

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 15 JUNE 2015 AT 7.00PM
THE PEARSON HALL, PEARSON ROAD, SONNING.**

PRESENT: Ian Runnalls (Chairman), Anthony Farnese, Trefor Fisher, Peter Morrison, Mena Pownall. Lesley Bates (Clerk). 1 Visitor. In attendance, Sue Jacobs.

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies. As Pat Doyle had resigned Mr Runnalls agreed to Chair the meeting

AGENDA

- a) Present.
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 18 May 2015 to approve.
- e) Updates.
- f) King George V Field (F/2015/1172). Erection of an extension to existing safety fence at King George V playing field. (Retrospective) To agree comments. (Deadline 15/06/2015).
- g) Conservation Area Assessment a) Update.
- h) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- i) Date of the Next Meeting.

1462. DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.

Declarations of Interest were received from all Councillors. Councillors would have an interest if a parish council planning application was being discussed. However they had requested a dispensation on the grounds that failure to grant a dispensation would impede the transaction of the business due to the number of members having the same interest. The Clerk had therefore granted a dispensation to all affected Councillors.

1463. MINUTES.

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

1464. UPDATES.

The Clerk said that 4 Thames Terrace had been approved. The applicant had revised the site plan and the Clerk had consulted the neighbour in 4 Thames Terrace who found it acceptable, but had said that his rear extension was not the boundary as it had been set back when it was built to allow maintenance. The Clerk had responded to this effect but had said that the previous objections to the internal gutter remained (see minute 1457).

1465. KING GEORGE V FIELD (F/2015/1172).

Mr Farnese said this was a retrospective application to extend the height of the safety netting around the playground. There was no guarantee that this was 100% ball proof but it showed the Council were taking the issue seriously. Following discussion it was agreed to say no comment.

1466. CONSERVATION AREA ASSESSMENT

The Clerk had checked and the revised document was with the WBC Conservation Officer in case he wanted to make any changes. Mr Thorpe had spoken with the department and they had been very complimentary but had asked for an extra two weeks. Mr Hamlin asked to see a copy of the revised document. The Clerk said that Mr Thorpe had sent this to WBC and he would make any amendments and send the final draft to the Council.

1467. MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman said that there was still no sign of the Bell Tower being erected following completion of the Fire Station development. There had been some issues about the agreed position as a large tree was in the way but nothing had happened since. The Clerk would check with the planning officer to see if there was any information. Mr Hamlin (Sonning and Sonning Eye Society) said that a large Oak tree had been removed from the Golf Club boundary in Pound Lane. The Chairman said this had been discussed at the Council meeting on 9 June. The Clerk had prepared a draft letter, which was circulated, amended and agreed. This would be sent to Claire Lawrence, the tree office and copied to the Golf Club.

1461 DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Monday 6 July at 7.00pm.

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