

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER 2013
AT 7.00PM IN THE PAVILION, POUND LANE, SONNING.**

PRESENT: Anthony Farnese (Chairman), Sid Liddiard, Ian Runnalls, Lesley Bates (Clerk).
One visitor.

APOLOGIES: Mr P Doyle, had a pre-arranged meeting.

AGENDA

- a) Present.
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 20 November 2013 to approve.
- e) Updates.
- f) 4 West Drive (F/2013/2296) Proposed two storey side/rear extension with integral garage two storey rear extension single storey rear extension conversion of garage into habitable accommodation single storey front extension to form porch to dwelling and new access. To consider comments. (Deadline 23/12/13).
- g) Sonning Golf Club (F/2013/2197). Construction of a new vehicular access onto Pound Lane to allow access onto the site for emergency vehicles and green keeping vehicles. (Deadline 11/12/13)
- h) Conservation Area Assessment
- i) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- j) Date of the Next Meeting.

1227. DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.

In the absence of Mr Doyle Mr Farnese took the Chair and asked if there were any declarations. There were none.

1228. MINUTES.

The Minutes, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

1229. UPDATES.

The Chairman had no updates but the Clerk said she was aware that the advertisement application for the defibrillator had been approved and she understood that the defibrillator had been delivered. Installation was likely to begin after the Christmas holiday.

1230. 4 WEST DRIVE (F/2013/2296).

The Chairman said that the proposal was a good solution and squared the building up. It was a large extension and doubled the existing footprint but it was on a large plot, there would be no overlooking and the boundary distances were acceptable. Following discussion it was agreed to say no comment.

1231. SONNING GOLF CLUB (F/2013/2197).

This application had erroneously been allocated to Charvil and no plans had been issued to Sonning. The Council had only become aware of it on 10 December when Cllr Haines had referred to it. The deadline for comments had been 11 December but the planning officer had agreed to extend the deadline in order for SPC to consider the proposal. It was agreed that there had not been sufficient time for the Council to consider the application properly due to the mix up. Mr Runnalls said that the area was dedicated as countryside. The existing green keeping store was on the A4 side of the Golf course and this had existing access to the A4 on the north side and direct access onto the Golf course to the south. Mr Runnalls could not understand the need for a new access, was the intension to drive the green keeping vehicles from the existing storage via the A4 and into the Club via the new access. This did not make sense as there was existing access directly onto the course from the store area. The plans did not show details for a new direct access between the proposed new entrance and the green keeping store, which seemed to indicate that the proposal was to use the A4. The Chairman said that apart from the use of the access there was the issue of safety. Pound Lane was a very busy road leading to the junction with the A4. Traffic travelled very fast in both directions. Currently there was no need for the green keeping vehicles to go onto the A4 and if this was the intension there would be an increase in traffic on this busy part of Pound Lane. At times the area was very congested with traffic queues in Pound Lane, vehicles trying to exit onto Pound Lane from Duffield Road and members trying to access the Golf Club. Following discussion it was agreed to object to the proposal as there had been insufficient time to look at the plans in depth. That the Council could see no justification for the new access and no justification for the green keeping vehicles to go onto the A4/Pound Lane when there was an existing internal vehicular route providing direct access from the green keeping store onto the Golf course. And that introducing the new access would move the existing conflict between vehicles from Duffield Road onto Pound Lane, which was a more heavily trafficked road and this would create additional safety hazards.

1232: CONSERVATION AREA ASSESSMENT

The Chairman said that there was no update.

1233 MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman said there were concerns about the reply from Clair Lawrence regarding the S106 contribution attached to the Fire Station approval. There was particular concern about the statement that a copy of the report from the external arbitrator was not available for SPC to see as it was not a public document. It was agreed that a full discussion should be had to decide what the next steps would be and the Clerk would put it on the agenda for the planning meeting to be held on 6 January. The Clerk would acknowledge receipt of the letter from Ms Lawrence and say that it had arrived two days after the last full Council meeting and therefore SPC had not been able to fully discuss it.

1234 DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Monday 6 January 2014 at 7.00pm.

Signed.....Dated.....