

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 5 MAY 2015 AT 7.00PM IN
THE PAVILION, POUND LANE, SONNING.**

PRESENT: Pat Doyle (Chairman), Anthony Farnese, Peter Morrison, Ian Runnalls.
Lesley Bates (Clerk). 1 Visitor.

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

AGENDA

- a) Present.
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 22 April 2015 to approve.
- e) Updates.
- f) The Malt House (LB/20015/0769). listed building consent for the proposed replacement of 3 crittall windows in main dwelling and 2 crittall windows in barn. To agree comments. (Deadline 11/05/2015).
- g) The Great House (F/2015/0823). Extension and re-modelling of ground floor event and function rooms. To agree comments. (Deadline 15/05/2015).
- h) 32 Sonning Meadows (F/2015/0848). Conversion of loft space to habitable accommodation with front and rear dormer extensions and roof-lights to the rear elevation. To agree comments. (Deadline 09/04/2015).
- i) Conservation Area Assessment a) Update.
- j) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- k) Date of the Next Meeting.

1445. DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.

There were no declarations. The Chairman welcomed those present.

1446. MINUTES.

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

1447. UPDATES.

The Chairman said that Mr (James) Fisher wanted to expand his enclosed manage, although no application had been submitted, and had said that Councillors would be welcome to look around the site. There had been no update on August Field and Acre Field. Planning permission was in place for just August Field and it was possible for the developer to just build this. The existing permission would be subject to S106 but any new application would be subject to CIL. Henley Town Council was required to build another 450 houses and were concerned about the amount of traffic this number of dwellings would generate. They had employed Peter Brett and Associates to carry out a traffic impact assessment at a cost of £50,000.

1448. THE MALT HOUSE (LB/20015/0769).

The Chairman said that this was a listed building application, one of the windows had blown out and the others were in a poor state of repair. Pre-application advice had been taken and Giles Stephens was supportive. There was some concern that the windows were all different and none of them seemed to be original. Mr O'Callaghan said that it was current conservation policy to replace like with like. It was agreed to say no comment.

1449. THE GREAT HOUSE (F/2015/0823).

The Chairman said that this was for the second phase of the proposed refurbishment. Internally the majority of the plans had already been seen but the new plans showed the proposed new frontage to the far left of the property when viewed from the River. The proposal was to extend the existing building out towards the River, with a flat roofed extension with six, full height, plain glazed, by-fold doors opening out onto the gardens. The result was a very long, bland building with no design details to soften it. It didn't blend in with its surroundings, the Bridge, or the area and was a wasted opportunity. The proposal did not take into account the setting or the proximity to the listed Grade 11 Listed Bridge and could be clearly seen from the River. Following discussion it was agreed to say that the proposal should be refused, as it stood, for the above reasons.

1450. 32 SONNING MEADOWS (F/2015/0848).

The Chairman said that this was for a loft conversion and that there had been several similar developments in Sonning Meadows. Following discussion it was agreed to say no comment.

1451. CONSERVATION AREA ASSESSMENT

The Chairman said that Mr Thorpe was updating the document and would be able to provide a timescale week commencing 11 May. WBC were being very helpful

1452. MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman said that WBC had given permission for the Willow at the Great House to be felled as it had been found to have substantial decay. The management were keen to retain it as it still looked attractive from the hotel side and Canon Tree Care had agreed to try pollarding the tree to see if it could be saved before felling it.

1453 DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Monday 18 May at 7.00pm due to the Clerk being absent on the 20 May.

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