

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2016
AT 6.30PM THE PAVILION, POUND LANE, SONNING.**

PRESENT: Mr I Runnalls (Chairman), Mr A E Farnese, Mr T Fisher. Mrs L Bates (Clerk), 1 Visitor.

APOLOGIES: Mr Morrison had sent his apologies (holiday). The Chairman welcomed everyone.

AGENDA

- a) Present.
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 20 January 2016 to approve.
- e) Updates.
- f) The Great House (F/2015/0823). Extension and re-modelling of ground floor event and function rooms (amended plans). To agree comments. (Deadline 01/03/16).
- g) 9 Glebe Lane (160410). Non-material amendment to planning consent 152000 to allow the increase projection slightly at the front. To agree any comments. (Valid date 17/02/16).
- h) Conservation Area Assessment a) Any Update.
- i) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- j) Date of the Next Meeting.

1570. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.**

There were no declarations of interest.

1571. **MINUTES.**

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

1572. **UPDATES.**

There Chairman said that that the following applications had been approved, Redhouse Cottage, Sonning Farm, 47 West Drive, the White House. Revised plans had been received for the Pavilion, Holme Park Sportsground, and Mr Farnese agreed to look at these Mr Fisher would look at the plans for 51 Pound Lane.

1573. **THE GREAT HOUSE PHASE 2 REVISED PLANS (F.2015/0823).**

Mr Fisher said that these were revised plans and he had seen the Council's comments on the original proposal. There were some changes but overall the design looked similar to phase one, which had already been implemented. The Chairman said that the roof was no longer flat but had a sloping upstand and there was some planting, they also intended to install jumbo patio umbrellas. The Chairman was concerned about the proposal to demolish the wall between the car park and the garden/patio area. There were some old tree stumps, which he would be happy to see go and the intention was to rebuild the wall closer to the car park to avoid conflict with the front extension, and to plant new trees. However the revised plans did not show what was proposed for the wall facing the River, just that it would be demolished. There was no reason to remove this and he had concerns that the intention might be to extend the car park. Mr Fisher said that the car park was full at midday when he was there recently and Mr Farnese said that the overflow parked at the Mill. Following discussion it was agreed to say that the revised plans did mitigate some of the Council's earlier concerns but the removal of the car park wall facing the River needed to be clarified, that the plans appeared to be incomplete as they did not show any detail for the River side of the car park, and to ask if there were plans to extend the car park.

1574. 9 GLEBE LABE (160410).

The Chairman said that the application was for a non-material amendment to increase the projection at the front. The approved plans included projecting the front by two feet and the proposal would extend it by a further two feet, but not further than the building line delineated by number 5, the house set most forward. The neighbour had no objections and it was agreed not to comment.

1575. CONSERVATION AREA ASSESSMENT.

There were no updates.

1576: MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

Mr Farnese said that thanks were due to the Chairman for attending the August, Acre Field appeal, which took place over two rather than one days. Mr Hart said the Society preferred the layout set over the two sites. Mr Farnese said the proposal was on the edge of the village and would increase traffic movements in an already congested area. Mr Hart said the Society would support a Village Plan, which would become a supplementary planning document and provide more protection from large development. However it would be necessary to have some development. The Chairman said that Sonning was a limited development area and Mr Farnese said that a development area, adjoining Little Glebe had already been identified in the Local Plan.

1577: DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 16 March at 6.30pm. The Chairman gave his apologise as he would be away.

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