

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 30 JUNE 2014 AT 7.00PM
IN THE PAVILION, POUND LANE, SONNING.**

PRESENT: Anthony Farnese (Chairman), Trefor Fisher, Sid Liddiard, Mena Pownall, Ian Runnalls.

Lesley Bates (Clerk) 1 Visitor.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Mr P J Doyle.

AGENDA

- a) Present.
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 18 June 2014 to approve.
- e) Updates.
- f) Sonning Fire Station (A/2014/1327) Erection of three Foamex signs and three flags 5m high at the front of developments. To agree comments. Deadline 16/07/14.
- g) Conservation Area Assessment a) Update.
- h) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- i) Date of the Next Meeting.

1310. DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.

In the absence of Mr Doyle, Mr Farnese agreed to act as Chairman. Mr Liddiard, as the adjoining neighbour and Mr Runnalls, as a close neighbour, declared an interest in item (f) Sonning Fire Station.

1311. MINUTES OF 18 June.

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

1312. UPDATES.

The following applications had been approved, 22 Glebe Lane, Sunnyridge Parkway Drive, 15 Pound Lane. The following applications were ongoing Fire Station, South Meadow Cottage, Sonning Farm (2). One new application had been received for Sonningdene

1313. FIRE STATION (A/2014/1327).

This application was for signs and flags, which were already onsite. The Chairman said that he had received comments that, if the developer were allowed to retain the signs and flags any resident could do the same. No pre-planning advice had been sought. Following discussion it was agreed to recommend refusal on the following grounds: Contrary to Communities and Local Government, Outdoor Advertisements and Signs, Guide for Advertisers 3 c (size and number of signs): ongoing management of the site (bonfires, signs and flags erected without permission): proposal does not represent what is on site: flags

specifically excluded in Conservation Areas, under class 7b of Communities and Local Government, Outdoor Advertisements and Signs, Guide for Advertisers: number of flags

permitted under Communities and Local Government, Outdoor Advertisements and Signs; could encourage erection of additional sign and flags in CA: urbanisation of the Conservation Area. The Chairman said that he was concerned that the developers were not abiding with conditions and the apparent lack of sympathy with the Conservation Area. Following further discussion it was agreed to propose that the Council made representation to the owner of the company running the development and that a copy should be sent to English Heritage. The Clerk would put this on the agenda for the main meeting on 8 July.

1314. CONSERVATION AREA ASSESSMENT

In the absence of Mr Doyle Mr Hamblin confirmed that the draft would be ready by the end of July.

1315 MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman said that he was concerned about the new signs on the Great House. The Clerk would ask Mr Doyle to check these out.

The Clerk said that Thames Water needed access to the Wharf at all times and had suggested fitting their own padlock to the existing chain so they could open the gate without referring to SPC each time. There were concerns about the SPC lock as only 3 keys were available, which was limiting, and additional keys could not be obtained. The Chairman said that A1 Locksmiths had proved very useful when he needed a specialist key made and the Clerk agreed to follow this up.

The Chairman and Mr Liddiard would look at the plans for Sonningdene.

Mr Liddiard said that there were concerns about the Oak tree in the garden of 15 Pound Lane, which was now subject to a TPO. The Chairman would contact WBC to say that SPC supported this action.

1316 DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 16 July at 7.00pm.

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