

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30 MAY 2018 AT
6.00PM IN THE PEARSON HALL, PEARSON ROAD, SONNING.**

PRESENT: Mr A Farnese (Chairman), Mr T Fisher, Mrs P Pownall.
Mrs L Bates (Clerk), 4 visitors.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Mr Morrison (away).

AGENDA

- a) Present.
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 16 May 2018 to approve.
- e) Updates
- f) Glendale Pearson Road (189477 & 180418). Householder and Listed Building applications for the proposed erection of single storey rear and side extension to dwelling following demolition of existing single storey. 01/06/18.
- g) 21 Glebe Lane (181156). Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey side and rear extension following demolition of existing shed. 13/06/18
- h) 6 Hawthorn Way (180937). Householder application for the proposed erection of two storey side/rear extension plus single storey front extension to the first floor dormer and single storey front extension to enlarge porch. 14/06/18
- i) Cedar Cottage Thames Street (181196). Full planning application for the proposed change of use of land from residential garden to car parking ancillary to the Great House. 15/06/18
- j) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- k) Date of the Next Meeting.

1960 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.

There were no declarations of interest.

1961 MINUTES.

The Minutes of the 30 April, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

1962 UPDATES.

The Chairman said that Hope Cottage 11 Pound Lane (171651), had been approved.

1963 GLENDALE.

Mr Fisher said that this was to build a new extension after demolishing the existing 1952 extension. The applicant had been in discussion with the Conservation Officer. The existing hedge was to remain and the extension would be built in matching materials. The advice on extensions to listed dwellings was that they should be subordinate to the existing dwelling and that high quality materials should be used. The extension would provide an updated kitchen with views onto the garden. Following discussion it was agreed to say no comment but to say there were concerns about the use of the modern doors to the garden.

1964 21 GLEBE LANE

The Chairman said that the dwelling was in the need of modernisation. Following discussion it was agreed that SPC could find no reason to object.

1965 6 HAWTHORN WAY.

This application had been submitted previously but had been withdrawn. The neighbour said that the proposal was exactly the same as the previous one but measurements had been corrected and 3 parking spaces were marked on the plans. The neighbour had sought expert opinion on the loss of light and had been assured that she had a case. A report and calculations were being prepared. The Chairman said that the Council had objected to the previous proposal as it was so close to the boundary. Following discussion it was agreed that there was no reason to reconsider the previous objections, these would be resent and include reference to the findings on the loss of light.

1966 CEDAR COTTAGE

The plans had only just arrived leaving insufficient time to consider the important application in detail and therefore it would be included on the agenda for the main meeting to be held on 12 June. The Chairman said that there were concerns that the recent presentation of the proposal had been some time after the plans had been submitted and that it included an extra 57 parking spaces in a residential garden. This included a stunning example of a Cedar Tree, it was understood that the Great House would purchase the house as well as the garden subject to planning permission. The proposal would not rid the village of its parking problem, it would just allow more vehicles into the village. The overcrowding of the existing premises was also of concern being located so close to the River and with access onto the Wharf. It was becoming a health and safety issue as the gate onto the Wharf was now broken. Mr Doyle said that the proposal was contrary to TB06, (Development of Private Residential Gardens), The Hotel had been refused planning permission for car parking in Sonning Eye and it was naive to think that the Cedar tree would be unaffected by the proposal, the lower branches would need to be cut back. The representative of the management committee of the adjoining flats said that the use of the sub-standard access was already compromised by the number of delivery vehicles preventing the flow of vehicles in and out of the property, which was also access to the flats and prevented residents from accessing their parking areas. A number of incidences had already occurred with late night revellers disturbing residents at 2.00am, despite complaints this had continued. The proposed car parking area was closer to these residents and further, similar, disturbances were likely to increase. Mr Doyle said the Hotel was encouraging the use of cars and increasing their carbon footprint. Following discussion it was agreed to ask Cllr. Haines to list the application.

1968. MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

There were no urgent matters

1969. DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next planning meeting would be held On Wednesday 20 June at 6.00pm in the Pavilion.

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