

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 18 AUGUST 2014 AT
7.00PM IN THE PAVILION, POUND LANE, SONNING.**

PRESENT: Pat Doyle (Chairman), Mr A E 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 4 August 2014 to approve.
- e) Updates.
- f) 100 Thames Valley Park Drive Sonning (A/2013/1668) Advertisement consent for the proposed erection of 1no internally illuminated freestanding logo sign.
- g) 100 Thames Valley Park Drive Sonning (CLP/2014/1606) Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed demolition of glazed link way between two buildings.
- h) Conservation Area Assessment
- i) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- j) Date of the Next Meeting.

1331. DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.

There were no declarations of Interest.

1332. MINUTES OF 4 AUGUST.

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

1333. UPDATES.

The Chairman said that he had spoken to Mr Wiggly about the Fire Station development and the fact that very little of the original building remained. The Fire Mast was at Stokenchurch being repaired, as it needed to be structurally sound. Mr Runnalls said he believed there had been a fire bell before the siren had been installed. Mr Runnalls said that he had spoken to the planning officer who had not been aware that so much of the existing building had been removed and the officer had asked him to supply full details. The Chairman said there was a conflict between modern building standards and renovating old buildings and Mr Runnalls said that the existing building had been more or less demolished. Mr Liddiard said that the Design and Access Statement said that the existing building would be converted not demolished. There were concerns about any conversion of historic buildings in the future if conversion could be interpreted to mean demolition.

The Chairman said that there was a new application for Sonning Meade. Access to the site was limited due to the narrow frontage. The latest WBC by-law prevented vehicles from parking on footpaths and there could be no exceptions. Obstructing traffic could lead to double yellow lines on some Sonning roads. It would be worth asking WBC what they intended to do about this.

1334. 100 THAMES VALLEY PARK (A/2013/1668)

The Chairman said that he had visited the site and the proposed illuminated sign was in keeping with its surroundings. Following discussion it was agreed to say no comment.

1335. 100 THAMES VALLEY PARK (CLP/2014/1606)

This was to demolish a link between two buildings. Following discussion it was agreed to say no comment.

1336. SONNING CONSERVATION AREA ASESSMENT.

It was agreed that this was a very good document. Preliminary comments on first readings were as follows:

The pavilion was described as the 'cricket' pavilion although it was used by other sports, it was agreed this should be amended to read 'sports' pavilion.

Spring Cottages were described as being originally one house, whereas this had never been the case. This would be checked against the historic building listing.

The document made no mention of the surrounding areas, which were important to the setting of the Conservation Area. The Chairman agreed that that it would be worth looking at this and possibly adding something, perhaps an additional guidance document. The Conservation Area document was almost ready to send to WBC. Initial comments would be sent to Ms Coulter and then on to other readers.

1337 MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman said that the Lock was not looking its best and he agreed to speak to the Lock Keeper.

Mr Runnalls said that there was a covenant on August Field which allowed only one dwelling to be built on the plot (planning permission had been granted for four dwellings).

It was agreed that this was a civil matter not a planning matter.

1338 DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Monday 1 September at 7.00pm.

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