

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 7 APRIL 2015 AT 7.00PM
IN THE PAVILION, POUND LANE, SONNING.**

PRESENT: Pat Doyle (Chairman), Anthony Farnese, Peter Morrison, Ian Runnalls.
Lesley Bates (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

AGENDA

- a) Present.
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 18 March 2015 to approve.
- e) Updates.
- f) The Great House (LB/2015/0334 & F/2015/0333). Listed building consent for the proposed refurbishment of ground floor public area, installation of stair case to first floor and addition of 3no guestrooms at first floor. To agree comments. (Deadline 09/04/2015)
- g) 100 Thames Valley Park Drive Sonning (F/2015/0523). Erection of an external compound to house a compactor and paper store (part retrospective). To agree comments. (Deadline 09/04/2015).
- h) Sonning Farm Charvil Lane (OFF/2015/0723). Prior approval submission for the conversion of existing office building (use class Ba (a)) to 1 self-contained residential flat (use class C3). To agree comments. (Deadline 16/04/2015)
- i) Conservation Area Assessment a) Update.
- j) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- k) Date of the Next Meeting.

1428. DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.

There were none. The Chairman welcomed those present.

1429. MINUTES.

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

1430. UPDATES.

The Chairman said that the use of the land, used as a store next to Model Farm Cottages, had intensified. Secure gates were being erected which gave rise to suspicions that heavy equipment might be stored there, which would severely affect the amenity of the adjoining households. David Mann had met the residents on site and agreed to wait to see what developed but he was also considering serving a section 215 notice. Mr Runnalls said he understood that the owners of the site were intending to bulldoze the whole site, which was a haven for wildlife, he had also noted that the site couldn't be seen from the road. Mr Runnalls said the amenity of the neighbours was of more importance. The Chairman said that he had seen the schemes for the Golf Club: one for just houses: one just flats and a third for a mix of both. The proposed development site was to the left of the existing Club House. The Chairman said that apparently all Golf Clubs were suffering financially. Mr Morrison said this was correct, it was more difficult for private members clubs. Mr Morrison also felt that the traffic issue relating to the previous application should have been measured across the whole day rather than just during peak periods.

The Chairman said that there were several new applications, one at 4 Thames Terrace, one for 6 Pound Lane and one for a change of office to a flat at Sonning Farm. RRFC wanted to

improve their floodlighting and August Field had submitted samples of materials. It was possible that Millgate would submit new plans rather than go to appeal at Birchley.

1430. THE GREAT HOUSE AT SONNING (F/2015/0333 &LB/2015/0334).

Everyone had seen the plans and agreed that they would improve a community asset. Pre-application advice had been sought. Following discussion it was agreed to support the application.

1431. 100 THAMES VALLEY PARK (F/2015/0523).

The Chairman said that a compound was already on the site and used as a store for plastic pallets, the proposal would add a covered area for storing and compacting paper. Following discussion it was agreed to say no comment.

1432. SONNING FARM CHARVIL LANE (OFF/2015/0723).

This was to change an office into a flat. Legislation had recently changed to allow redundant farm offices to be turned into residential accommodation and WBC had written to inform SPC that they did not require any comments. Following discussion it was agreed not to do so.

1433. CONSERVATION AREA ASSESSMENT

The Chairman said that he had given a copy of the revised report to the Society and Ms Coulter had agreed to let the Chairman have any comments by 9 April. Mr Thorpe would then check it out ready to prepare a finished document to present to WBC. WBC would add any maps that were needed, free of charge, and fifty copies of the final approved document.

1434 MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman said that there had been nothing more from Henley regarding the gravel extraction. Shiplake were proposing to reduce the speed through Shiplake to 20mph.

1435 DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 22 April at 7.00pm.

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