

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2016 AT
6.30PM THE PAVILION, POUND LANE, SONNING.**

PRESENT: Mr A E Farnese (Chairman), Mr T Fisher, Mr P Morrison (until 7.00 pm), Mrs S Jacobs, Mr I Runnalls. 1 Visitor. Mrs L Bates (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies

AGENDA

- a) Present
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Inter
- d) Minutes of 19 October 2016 to approve.
- e) Updates.
- f) Pavilion, Sonning Recreation Ground (162872). Erection of a cricket training net facility at the existing site. To agree comments. Deadline 17/10/16
- g) South Meadow Cottage (161434). Erection of single storey outbuilding to provide gym and store plus provision of car park. To agree comments. Deadline 21/10/16.
- h) Conservation Area Assessment.
- i) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- j) Date of the Next Meeting.

1697. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.**

Mr Farnese agreed to continue as Chairman of the Planning Committee until such time as Mr Runnalls felt able to do so. Councillors declared an interest in item (f) Pavilion, as they, as landowners, were technically the applicant. However this was not personal or prejudicial as the proposal was on behalf of SCC. The Chairman welcomed all those present.

1698. **MINUTES.**

The Minutes having been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chairman. The Chairman said that it would be necessary to monitor the condition of Keepers Cottage.

1699: **UPDATES.**

The Chairman said that there were three new applications, 31 West Drive, 9 Glebe Lane and the additional parking at the Great House. No plans had been received for the Great House and the Clerk would chase this up. Mr Hamblin said that he was glad to see that the Golf Club application had finally been refused.

1700: **PAVILION (162872).**

The Chairman said that he had received comments from parishioners: that the proposal would spoil the existing vista, lack of a Great Crested Newt mitigation report and no photographs to illustrate the proposal. Following discussion it was agreed to bring these comments to the attention of the officer and to be guided by his decision.

1701. **SOUTH MEADOW COTTAGE.**

Mr Fisher said that the property was an eco-house and the replacement outbuilding would be built in matching materials. However it was double the size of the existing outbuilding. No Great Crested newt mitigation report was included. Following discussion it was agreed to say that the Council could see no reason to object but to ask for a Great Crested Newt mitigation report to be submitted prior to a decision being made.

1702: CONSERVATION AREA ASSESSMENT.

The Chairman said that the consultation had begun on 3 October and the exhibition in the Parson Hall had been very successful. Several Councillors been of assistance over the two days. The Chairman said that there hadn't been any feedback from WBC so far and it was agreed that this would be very useful. SPC and the Society had provided provisional numbers for copies of the completed CAA and were waiting to hear the costs.

1703: MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman said that he was concerned about the proposal to extend the Great House car park closer to the boundary with the Thames. Mr Fisher said that it had been pointed out that an extra 18 spaces would reduce on street parking in the village

1704 DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Monday 5 December at 6.30pm.

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