

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 5 MARCH 2018 AT  
6.00PM IN THE PAVILION, POUND LANE, SONNING.**

PRESENT: Mr A E Farnese (Chairman), Mr T Fisher, Mr P Morrison, Mrs P Pownall.  
Mrs L Bates (Clerk), 2 visitors.

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

**AGENDA**

- a) Present.
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 21 February 2018 to approve.
- e) Updates
- a) Pool Court (180445). Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey detached to create garage and ancillary accommodation. 16/03/18
- b) The Bull Inn (180264). Full application for the proposed erection of a replacement kitchen extract fan and associated equipment following removal of existing. 05/03/18
- c) The Bull Inn (180265). Application for Listed Building Consent for the proposed erection of a replacement kitchen extract fan and associated equipment following removal of existing. 05/03/19
- d) The Bull Inn (180266). Full application for the proposed construction of a front pergola; revised layout of the rear beer garden; relocation of existing bar; construction of a new disabled toilet plus erection of a new fence to the rear of the garden. 09/03/18
- e) The Bull Inn (180267). Listed Building consent application for the proposed construction of a front pergola; revised layout of the rear beer garden; relocation of existing bar; construction of a new disabled toilet plus erection of a new fence to the rear of the garden. 09/03/18
- f) 22 Pound Lane (180090). Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed conversion of existing thatched roof to tile roof. [Not consulted on](#)
- g) August Field (180359). Application for a non-material amendment to planning consent 170894 (28/09/2017) for the proposed access drive to accommodate fire appliance vehicle. [Not consulted on](#).
- f) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- g) Date of the Next Meeting.

1922 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.

Mr Fisher said that item (k) 22 Pound Lane, concerned his neighbouring property and he would not take part in any discussion. There were no other declarations of interest.

1923 MINUTES.

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

1924 UPDATES.

The Chairman said that the application for 7 Glebe Lane, 173552, had been approved.

1925 POOL COURT (180445).

Mr Fisher said that the outbuilding involved in this application had been part of a previously application (173369). However, due to the controversy over a large Coast Redwood 16 metres high and with a 560mm diameter, which had been felled without permission. Permission was required as the tree was in the Conservation Area where all trees were subject to a blanket TPO. It was surprising that no one, applicant, architect or tree surgeon appeared to have been aware of this In order to approve the remainder of the application the outbuilding had been removed by the applicant. Councillors were concerned about the

illegal felling of this tree, particularly as it was in the way of the proposed outbuilding. The applicant had apologised to WBC and had now resubmitted the application for the outbuilding. A new Coast Redwood was to be planted away from the proposed outbuilding. Mr Fisher said that there would be no new lighting, perhaps some low level pathway lights, and the architect said that the proposal was modest and in keeping. The Council's comments on the previous proposal for the outbuilding had been to object as the building was overly large, would dominate the existing dwelling, did not reflect any details on the existing dwelling and that it was therefore unsuitable due to its bulk and massing. Mr Gilmore thought the outbuilding was too big and out of proportion with the existing, being 3/4 of the length of the existing dwelling and higher in parts. Although he had no objections to replacing the existing garage he felt this represented creeping development and the outbuilding should not be allowed to be changed residential. Mr (Star Court) though the outbuilding too large in size overbearing and that it should not be habitable. Following discussion it was agreed to object for the above reasons and to express concerns about the effect the additional traffic would have on existing residents.

1926 THE BULL INN (180264, 180265, 180266 & 180267).

The Chairman said that the proposed works were long overdue, he had spoken the wife of the publican, who had said that the current smoking area was unsuitable. The kitchen extractor and associated equipment was to be replaced, the main bar was to be moved forward to allow more space for those serving a disabled toilet was to be installed, the rear garden of the Bull was to be tidied up and improvements made to the frontage, including a replacement pergola. Following discussion it was to say that SPC welcomed the sympathetic improvements. Mr Hamblin said the Society were concerned about the roof to the pergola.

1927 ITEMS F TO G.

The Clerk said that the Council were not being consulted on applications F to G as one was for a Certificates of Lawfulness and the other to comply with conditions on existing permissions. They were on the agenda for Councillors to note or comment if they felt that there were issues they wished to raise. It was agreed that there were no issue to raise.

1928. MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

There were no urgent matters.

1929. DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 21 March at 6.00pm in the Pavilion (since cancelled).

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