

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY 2017 AT  
6.30PM THE PAVILION, POUND LANE, SONNING.**

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

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

**AGENDA**

- a) Present.
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 3 January 2017 to approve.
- e) Updates.
- f) 8 South Drive (163448). Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension, relocation of front entrance door and erection of new porch. To agree comments. Deadline 20/01/17
- g) 43 West Dive (163513). Submission of details to comply with the following condition of planning consent 161755 (24/08/2016) 4. Protection of trees. To agree comments. Deadline.
- h) WBC Local Plan Update – Call for Sites. Update.
- i) Conservation Area Assessment.
- j) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman. Proposed (245) houses - development Eye and Dunsden.
- k) Date of the Next Meeting.

1735. DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.

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

1736. MINUTES.

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

1737: UPDATES.

The Chairman said that application 163032, the Great House, to extend the car parking area for 18 extra car spaces, had been refused. The Great House had dug out the area for the car park but it was agreed that the area had been used as a material and vehicle store during recent building work but it was worth watching this. Mr Fisher said that a digger was being used on the Great House moorings, as they had not used SPC's access route it was assumed that access had been via the Great House access. The Chairman said that the Great House was negotiating with the land owner to have parking space for 100 cars on land adjacent to the Mill Theatre. They did not however own the access to the site. The Chairman said that application 163244, 32 Sonning Meadows, had been approved.

1738: 8 SOUTH DRIVE (163448).

The Chairman said that this was an infill on the existing dwelling. Following discussion it was agreed to say the Parish Council could see no reason to object.

1739. 43 WEST DRIVE (163513).

Mr Fisher said that this work would protect the trees in question. Following discussion it was agreed to support this application.

1740. LOCAL PLAN UPDATE – CALL FOR SITES.

The Clerk had circulated draft comments on all 7 sites. Mr Fisher said that he had double checked and site 5S0003 was also in the CA. The Clerk would add suitable comments and returns the forms to WBC,

1741. CONSERVATION AREA ASSESSMENT.

There was no further update.

1742. MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman said that application 163345, 21 West Drive, was to remove existing trees following demolition of the original dwelling and building the new, this included a very fine specimen tree to the front of the property. Following discussion it was agreed to object to the proposal and that removal of the trees should have formed part of the original application, and if it had, SPC would have objected strongly, as it was hoped that WBC would have done. The applicant was aware of the trees when positioning the new dwelling on the site, which was substantially larger than the existing. The applicant had been aware of the importance of the trees at the planning stage as a tree protection scheme had to be submitted. Removing the trees was not the only option.

The Chairman said that Eye and Dunsden PC had asked for the Council's support in objecting to a proposal to build 245 houses in their parish, which currently only had 140 houses. Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should submit objections to include the additional pressure of traffic on Sonning Bridge and urban creep into important green gap.

1743 DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Monday 6 February at 6.30pm.

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