

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2014 AT
7.00PM IN THE PAVILION, POUND LANE, SONNING.**

PRESENT: Pat Doyle (Chairman), Anthony Farnese, Sid Liddiard, Mr Runnalls.
Lesley Bates (Clerk). 1 Visitor.

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

AGENDA

- a) Present.
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 3 March 2014 to approve.
- e) Updates.
- f) Former Fire Station Pound Lane (VAR/2014/0327) Application for the removal/variation of submission of details to comply with the following conditions of planning consent F/2013/0149:3. Samples and details of materials4. Hard and soft landscaping5a) Arboricultural Works Scheme7. Secure bicycle parking8. School warning signs9. Vehicular access gradient11. Existing vehicular access13. Asbestos Survey14. Ground levels15. Boundary treatments20. Surface Water Drainage Scheme21. Bat Survey22. Reptile Contingency Plan24. Air Raid Shelter26. Site Management Plan27. Relocation of school signs28. Stag Beetle Mitigation Plan. To agree comments. (Deadline 25/03/14).
- g) 33 Waldor House West Drive (F/2014/0210). Erection of a two storey rear extension to dwelling. (Deadline 21/03/14)
- h) 7 Old Bath Road (VAR/2014/0192) Application to vary condition 2 of planning consent F/2011/2151 to change drawings no's 8195 BR-03.04.05.06.07.08.09. & 10 TO 8195-BR0-04c.05.06c.07c & 09c. (Deadline 21/03/2014)
- i) Conservation Area Assessment
- j) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- k) Date of the Next Meeting.

1262. DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.

Mr Liddiard would, as an adjoining neighbour, have a personal and prejudicial interest in item (f), he could speak but not vote. The Chairman welcomed those present.

1263. MINUTES.

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

1264. UPDATES.

The Chairman said that he had spoken to WBC and they had produced two copies of the Managing Development Delivery document for Sonning. Another document Planning Practice was also available via the planning portal. Cllr Haines had e-mailed the Chairman to say that in future he would base his reasons for listing an application on this document

rather than a request from the Parish Council.

Appeal 35 Little Glebe. This had been allowed by the Inspectorate confirming the Council's view rather than WBC's.

Mr Beckingham (Rt. Hon T May's office) had written asking for views on the recent flooding. Although not affected in the same way that Sonning Eye had been there were issues, which could be brought to Mr Beckingham's attention. Mr Runnalls said that Sonning village was most affected when the road near the French Horn was flooded, blocked drains and un-cleared ditches were part of the problem. The Chairman said that none of the water management carried out in the past was now being done and SPC needed to address the problem with water flowing off the field. Mr Farnese said that the water table was still very high. Mr Runnalls said that there was a view that gravel extraction was a contributory factor to flooding as this washed the fines out. However much money was spent on repairing the Playhatch Road it would not change the situation, the route was still reliant on a weak single lane bridge. It was agreed that everyone would put a note together outlining their concerns ready for the Chairman to respond to Mr Beckingham, Mr Liddiard suggested asking Mr Hargrave about the views of the Reading Business Forum as the business community had been badly affected by the flooding/road closures/delays etc.

1265. FORMER FIRE STATION (VAR/2014/0327).

The Chairman said that clause 8 required the existing access to the Fire Station to be blocked up prior to the new one being built, which would leave the site without a vehicular access. The applicant had discussed this with the planning office and they appeared to have worked out an agreement. The 'school' signs had been removed. Following discussion it was agreed to say no comment.

1266. WALDOR HOUSE (F/2014/0210)

There had been a number of applications on this site. The latest proposal was to build on the rear rather than on the sides as had been proposed in the past. Following discussion it was agreed to say no comment.

1267. 7 OLD BATH ROAD (VAR/2014/0192).

This was to vary an existing approval and the proposed changes were not significant. Following discussion it was agreed to say no comment.

1268. CONSERVATION AREA ASSESSMENT

The Chairman said that comments from the Society should be ready by the end of March. It might be necessary to ask an expert to look at the final draft.

1269 MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

There were no urgent matters.

1270 DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Monday 31 March at 7.00pm.

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