

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 6.00PM VIA SKYPE IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN SONNING

PRESENT: Mr A E Farnese (Chairman), Mr T Fisher, Mr J Halliday, Mr P Morrison.
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 16 December 2020 to approve.
- e) Updates.
- f) Little Barn Holme Park Farm Lane (210270). Householder application for the proposed application for the erection of basement floor with changes to fenestration. 01/03/2
- g) Neighbourhood Plan – Update
- h) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman
- i) Date of the Next Meeting.

1466. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest.

1467. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes, having been previously approved were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

1468. UPDATES.

The Chairman said that there were a lot of applications for tree works. The appeal for 12 flats at Linkside had been dismissed, which was excellent news.

1469: LITTLE BARN HOLM PARK FARM LANE (210270)

The Chairman said that there had been a number of applications on the site, one for an observation tower and another for an extension, none of which had been built. The current application was for an extension and a basement. This would mean a lot of excavation and he questioned if there should be in escape route. Mr Halliday asked about preventing water running into the basement and the Chairman said that this was addressed by tanking out the basement during the building process. Following discussion, it was agreed to say that SPC could find no reason to object but to raise the point about an escape route.

1470: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.

Mr Fisher said that Mr Hart had spoken to him about section 2 of the Questionnaire Current Housing Need and Housing Development. Mr Hart wanted to keep to the core sites including Bull Close. Having looked at the latest update on the Local Plan Mr Fisher had found that Readingensians was mentioned as a potential development site and Mr Fisher felt that all sites should be mentioned in order to be able to tell WBC that all residents had been consulted on all the sites. Mr Gilmore was

now working on the Questionnaire and it had been suggested that a map showing the sites would be clearer than describing them. Mr Fisher agreed to circulate his comments to everyone. Mr Morrison said that an application for a grant to cover the £2,200 cost of printing the Questionnaires' had been submitted along with supporting documents. Mr Morrison said that he was aware that Mr Gilmore had paid for printing etc for the Neighbourhood Plan meeting in the Hall early in 2020 and asked if Mr Gilmore could be refunded from the neighbourhood Plan budget. It was agreed in principle if Mr Gilmore supplied invoices to support payment.

1471: MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

Mr Fisher said he had spoken to Mr Gilmore about progressing with the Sonning Eye contact on high-speed fibre broadband connection in Sonning Eye and Sonning. Unfortunately, Mr Gilmore was interested but too busy to get involved at this time. Mr Fisher had someone else in mind and would make contact. Mr Fisher was meeting the CCTV contractor at 11.30 am at the pavilion on 22 February,

Mr Halliday said that with £130,000 from SPC and £170,000 from other sources, wasn't this close to the anticipated cost of £300,000 for the single storey pavilion. Mr Fisher explained that VAT would be payable on top of this and SPC would need to go out to tender in order to establish the exact costs, The Clerk agreed to obtain large copies of the plans for the single storey pavilion so that everyone could make any changes. These could then be discussed at the next meeting.

1472. DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next scheduled planning meeting would be held on Monday 1 March at 6.00 pm via Skype.

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