

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH 2014 AT
7.00PM IN THE PAVILION, POUND LANE, SONNING.**

PRESENT: Pat Doyle (Chairman), Anthony Farnese, Sid Liddiard, Ian 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 19 March 2014 to approve.
- e) Updates.
- f) Little Court Farmhouse Charvil Lane (LB/2014/0465). Listed Building consent for the proposed conversion and extension of basement to create habitable accommodation to dwelling including external patio and reinstated light-well. To agree comments. (Deadline 10/04/14).
- g) Little Court Farmhouse Charvil Lane (F/2014/0365). Conversion and extension of basement to create habitable accommodation to dwelling including external patio and reinstated light-well. To agree comments (Deadline 10/04/14)
- h) Conservation Area Assessment
- i) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- j) Date of the Next Meeting.

1271. DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.

Mr Runnalls would, as a near neighbour, have a personal interest in items (f and g). The Chairman welcomed those present.

1272. MINUTES.

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

1273. UPDATES.

The Chairman said that WBC had responded to the request for an additional bollard outside Pilgrims to the effect that this would narrow the driveway. The Chairman had measured the bollards and they were 64 inches apart measured to the centres. If a new bollard was placed at the same distance there would be 203 inches between it and the North Lodge wall. For comparison the Chairman had measured Sonning Bridge (a major Thames crossing) and this was 129 inches to the centre. M Farnese had looked and wondered if another bollard might be an additional hazard. The Clerk would ask WBC to look again explaining that SPC had measured the distance and the resident was in favour.

The Chairman said that Sonning Farm would be applying for a poly-tunnel in the field next

1273. UPDATES (Cont'd).

to Long Garth. Mr Liddiard said that poly-tunnels could only be granted temporary permission so they could only be used for part of the year. The Chairman and Clerk had hard copies of the MDD. The electronic version was very good with arrows to guide users to further information, such as national guidelines. Areas were no longer referred to as green wedges but were part of the green belt.

Fire Station. The developer had installed a hording to the front of the development site. Some large advertisements had been removed but there were several large flags flying on the front boundary facing Pound Lane. Although flags on building sites were allowed under class 7b they were specifically excluded in Conservation Areas. The Clerk would contact David Mann for clarification.

Applications to comply with conditions had been submitted for White Oaks and Falcon Cottage. No decision had been made on 35 Old Bath Road or 7 Old Bath Road.

WBC had approved the application for dolphins on Sonning Bridge. Mr Hong had indicated that they wanted to use the Wharf to enable their machinery to access the River and would install a track-way to protect the area.

1274. LITTLE COURT FARMHOUSE CHARVIL LANE (LB/2014/0465 & F/2014/0365).

This was discussed and, as there were no concerns, it was agreed to say no comment.

1275. CONSERVATION AREA ASSESSMENT

The Chairman said that he had spoken to Mr O’Callaghan and understood that the assessment would be ready in the coming week. Once received a decision would need to be made on the next steps. The document needed to be submitted later in the year.

1276 MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

There were no urgent matters.

1277 DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 16 April at 7.00pm.

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