

Minutes



OF A MEETING OF THE

Planning Committee

HELD AT 6.00PM ON 7 APRIL 2010

AT COUNCIL OFFICES, CROWMARSH GIFFORD

Present:

Mrs P Slatter (Chairman)

Mr G Andrews, Ms J Bland, Mr F Bloomfield, Mr D Bretherton, Mrs C Collett, MBE (as substitute for Mrs A Midwinter), Mr P Cross, Capt J Flood, Mrs E Gillespie, Mr A Hodgson, Mrs J Murphy (as substitute for Mr I Lokhon), Mr R Peasgood, Mr R Peirce, Mr A Rooke, Mrs M Turner

Apologies:

Mr I Lokhon and Mrs A Midwinter submitted apologies for absence.

Officers:

Mrs K Fiander, Ms P Fox, Mrs E Hamerton, Ms S Spencer

107. Minutes

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2010 as a correct record and to agree that the Chairman sign them.

108. P09/W1047 Land adjacent to the Red House, Elvendon Road, Goring on Thames

Mrs P Slatter, a local ward councillor, stepped down from the committee and took no part in the debate or voting on this item. Mr F Bloomfield acted as Chairman for this item.

The committee considered an application to erect a single detached dwelling with garage and the formation of a new vehicular access at the Red House, Elvendon Road, Goring on Thames. Before the meeting, the committee received a copy of the planning appeal decision dated 1 October 2008 that had been omitted from the committee papers. The planning officer reported receipt of one additional letter of objection.

Mr A Strong, Goring Parish Council, spoke objecting to the application.

Mr P Mortimer, a local resident, spoke objecting to the application.

Mr M Waller, applicant, spoke in support of the application.

Mrs E A Ducker, a local ward councillor, spoke objecting to the application.

Mrs P Slatter, a local ward councillor, spoke objecting to the application.

Contrary to the officer's recommendation to grant planning permission, the committee expressed concern at the addition of the proposed house, which would increase the density of housing thus altering the character of that side of Elvendon Road. A motion to refuse planning permission, moved and seconded, was declared carried on being put to the vote.

RESOLVED: to refuse planning permission for application P09/W1047 for the following reason:

That the new house and garage on this site would intensify the density of the built development of that section of the road and weaken the general rhythm and wide spacing of development along the north side of Elvendon Road that contributes significantly to the character of the AONB, contrary to policies H4 and C2 of the adopted South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2011.

109. P09/E1148 Hot Gossip, 7 Friday Street, Henley-on-Thames, RG9 1AN

Ms J Bland declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item as an associate of the councillor who ran the business from the premises. In accordance with the councillors code of conduct she left the room and took no part in the debate or voting on this item.

The committee considered an application for a change of use of the ground floor to mixed A1/A3 use (coffee shop) at Hot Gossip, 7 Friday Street, Henley-on-Thames, RG9 1AN.

The planning officer clarified the opening hours of the business, which were 8.30 am to 5.30 pm Monday to Friday, 9.00 am to 5.30 pm Saturday and 10.00 am to 4.30 pm Sunday. In addition some local groups used the premises during the evenings. She proposed an additional condition to prevent the use of the garden area by customers, which was adjacent to residential property.

A motion to grant planning permission, moved and seconded, was declared carried on being put to the vote.

RESOLVED: to grant planning permission for application P09/E1148 subject to the following conditions and advisory notes:

1. That external lighting will only be permitted in accordance with a lighting scheme to be approved in writing by the local planning

authority. Any such lighting shall be directed downwards to prevent nuisance to the adjoining residential occupiers from light spillage and shall be turned on only during hours to be agreed as part of the lighting scheme and shall remain off at all other times.

2. That with the exception of the courtyard between the existing coffee house and the Old Bakehouse, the open areas to the rear of the building shall not be used for any purpose by customers of the coffee shop to protect the residential amenities of the adjoining residential property in accordance with policy G2 of the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2011.

The meeting closed at 6.50 pm

Chairman

Date