

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 DECEMBER 2018
AT 6.00PM IN THE PAVILION, POUND LANE, SONNING.**

PRESENT: Mr A Farnese (Chairman), Mr T Fisher, Mrs J Harvey, Mr Morrison. 2 Visitors.
Mrs L Bates (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies. The Chairman welcomed all those present.

AGENDA

- a) Present.
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 3 December 2018 to approve.
- e) Updates including Local Plan
- f) Land to the Rear of The Lawns, Mustard Lane (182797). Full planning application for the proposed erection of a 1no. dwelling including landscaping. 25/12/18
- g) The Old School House (183210). Proposed removal of fence, raised flower bed & tree to facilitate a new hard-standing of granite setts with relocated willow fence to form new parking area. 26/10/18
- h) Sonning Place (183203). Householder application for proposed part single storey, part two storey rear extension to existing dwelling and single storey front infill extension. 30/11/18
- i) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- j) Date of the Next Meeting.

1238. DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.

There were no declarations of interest.

1239. MINUTES.

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

1240. UPDATES.

The Chairman said that the Acre Field appeal had been dismissed. The following applications had been approved, Holme Park Sports Ground, Pavilion, Sonning Lane (182856): 50 Little Glebe (183355) and the following new applications had been received, Ranmoore (183319) Application for non-material amendment to planning consent 172701 to allow changes to existing roof: York Cottage(183224) Householder application for the proposed single storey rear extension following demolition of existing kitchen: York Cottage (183227) Listed Building application for consent for the proposed single storey rear extension following demolition.

1241. LAND TO THE REAR OF THE LAWNS, OLD BATH ROAD (182797).

The Chairman said that the proposal was to build a new dwelling in the rear garden of the Lawns. The adjoining land (previously two plots with 2 large detached dwellings) had permission to build 6 new dwellings, and the ownership of that land and the proposed plot was in the same hands. Following discussion it was agreed that, with the adjoining permission it would be difficult to justify refusal and to say that the Council could find no reason to object. However, as there were concerns about the cumulative effect on the local sub-standard infrastructure (particularly drainage), of 8 dwelling on an area, which previously had only held 3 this would be mentioned.

1242. THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE (183210 & 18).

Mr Morrison said that the property was situated to the rear of Thames Street on gradually sloping land. The existing garage was at the bottom of the garden adjacent to the property known as Rose Garden. The proposal was to introduce hard standing for vehicles running adjacent to the access road at the entrance to the garage, removal of a tree, fence and flower beds. Following discussion it was agreed to say no reason to object but ask that conditions be applied to ensure that the rural nature of the access was retained by introducing new planting/trees to replace those removed, to ensure that the risk of flooding from the hardstanding was limited by the use of permeable materials and that the parking area was large enough to prevent parked vehicles protruding into the lane and the route of other vehicles using the access road.

1243. SONNING PLACE (183203).

Mr Fisher said that the plans were excellent and easy to read as the architect had provided a full size set. The applicant had shown the plans to neighbours and proposals to protect greater crested newts had been submitted, the existing dwelling was relatively new and no bat survey was required. Pre-application advice had also been sought. The extensions were to the rear of the property and the neighbours had no objections. Following discussion it was agreed to say no reason to object.

1244. MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

There followed a brief discussion about the latest Acre Field application, which Mrs Harvey was looking at, but would be on the agenda for 2 January 2019. The Clerk would supply Mrs Harvey with previous SPC comments on the site and adjoining site August Field for background information.

1245. DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next planning meeting would be held On Wednesday 2 January 2019 at 6.00pm in the Pavilion.

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