

GRAFFHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE GRAFFHAM PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3rd APRIL 2019 AT 4.30pm, EMPIRE HALL, COMMITTEE ROOM, GRAFFHAM.

PRESENT: Cllr. S. Macqueen (Chairman of Graffham Parish Council Planning Committee),
Cllr. S. Lydiard-Wilson and Cllr. J. Uphill
IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Tracy Rowe, Clerk

1. **Apologies**

Apologies had been received and accepted from Cllr. C. Ainley, Cllr. H. Charman, Cllr. S. Mackie and Cllr. T. Richardson.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

3. **Public Questions.**

There were no members of the public present.

4. **SDNP/18/060390/FUL Empire Hall, The Street, Graffham GU28 0QB**

Removal of 2 no. existing storage sheds and replace with 1 no. new single storey storage building to the north-east corner of the site. Amendment to existing side access track with “grasscrete” system along the southern boundary leading to new storage building for loading purposes.

Cllr. Macqueen, Chairman of Graffham Parish Council Planning Committee, stated that a site inspection had not taken place for this application, as GPC had previously inspected the site in August 2018, when it had considered the Empire Hall’s previous application: SDNP/18/04040/FUL (minute 07.09.18 refers) The application then had been to remove the existing sheds in the area at the back of the hall, convert the area into a car park for around nine cars with a wheelchair ramp into the hall, via a new porch. A triple store unit, two with double doors, would be constructed in the far North East corner of the new car park. The car park would be a wide mesh paneling into which soil and grass would be sown. GPC had submitted a SUPPORT response for this application. Subsequently the application had been withdrawn due to objections to the car parking. A parishioner had also objected due to his concern that the siting of the shed might necessitate the removal of a beech tree.

The Chairman explained that the application to be considered today, again sought to remove the four existing sheds and replace those with one single storey storage building as per the previous application, but did not include any car parking, although it did include access for cars to load and unload at the new storage building.

The Chairman stated that this application, by removing the nine car parking spaces and only allowing loading and unloading, should alleviate the concerns from neighbours about the possibility of noise, particularly late at night. Discussion ensued about whether, or not, the positioning of the storage unit would compromise the beech tree or not.

Following discussion, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Clerk be instructed to submit the following response:

“Graffham Parish Council submits a **SUPPORT** response with no further comments. **Action: Clerk**”

5. **To include any late or amended planning applications received.**

There were none.

The meeting ended at 4.45pm.

These minutes are an accurate record of the meeting.

Cllr. Sandy Macqueen, Chairman, GPC Planning Committee Date.....