

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2016 AT  
6.30PM THE PAVILION, POUND LANE, SONNING.**

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

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Mr Morrison (vacation).

**AGENDA**

- a) Present.
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 19 October 2016 to approve.
- e) Updates.
- f) 20 Old Bath Road (1629190). Erection of two storey side, single storey side and two storey front extensions, plus raising of roof to create habitable accommodation to dwelling with 3no rear dormers and front velux windows. Demolition of existing garage. To agree comments. Deadline 7/12/16
- g) Inniscarra 15 Holmemoor Drive (163105). Front and rear single storey extensions, front and rear two storey extensions and conversion of existing loft to provide additional habitable accommodation. To agree comments. Deadline 7/12/16
- h) The Great House at Sonning (161332). Proposed 18 space extension to existing 'lower' car park. To agree comments. Deadline 8/12/16
- i) 31 West Drive (163113). Erection of a part two storey, part single storey front extensions to dwelling. To agree comments. Deadline 8/12/16
- j) 9 Glebe Lane (163088). Single storey front extension and porch extension to dwelling. To agree comments. Deadline 13/12/16
- k) The Old School House (163053). Listed Building consent for the erection of 1m -high reclaimed cast iron hurdles to form a fence along 10m of south-east boundary, to include a cast iron gate, installation of a 1350mm - wide reclaimed brick path from gate to the top of existing brick steps in front garden (part retrospective). To agree comments. Deadline 20/12/16
- l) Local Plan Update – Site Assessment Engagement. To comment on nominated sites within or affecting Sonning. Deadline 12 /12/16
- m) Conservation Area Assessment.
- n) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- o) Date of the Next Meeting.

1705. DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.

There were no declarations. The Chairman welcomed all those present.

1706. MINUTES.

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

1707: UPDATES.

Mr Runnalls said that the bungalow at August Field was being demolished. The Clerk had checked with Mr Stephens who had not been able to speak to the officer to ascertain the situation.

1708: 20 OLD BATH ROAD (162919).

Mr Fisher said that this was the third application. The first had been refused and the second had been approved in August 2016. The main difference between the approved proposal and the latest application was the shape of the roof and a large 3 storey window at the front. The adjoining neighbour had strongly objected to the previous applications and was objecting to the latest proposal for similar reasons. Loss of light, loss of afternoon sun, loss of privacy, flat roof, concern that the proximity of the extension to his property would affect the foundations and structure of his property. Following discussion it was agreed to object to the proposal for similar reasons to those submitted on the previous proposals plus mass bulk,

loss of light, loss of privacy.

1709. INISCARRA 15 HOLMEMOOR DRIVE (163105).

The Chairman had spoken to the neighbour in 14 Holmemoor Drive who was concerned about the proximity of the proposal to his side window and loss of light. Following discussion it was agreed to say that the Parish Council was concerned about the loss of light to the neighbouring property.

1710. THE GREAT HOUSE (163032).

The Chairman said that the hotel had a parking problem and extending the car park by 18 spaces would not address this. The area was prone to flooding although the water would drain through the proposed surface, a tree was to come down. The hotel was in the Conservation Area and in a particularly beautiful location. Following discussion it was agreed to object strongly to include that the Council would prefer the area to be restored to its former use as a garden. Extending the car park would destroy the original peaceful setting and the proposal was contrary to several WBC policies, concern about the narrow access.

1711. 31 WEST DRIVE (163113).

The Chairman had spoken to the neighbour who had no concerns. Following discussion it was to say that the Council could find no reason to object.

1712. 9 GLEBE LANE (163088).

Mr Runnalls said that a similar application had been refused previously as it was too far forward. Following discussion it was agreed to say no objection as the proposal did not project further forward than the established building line at 5 Glebe Lane.

1713. THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE (163053).

This was to replace an existing fence and other improvements in the garden. Following discussion it was to say that the Council had no reason to object.

1714: CONSERVATION AREA ASSESSMENT.

There was no further update.

1715. LOCAL PLAN UPDATE – SITE ASSESSMENT ENGAGEMENT.

WBC had invited Parishes to provide local information on the proposed sites in their Parish as part of the process to decide the final suggested sites for consultation in June 2017. Several Northern Parishes felt that the proposals in adjoining parishes, and the comments adjoining parishes would make, should be taken into consideration when making comments on their own parish. Suggestions for a joint meeting had been mooted. It was agreed that this was a huge matter and that the proposed comments should form the main part of the meeting on 3 January 2017.

1716: MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

There were no matters arising

1717 DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Monday 21 December at 6.30pm.

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