

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2017 AT
6.00PM THE PAVILION, POUND LAN, SONNING.**

PRESENT: Mr A E Farnese (Chairman), Mr T Fisher, Mr P Morrison, Mr I Runnalls.
Mrs L Bates (Clerk), 5 Visitors.

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

AGENDA

- a) Present.
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 22 February 2017 to approve.
- e) Updates.
- f) Land Adjacent The Manor House Thames Street (170301). Change of use of existing office to two dwellings including a single store extension and associated works. To agree comments. Deadline 07/03/17
- g) Sonning Field Sonning Lane (170387) Full planning application for the proposed gravelled car park with 41 spaces including 2 disabled spaces with associated new fencing and entrance gates. To agree comments. Deadline 16/03/17.
- h) The Great House (170511). Full planning application for the proposed installation of vehicular ramp to improve access to the lower car park. To agree comments. Deadline 23/03/17.
- i) Conservation Area Assessment.
- j) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- k) Date of the Next Meeting.

1753. DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.

There were no declarations. The Chairman welcomed all those present.

1754. MINUTES.

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

1755: UPDATES.

The Chairman said that application 163103 Inniscara 15 Holmemoor Drive, and application 163053, The Old School House had been withdrawn. Applications (163312), Sonning Church of England Primary School and (163418) Grove Cottage had been approved. Application (162805) Little Tudor Duffield Road had been refused. Acceptable details had been submitted on application 163513) 43 West Drive.

1747: LAND ADJACENT TO MODEL FARM COTTAGES
APPEAL (APP/X0360/W/16/3157465).

Mr Runnalls withdrew for this application. The Chairman went through the process so far and the residents agreed. They said that the number of caravans had increased to four and several adults and two children were now living on the site, one child was at Sonning School. The travellers had been warned prior to occupation that they should not occupy the land. A number of incidences had occurred since occupation in December 2015. A police raid: a high fence had been erected and floodlights installed which shone into the bedroom windows of Model Farm Cottages: the travellers were using the Model Farm Cottages as their address with a number of packages being regularly delivered to their homes, a vehicle had been registered at their address, and a bailiff's letter had been delivered to their home. The area was gated but numerous vehicles, including flatbed lorries being driven by non-residents, were now accessing the site on a commercial basis: two caravans were sited alongside the

boundary of 2 Model Farm Cottage with windows overlooking their private rear garden: an unauthorised cess pit had been installed. Following discussion it was agreed that this amounted to a nuisance and was detrimental to the amenity of the occupants of Model Farm Cottages, the cess pit was also a potential health and safety hazard. Additional comments would be made to this affect. It was understood that there were confidential matters that might be disclosed and if this was the case further discussion would be held at the next meeting.

1747. 21 WEST DRIVE ((163345).

This application had been discussed at the previous meeting and the comments agreed at that time (Min. 1742) were confirmed.

1748. 37 WEST DRIVE (163512).

Following discussion it was agreed that the proposal would be an improvement and it was agreed to say that the Council could find no reason to object.

1749. GREENBANKS OLD BATH ROAD (163596)

Mr Runnalls said that the proposal complied with regulations and it was agreed to say that the Council could find no reason to object.

1750. CONSERVATION AREA ASSESSMENT.

There was no further update.

1751. MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

There were no urgent matters.

1752. DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 22 February at 6.30pm.

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