to the widening of the drive.

24.23.5. To note amendments to planning applications.

The following were noted:

24.23.5.1. P20/S2488/FUL 43 Springhill Road Goring RG8 0BY

Residential development of 44 dwellings including demolition of 43 Springhill Road, vehicular and pedestrian accesses, play area, public open space and associated landscaping and earthworks.

24.23.5.2. P24/S1788/FUL Battle Farm Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0LP

Restore and adapt the existing farm buildings on the site, converting the buildings into one 3- bedroom, and two 4-bedroom dwellings with associated landscaping and parking. (Additional information received 12 July 2024 and amended plans and additional information received 8 August 2024 and additional and amended documents received 27 August 2024)

24.23.5.3. P24/S2116/HH Katauyak Goring RG8 0JY

Erection of eco-lodge residential annex for use as art studio and garden room. (As amplified by information received 29 August 2024.)

24.23.6. To note planning authority decisions on applications.

None.

24.23.7. To confirm the date of the next meeting – Tuesday 24th September 2024.

Confirmed.

There being no further business to be transacted, the Chair closed the meeting at 20.10