

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2016 AT  
6.30PM THE PEARSON HALL, PEARSON ROAD, 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 as he was abroad. The Chairman welcomed all those present.

**AGENDA**

- a) Present.
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 3 May 2016 to approve.
- e) Updates.
- f) Sonning Church of England Primary School (161037). Demolition of existing staff toilets, new extension and internal alterations to form new secure entrance and reception area and new staff and disabled toilet. External works to form new parking layout and safer access. To agree comments. Deadline 24 /05/16.
- g) Little Shire Mustard Lane (161131). Erection of a single storey rear extension, double storey side extension to dwelling and conversion of garage into habitable accommodation. To agree comments. Deadline 25/05/16.
- h) Hillside Pearson Road (161124). Erection of single storey rear extension to dwelling, following demolition and removal of existing lean to extension (amendment to previous consent 153080). To agree comments, Deadline 25/05/16.
- i) Shepherds House Overbridge (161142) Prior approval to replace coping stones and anti-climb works to comply with electrification regulations. To agree any comments. Deadline 27/05/16.
- j) Shepherds House Overbridge (161118) Listed Building application to replace coping stones and anti-climb works to comply with electrification regulations. To agree any comments. Deadline 27/05/16.
- k) Conservation Area Assessment. Any Update.
- l) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- m) Date of the Next Meeting.

1613. DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.

There were no declarations of interest.

1614. MINUTES.

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

1615. UPDATES.

The Chairman said that application F/2015/0823, for signs at The Great House, had been approved, application 160327, to comply with conditions at Birchley, had been approved and application 160794, 75 Pound Lane, for a two storey extension had been approved.

1616: SONNING CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL (1601037).

Mr Farnese said that the proposal was to extend the front elevation to provide a more secure access and reception area and improve internal facilities. There were existing drainage

problems which could only be address if the adjoining landowners cleared their ditch on the boundary. Following discussion it was agreed to say no comment.

1617: LITTLE SHIRE (161131).

Mr Fisher said that this was a revised application, the previous one had been withdrawn, prior to submission. Mr Fisher had spoken to the neighbours one felt that the changes were very minor, the extension, part of which was two storey, would only be 1.1 metres from their boundary, and the proposal made no difference to their original objections. These included objections to the Juliet balcony, which would result in a loss of privacy due to the proximity to and overlooking of the existing conservatory, at Chestnut House. The other neighbour supported these objections and said that the proposal was out of scale, that it would affect the other neighbour's privacy and reduce light to their conservatory. Mr Fisher also pointed out the fact that, when viewed alongside each other the drawings on the original application showed a smaller gap between the existing garage and the boundary, and a wider gap on the new application. Following discussion it was agreed to object to the proposal and to reiterate the original objections and to say there was little change between the new application and the original, the proposal would be out of scale with the modest plot and surroundings, it would dominate the street scene, loss of light and privacy to Chestnut House, overlooking from the Juliet balcony and point out the inconsistency between the two drawings.

1618: HILLSIDE (161124).

This was a revision of a previously approved application. Following discussion it was agreed to say no comment.

1619: SHEPHERDS HOUSE OVERBRIDGE (161118 & 161124).

Following discussion it was agreed to say no comment.

1620: CONSERVATION AREA ASSESSMENT.

Clare Lawrence had invited representatives of SPC and the S&SE Society to a meeting to discuss the status of the CAA on 24 May, 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm.

1621: MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

There were no urgent matters.

1622: DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Monday 6 June at 6.30pm.

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