

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING
COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 23 JULY 2019 AT 6.00PM IN THE PAVILION,
POUND LANE, SONNING.**

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

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Mrs Harvey (recovering from operation). The Chairman welcomed all those present.

AGENDA

- a) Present.
 - b) Apologies for Absence
 - c) Declaration of Interest
 - d) Minutes of 7 May 2019 to approve.
 - e) Updates
 - f) 22 Pound Lane (APP/X0360/D/19/3228021). Householder Appeal against (183075) WBC refusal for the proposed conversion of existing loft space to create habitable accommodation including front and rear dormer extensions, plus the replacement of thatched roof with slate tiles.
 - g) Berkshire County Sports Club (191526). Application to vary condition 4 of planning consent(F/2006/7491) for the proposed formation of 2 artificial pitches plus floodlighting, fencing, bunding and landscaping. Condition 4 refers to floodlight operating hours. 25/07/19
 - h) RH&CC Sonning Lane (191555). Application to vary condition 19 of planning consent 19715 dated (10/08/1984) for the proposed new sports ground including pavilion, storage, residential accommodation, cricket fields, hockey pitches, tennis courts and car parking. Condition 19 refers to floodlight operating times. 25/07/19
 - i) Chyreen Holmemoor Drive (191283). Householder Application for proposed part storey, two storey side and rear extension following demolition of existing outbuildings plus internal alterations to existing dwelling. 30/07/19
 - j) Old Manor Cottage Charvil Lane (191540). Householder Application for the erection of conservatory to side to existing dwelling. 31/07/19
 - k) Little Shire Mustard Lane (191594). Application to vary condition No2 of planning consent 161131 for the single rear extension and two storey side extension also conversion of garage to habitable accommodation. Further (RFS/2019/084907. Condition 2. Approved details of submitted application plans and drawings. 31/07/19
 - l) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman
 - m) Date of the Next Meeting.
1302. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. There were none.
1303. MINUTES. Min. 1300 was amended to read Golf instead of Gold and Mrs Runnalls was amended to read Mr Runnalls. The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated and amended, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.
1304. UPDATES.

The Chairman said that there were several new applications following a period when WBC were not processing. The following had been received over the last two weeks: 22 Pound Lane (APP/X0360/D/19/3228021). Householder Appeal against (183075) WBC refusal for the proposed conversion of existing loft space to create habitable accommodation including front and rear dormer extensions, plus the replacement of thatched roof with slate tiles. Berkshire County Sports Club

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1305. 22 POUND LANE Appeal (APP/X0360/D/19/3228021).

This was a householder appeal and as such no further comments could be submitted to the Inspectorate and the item was for information only.

1306 BERKSHIRE COUNTY SPORTS CLUB (191526).

The Chairman said that the proposal was to extend the floodlighting to pitch 2 from 9.30pm to 10.00pm. This was due to the need to increase the coaching particularly for their thriving junior section. It was stressed that this extra lighting period would be for coaching only. The original permission had been till 9.00 pm but this had been extended to 9.30pm at appeal. Mr Morrison said that the lights in both the Sonning Lane Clubs was often on beyond 10.00pm. Following discussion it was agreed to support extending the lighting until 10.00pm but that this must be strictly adhered to and that an automatic timing system of a reliable and acknowledged quality should be installed to ensure 100% compliance with this requirement.

1307: RH&CC SONNING LANE (191555).

The Chairman said that this was also to extend the floodlighting from 9.30pm to 10.00pm, across their site for both their cricket and hockey pitches. Following discussion it was agreed to support extending the lighting until 10.00pm but with the same conditions as at the Berkshire Sports Club in that this must be strictly adhered to and that an automatic timing system of a reliable and acknowledged quality should be installed to ensure 100% compliance with this requirement.

1308: CHYREEN HOLMEOOR DRIVE (191283).

The Chairman said that this proposal was for side and rear extensions to the side to the property virtually extending to the boundary on both sides. Given the size of the drawings available from the WBC website it was difficult to visualise but it was clear that the extensions would result in a large bulky building. Following discussion it was agreed to say that there were concerns about the height, bulk and massing.

1309: OLD MANOR COTTAGE CHARVIL LANE (191540).

The Chairman said that this was for a modest conservatory extension. The property was bounded by a high brick wall on one side and the dwelling on the other. Following discussion it was agreed to say the SPC could find no reason to object to the proposal.

1310: LITTLE SHIRE MUSTARD LANE (191594).

This was the third application for this proposal, the previous two had been withdrawn before a decision had been made. The proposal was to fence in the roof of the garage (permission to convert the garage to habitable accommodation had been refused in 2016) to allow the flat roof to become a terrace with access from the main bedroom. When the original permission had been granted SPC had objected to the Juliet balcony to the main building but permission had been granted. In connection to the objections to the Juliet balcony the officer had said in his report that *‘the balcony would be located in a bedroom and would only offer oblique views into the neighbouring garden.....Oblique views from bedroom windows into the rear gardens of neighbouring properties are not uncommon and are not usually considered to result in significant impacts in terms of overlooking’*. The proposal followed enforcement action taken after objections had been made about the owners of Little Shire using the garage roof for entertaining and the overlooking and noise nuisance associated with this. Following discussion it was agreed to object strongly to the proposal as it would be very visible from the neighbouring garden, overlooking and the noise and disturbance affecting the neighbours existing privacy, noise pollution and impact on their existing amenity, contrary to CP1.

1311: MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

Mr Fisher said that the extension to Hope Cottage did not seem to be in matching materials and he agreed to look at the planning approval.
The Chairman said that nothing seemed to be happening at The Great House regarding the proposed car parking.

1312. DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next planning meeting was scheduled to be held on Monday 5 August 2019 at 6.00pm in the Pavilion.

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