

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2017
AT 6.30PM THE PAVILION, POUND LAN, SONNING.**

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

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Mr Morrison (holiday).

AGENDA

- a) Present.
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 6 February 2017 to approve.
- e) Updates.
- f) Reading Blue Coat School (170118). F/2010/1641 Application to vary condition 13 of planning consent F/2010/1641 for the Proposed erection of a two storey classroom block, construction of an internal access road (part temporary part permanent) and erection of two temporary buildings containing 4 classrooms. Demolition of existing 3 classroom buildings known as (Dunster Gaines Cooper & Lesser) to allow for up to 825 pupils to be enrolled at the school. To agree comments. Deadline 24/02/17
- g) 65 Pound Lane (170136) Application to remove condition 6 - access to be widened, of planning consent F/2015/0403 (2/4/2015). To agree comments. Deadline 23/02/17.
- h) Shepherds Hill Overbridge (170119). Listed building consent for proposed alterations to parapets with the installation of railings, plus anti-climb works to comply with electrification regulations (Revised Scheme). To agree comments. Deadline 23/02/17.
- i) The Old School House (170184). Proposed replacement of the willow hurdle fence with 1m high cast iron hurdles (estate fencing) and put a cast iron gate in the new fence to enable an access path at the front of the dwelling. To agree comments. Deadline 03/03/17.
- j) Willowmere Bath Road (170093). Erection of a first floor side extension, conversion of garage and loft to create habitable accommodation to dwelling with rear dormer and roof lights. To agree comments. Deadline 28/02/17.
- k) 7 Glebe Lane (170248). Erection of a single storey rear extension to dwelling. To agree comments. Deadline 02/03/17
- l) Conservation Area Assessment.
Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- m) Date of the Next Meeting.

1753. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.**

There was no declarations of interest. 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 applications 163448, 8 South Drive and 163512, 37 West Drive had been approved. Application 170283, St. Andrews Church (new building) landscaping, had been withdrawn,

1756: **READING BLUE COAT CHOOOL (170118).**

The proposal was to increase the number of pupils from 750 to 825 following an increased number of applications for places at the school and the current number at 754 was already over the limit. There had already been a number of developments over the past few years and the applicant had always stressed that there was no intention to increase the number of pupils. Sixth form parking in Sonning Lane had increased to unacceptable numbers of the proposed increase would add to this and also increase the traffic. Statements in the letter accompanying the proposal did not reflect the actual situation, particularly those with regard to parking and the plans did not address the highways concerns and would result in additional highway parking and problems. Following discussion it was agreed to object to the proposal for the above reasons.

1757. 65 POUND LANE (170136).

This was a highways matter and it was agreed best left for WBC to make a decision.

1758. SHEPHERDS HILL OVERBRIDGE (170119).

This was to install a safety barrier on the parapet of the listed Bridge and unfortunately Network Rail had the authority to make such changes. It was however agreed that a comment should be made stating that SPC were disappointed that the proposal was unsympathetic and did not take into account the grade 11 listed status of the Bridge.

1759. OLD SCHOOL HOUSE THAMES STREET (170184)

Mr Fisher said that the proposal was quite straight forward. Following discussion it was agreed to say that SPC could find no reason to object.

1760. WILLOWMERE BATH ROAD (170093).

Mr Fisher said that the neighbour some concern that the proposal would unbalance the two semi-detached houses. Following discussion it was agreed to say that SPC could find no reason to object.

1761. 7 GLEBE LANE (170248).

Following discussion it was agreed to say that SPC could find no reason to object.

1762. CONSERVATION AREA ASSESSMENT.

Giles Stephens had now confirmed that the CAA would go to the Executive on 7 April for approval.

1763. MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

The final draft additional comments on the appeal against WBC's refusal of the proposal for Land Adjacent to Model Farm Cottages was agreed. There were no other urgent matters.

1764. DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Monday 6 March at 6.30pm.

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