

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 22 JUNE 2016 AT 6.30PM  
THE PAVILION, POUND LANE, SONNING.**

PRESENT: Mr I Runnalls (Chairman), Mr A E Farnese, Mr T Fisher, Mr P Morrison. Mrs L Bates (Clerk), 1 Visitor.

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

**AGENDA**

- a) Present.
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 6 June 2016 to approve.
- e) Updates.
- f) 2 South Drive (161423). Erection of a single storey detached outbuilding to form garden room. To agree comments. Deadline 28/06/16.
- g) Land Adjacent to Model Farm (161565). Proposed use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes for 2no gypsy pitches together with the formation of utility/dayrooms and hardstanding ancillary to that use. To agree comments. Deadline 07/07/16
- h) Conservation Area Assessment.
- i) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- j) Date of the Next Meeting.

1631. DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.

The Chairman said that he would have a personal interest in 16565, Land Adjacent to Model farm Cottages. There were no other declarations of interest.

1632. MINUTES.

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

1633. UPDATES.

The Chairman said that the Readingensians application to comply with conditions, had been approved, application 161118, Shepherds House overbridge, had been approved, application 161473, 32 Sonning Meadows, had been approved.

1634: 2 SOUTH DRIVE (161423).

Mr Morrison had visited the site and had spoken to one of the neighbours and the owner. The owner had said that the room was required for her daughters and other visitors and the neighbour had no objections. The proposal was for a single storey, detached, outbuilding to form a garden room but was referred to on the plans as a shed. It was located on the boundary with the adjoining property, 1 South Drive, and was approximately 37 ft. long by 12 ft. wide. There were central glazed double doors and side windows plus two larger picture windows on either side. There was a large picture window to one end elevation and a small window to the other. Internally there was a shower room with toilet and washbasin. The building was sizable and would need to be connected to mains drainage, water and electricity. The footings and a concrete base had already been laid in spite on the declaration on the application form to the contrary. Following discussion it was agreed to object to the proposal as it was on the boundary, that it was too large and would require connection to mains drainage.

1635: LAND ADJOINING MODEL FARM COTTAGES (161565).

This was resubmission of a previous application, which had been withdrawn because one of the certificates had incorrectly identified the owner as a company rather than an

individual. This was now correctly shown on the new certificate and the new application also showed that the access road was in the ownership of Sonning Golf Club. Following discussion it was agreed to resubmit the same comments as submitted on the previous application and to stress that the application form was still incorrect (it was identical to the original form except for the certificates) and that the site was now occupied (contrary to the statements on the application form).

1636: CONSERVATION AREA ASSESSMENT.

The Clerk had circulated a draft letter to Clare Lawrence, which was agreed.

1637: MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman said that St. Andrews Acre (the old Vicarage) had been sold and the Society were looking into the possibilities of having it listed. Rob Wilson (MP) had co-chaired a joint Third Thames Bridge Summit to discuss the results of WBC's latest traffic modelling. Mr Fisher said that SODC were planning to spend £10,000 on raising the Playhatch Road as their answer to the flooding. The Chairman said that he had responded to Chris Rees saying that SPC were of the opinion that three new houses were more likely to satisfy the Inspectors comments on August/Acre Field. Mr Rees had responded to say that the developers needed to build four houses to make the development viable. The Chairman had alerted the Conservation Office about the deterioration of Keepers Cottage, the fence had been removed exposing it to potential vandalism, the front door had been boarded up and a section of the cottage to the right of the door had also been boarded up. Plants had also been allowed to grow from the brickwork. Parking had become a further problem at the Great House due to the builders and materials being on site.

1638: DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Monday 4 July at 6.30pm.

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