

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2014
AT 7.00PM IN THE PAVILION, POUND LANE, SONNING.**

PRESENT: Pat Doyle (Chairman), Mr A E Farnese, Ian Runnalls. Lesley Bates (Clerk)
2 Visitors.

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies

AGENDA

- a) Present
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 17 August 2014 to approve
- e) Updates
- f) Sonning Meade Thames Street (F/2014/1778) erection of part two/part single storey side and rear extensions to dwelling following removal of rear and side single storey extensions. To agree comments. Deadline 18/09/2014.
- g) South Lodge Sonning Lane (F/2014/1832) Erection of a two storey side, rear and front extensions to dwelling following removal of existing conservatory. To agree comments. Deadline 19/09/2014.
- h) 25 Glebe Lane (F/2014/1874) Erection of a two storey rear extension to dwelling following demolition and removal of existing single storey extension with canopy. To agree comments. Deadline 24/09/2014.
- i) Birchley Old Bath Road (F/2014/1879) Erection of 4no dwellings plus parking access and landscaping following demolition of existing dwelling and outbuilding. To agree comments. Deadline 26/09/2014.
- j) Sonning Farm Charvil Lane (A/2014/1816) Application for erection of post mounted aluminium sign. To agree comments. Deadline 2/10/2014.
- k) Local Flood Strategy. To consider comments. Deadline 31 October.
- l) Conservation Area Strategy.
- m) Any Matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- n) Date of the Next meeting.

1339. DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.

There were no declarations of Interest.

1340. MINUTES OF 17 AUGUST.

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

1341. UPDATES.

As an ex-officio member of the Fire Brigade Trust, the Chairman had received a copy of the applications to the Trust for funding. This included a request from SCC to fund the SCC scoreboard storage and suggested that the position for the storage had already been agreed, which was incorrect.

Mr Thorp had completed his report on the CAA, which was an excellent analysis of the draft document. Mr Thorpe was happy to make the proposed changes, if required, and it was agreed to send the proposal to the Society for comments/information.

The new manager at the Great House had told the Chairman they had employed two designers regarding major updates to the Hotel. The Chairman had provided him with John Cordell's contact numbers who might be able to offer advice.

1342. BIRCHLEY (F/2014/1879)

The Chairman said that the proposal was to demolish the existing house and to replace with four five-bedroom houses. Although the plot sizes were acceptable by modern standards the proposal represented back-land development and did not reflect the plot sizes in the area. Policy MDD TB06 said that WBC would resist development in the curtilage and former curtilage of dwellings unless it would have a positive contribution to the area. The Planning Inspector who dismissed an earlier appeal for a similar development on the site had said that *'the harm that I have found in respect of character and appearance is serious and, for the reasons given above, is a compelling reason to dismiss the appeal'*. The scale, massing and height were out of keeping with adjoining properties and did not comply with the Sonning Design Statement. Following discussion it was agreed to recommend refusal for the above reasons.

1343. SONNING MEADE (F/2014/1778)

Mr Farnese said that his was for a side extension to the property following removal of an existing single storey extension. The extension was in keeping with the building and the neighbours had no objection. There were however concerns regarding traffic management due to the lack of pavement and comments would be made to this effect. Following discussion it was agreed to say no comment but ask for consideration to be given to these concerns when determining the application.

1344. SOUTH LODGE (F/2014/1832)

This proposal was in the Countryside and was for large extensions to each side when viewed from the road. The proposal would swamp the existing modest cottage and removed existing features. The NPP Framework supported extensions in the countryside but the emphasis was on character and design. The proposal was out of keeping and not of an appropriate scale and height to the existing and was contrary to CP1(1), CP3 (a and f) and CP11(4). Following discussion it was agreed to recommend refusal for the above reasons.

1345. 25 GLEBE LANE (F/2014/1874)

This was for a two storey extension following demolition of an existing extension and similar in design to many extensions in Glebe Lane. Following discussion it was agreed to say no comment.

1346. SONNING FARM (A/2014/1816)

This was to replace an existing sign. Following discussion it was agreed to say no comment.

1347. LOCAL FLOOD STRATEGY

The deadline for comments was 31 October and, due to pressure of time, it was agreed to hold this over until the following meeting.

1348. SONNING CONSERVATION AREA ASESMENT.

This had already been discussed.

1349 MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

There were no urgent matters.

1350 DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Monday 6 October at 7.00pm.

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