

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 4 JULY 2016 AT 6.30PM
THE PAVILION, POUND LANE, SONNING.**

PRESENT: Mr I Runnalls (Chairman), Mr A E Farnese, Mr P Morrison. Mrs L Bates (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

AGENDA

- a) Present.
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 22 June 2016 to approve.
- e) Updates.
- f) Sonning Golf Club (161529). Outline application for the erection of 13 dwellings with associated highway works, public open space and landscaping. (Approval sought for Access). To agree comments. Deadline 13/07/16.
- g) Holmelea, Sonning Lane (161591). Single storey rear extension to dwelling plus front extension to create garage space. To agree comments. Deadline 12/07/16
- h) Conservation Area Assessment.
- i) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- j) Date of the Next Meeting.

1639. DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.

There were no declarations of interest.

1640. MINUTES.

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

1641. UPDATES.

The Chairman said that the following applications had been approved: 160981, 32 Sonning Meadows, 161131, Little Shire and 161124, Hillside, had been approved. No decision had been made on the Rockery, A new application for 20 Old Bath Road had been submitted, this was similar to the previous application but the roof had been lowered.

1662: SONNING GOLF CLUB (161529).

Mr Farnese had spoken to Mr Doyle who had confirmed that the site was outside the settlement and in the countryside. The application contained various photographs taken in the CA and proposed 40 car spaces and a new access, which would need to be put out to separate consultation. The Golf Club was not attracting business and the facilities they offered had been reduced. In a previous application for two new houses in Duffield Road the Club had stated that they needed funds to maintain Keepers Cottage. The Chairman said that he had already spoken to the CA Officer about the condition of the Cottage. The Club had removed the existing protective fencing, opening the Cottage up to potential vandalism and the Club appeared to be neglecting it. The Chairman had also spoken to English Heritage, who had listed the cottage and they said that any enforcement had to be taken by WBC. It was agreed that the Clerk should write an official letter to WBC about the situation. Following discussion it was agreed that the reduced numbers (17 down to 13) made no difference to the impact the proposal would have on the Countryside, and to resubmit the comments made on the earlier application, which recommended refusal.

1663: HOLMELEA SONNING LANE (161591).

Mr Fisher had spoken to the neighbours, who had no objections. Following discussion it was agreed to say no comment.

1664: CONSERVATION AREA ASSESSMENT.

There had been no reply from Clare Lawrence to the letter regarding the status of the CAA.

1665: MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

It was agreed that Cllr Haines should be asked to list the application at the Golf Club. Mr Farnese expressed concerns about the work being carried out on the listed cottages at the Great House. The CA Officer had been advised and, having made contact with the owners, they had responded with a list of works. They were supposedly preparing the rooms for redecoration, however the workmen were wearing hard hats, which indicated more challenging building work was taking place. If this proved to be the case the Chairman would follow this up.

1666: DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 20 July at 6.30pm.

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