

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2018  
AT 6.00PM IN THE PAVILION, POUND LANE, SONNING.**

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

APOLOGIES: Mr P Morrison.

**AGENDA**

- a) Present.
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 17 January 2018 to approve.
- e) Updates.
- f) Reading Blue Coat School (180129). Full application for the proposed demolition of 3 bay garage block. 22/02/18.
- g) Pilgrims, Thames Street (180262). Householder application for the proposed alterations to reduce the current entrance lobby and W.C. to enlarge the vehicular access by 300mm and front garden alterations. 06/03/18
- h) Pilgrims, Thames Street (180263). Listed Building application for the proposed alterations to reduce the current entrance lobby and W.C. to enlarge the vehicular access by 300mm and front garden alterations. 07/03/18
- i) Neaps End 15 Old Bath Road (180363). Full planning application for the proposed erection of 5 bedroom dwelling with double garage following the demolition of the existing dwelling. 9/3/18
- j) 67 Pound Lane (180138). Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension to dwelling. **Not consulted**.
- k) 22 Pound Lane (180090). Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed conversion of existing thatched roof to tile roof. 12/03/18 **Not consulted**
- l) August Field (180083). Submission of details to comply with the following condition of planning consent (170894) 28/09/2017 7. Material 9. Brick Panel 10. Roofing Materials **Not consulted**
- m) Hillside Pearson Road (180400). Submission of details to comply with the following condition of planning consent (161124) 16/06/2016. 3. External Materials. **Not consulted**
- n) Holme Park Farm (180065) Prior notification application for the proposed erection of a 5-bay agricultural barn open-sided to the south. **Not consulted**
- o) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- p) Date of the Next Meeting.

1913 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.

Mr Fisher said that item (k) 22 Pound Lane, concerned his neighbouring property and he would not take part in any discussion. There were no other declarations of interest.

1914 MINUTES.

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

1915 UPDATES.

The Chairman said that the application for 7 Glebe Lane, 173552, had been approved.

1916 RBCS (180129).

Mr Farnese said the application was to demolish a 3 bay block of garages, which backed onto the road leading to the Nursery School on the adjoining property and had been built about 30 years previously. Following discussion it was agreed to make no comment.

1917 PILGRIMS (180262 & 180263).

Mr Fisher said that the application was to enlarge the access by 300mm by reducing the lobby and toilet area 150mm. Some alterations to the front garden were also proposed to facilitate easier access from the road. Permission had already been granted to reduce the toilet area by 150mm. Pilgrims was a listed building and in the Conservation Area. The toilet area was a modern extension and this would not affect the fabric of the main building. Following discussion it was agreed to make no comments.

1918 NEAPS END 15 OLD BATH ROAD (180363).

Mr Farnese said that this was to demolish an existing large detached dwelling and to replace it with a new large detached dwelling. The garden and boundary had been cleared, it was unclear if trees had been removed, and a new close board fence had been built around the whole area. The adjoining neighbour had no concerns but Mr Farnese pointed out that the fencing had been installed the wrong way around. Following discussion it was agreed to say no objection in principle but mention the concern about the site being cleared and the fencing.

1919 ITEMS J TO M.

The Chairman said that the Council were not being consulted on applications J to L as they were for Certificates of Lawfulness or to comply with conditions on existing permissions. They were on the agenda for Councillors to note or comment if they felt that there were issues they wished to raise. Mr Farnese would visit WBC Offices to view the bricks that the developer intended to use at August Field (180083). Curiously WBC had included a deadline for comments on some of these applications which was misleading. The Clerk would ask for clarification. Item M was prior notification of the applicant's intent to relocate and enlarge a barn on the farm. The WBC planning officer had already responded to the effect that this would not be lawful as the barn was located in a unit that was not entirely agricultural in use, and therefore did not comply the requirements of clause A of Part 6 of the Second Schedule of the Town and Country Planning Order.

1920. MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman said that, although not a planning matter, some of the setts around the mini-roundabout at the Thames Street/Charvil Lane/ Pearson Road had become loose or damaged, the Clerk would report this. Mr Farnese said that children had been seen playing on the damaged bus shelter on the A4. Although the bus shelter was the responsibility of SPC WBC Highways had said that they would deal with it and the Clerk would follow this up.

The Chairman said that reluctantly he had decided to resign from the Council for health reasons. Everyone was sorry to hear this but were sympathetic and Mr Farnese said that he was very welcome to re-join the Council if he ever wished to so and wished him well.

1921. DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Monday 5 March at 6.00pm in the Pavilion.

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