

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 25 JULY 2017 AT 6.30PM
THE PAVILION, POUND LANE, and SONNING.**

PRESENT: Mr I Runnalls (Chairman), Mr A E Farnese, Mr T Fisher, Mrs M Pownall.
Mrs L Bates (Clerk), 2 Visitors.

APOLOGIES: Mr P Morison (away)

AGENDA

- a) Present.
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 3 July 2017 to approve.
- e) Updates.
- f) Hope Cottage 11 Pound Lane (171651). Householder application for the proposed part single storey, part two storey side and rear extension to dwelling. To agree comments. Deadline 28/07/17
- g) Keepers Cottage Duffield Road (171785). Householder application for the proposed erection of part two side storey extension plus erection of single side extension to dwelling. To agree Comments. Deadline 27/07/17
- h) Keepers Cottage Duffield Road (171786). Listed Building for the proposed erection of part two side storey extension plus erection of single side extension to dwelling. To agree comments. Deadline 27/07/17
- i) Conservation Area Assessment.
- j) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- k) Date of the Next Meeting.

1825 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.

Councillors Runnalls, Farnese, Fisher and Pownall, had requested dispensations to discuss and vote on item (f) as they knew the applicant very well and he was a previous Councillor. The Clerk had granted the dispensations on the grounds that without the dispensation the number of persons unable to participate in the transaction of business would be so great as to impede the transaction of the business. The Chairman welcomed all those present.

1826 MINUTES.

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

1827 UPDATES.

The Chairman said that Sonning Golf Club, appeal for 13 dwellings had been allowed. This was very disappointing and would adversely affect the area and have an impact on traffic. Readingensians application for an artificial grass pitch had been approved as had the application at 2 South Drive, Holme Park Farm House and 3 High Street. A new application for 33 West Drive had been received.

1828 HOPE COTTAGE 11 POUND LANE (171651).

The Chairman said that a bat survey had been undertaken. Mr Liddiard said that one small Pepperell had been seen but a further inspection was required. The Chairman said the proposal was for a large extension but any concerns about this would be outweighed by the fact that the extension would provide the return of some privacy from the overdevelopment at the Fire Station and felt that the application should be supported on these grounds alone. Mr Farnese said that the proposal was in keeping with the surroundings and was a welcome change. Following discussion it was agreed to make comments to this effect.

1829 KEEPERS COTTAGE (171785 and 171786).

Mr Fisher had visited the site and spoken to the consultees who were supportive of the application as the cottage would be renovated. One neighbour on the other side of the railway line, who overlooked the cottage, was neutral and although Mr Fisher had dropped his details and reason for his visit into Linkside, they had not responded. The fencing was in place and the cottage boarded up. The proposal included changing a first floor window into a door to provide access from the existing swelling into the extension. The applicant judged the archaeological value of the site as of 'little value' which was questionable as the dwelling had a grade11 listing. The vehicular access was onto Duffield Road on a sharp bend and, as it was stated that the Golf Club had no intension of selling the cottage, it would seem sensible to provide access from the Golf Club car park. Timber cladding was mentioned in a note on the drawing but there was no indication of this on the drawings. Following discussion it was agreed to say that there was no objection in principle due to the welcome renovations that were included, but to question the lack of details including the timber cladding, to say there were concern about changing the first floor window into a door in case the timber frame would be breached, to say that SPC would prefer to see an extension that would reflect and would not detract from the original and to ask that the vehicular access should be from the Golf Club car park.

1830. CONSERVATION AREA ASSESSMENT.

As this had been successfully concluded it was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

1831. MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman said that the heritage lights in Wargrave were in poor condition and were worth looking at. Mr Farnese said that he was appalled that the all-weather pitch at Readingensians had been approved as it would intensify the use including the use of floodlights in the evening. The RBCS had also applied to install a multi-use games area in the walled garden, which included floodlighting and he understood that the tennis club were considering improvements including lighting their courts. The lighting pollution in the parish was already unacceptable.

1832. DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Monday 31 July at 6.00pm.

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