

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING
COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 APRIL 2011 AT 7.00PM IN THE
PAVILION, POUND LANE, SONNING.**

PRESENT: Pat Doyle (Chairman), Anthony Farnese, Colin McCulloch, Ian Runnalls, Sharon Robinson, Lesley Bates (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Steve Chapman, Vicky Reeve.

AGENDA

- a) Present.
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 16 March 2011 to approve.
- e) Matters Arising/Updates.
- f) Augustfield Charvil Lane (CA/2011/0524 & F/2011/0523). Erection of five houses with associated access and parking. Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings. Conservation area consent for the demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings. To agree comments. Deadline 18/04/11.
- g) Sonning Place Pearson Road (F/2011/0627) Raising of roof to create habitable accommodation in roof space with rear dormer extensions plus single storey rear extension and conversion of garage to create habitable accommodation to dwelling. To agree comments. Deadline 18/04/11.
- h) Conservation Area Assessment- Update
- i) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- j) Date of the Next Meeting.

717. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations.

718. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

719. MATTERS ARISING.

The Chairman said that Enforcement had declared the signs at Bishops Close to be within the policy. Signs accompanying the new burglar alarm on the Dower House had caused comment. However it was agreed that these would soon blend in.

Planning Aid was so reduced (two case officers and the administrator, under government shake ups as to be ineffectual. This would leave a significant gap in the availability of expert advice available to the Parish Council. Paying a Planning Consultant would be an alternative. Following discussion it was agreed that the Chairman should draw up a proposal. The Chairman had seen Marcia Head at the WBC offices and had arranged to meet Ms Head, to discuss WBC's view on the Augustfield application, at 11.00am on 7 April. The Chairman had attended a meeting at WBC offices about upgrading the WBC

Residential Design Guide on 2 April.

Retrospective application 24 West Drive. The Chairman had spoken to the planning officer who would be checking the building as it varied considerably from the approved plans. Changes included balconies and a swimming pool in the basement. Due to the uncertainty the Chairman would check to see if the application was still being processed.

There were proposals for new garages at Falcon House. An ancient Yew tree with a TPO was in the vicinity and care would be required to ensure it was protected.

Plans for an extension to Littlecourt had been received.

It was noted that there had been no reply to the request to see the schedule for archaeological work at Greendown.

It was agreed there was no comment on an application to extend the existing permission at 50 Old Bath Road.

The application to change the garage roof, currently being built, at Greendown had been listed to go to committee.

An adjoining parish consultation had been received for retrospective permission to extract water at the Wee Waif garage.

A new Development Control Manager, John Young, had replaced Mark Cupit at WBC. He had suggested that, in future, any application to convert an unattached garage to a granny annex should be treated as an application to create a separate dwelling.

720. Augustfield. Having looked at the plans it was agreed that the application should be strenuously opposed reasons included: harmful effect on the Character of the area: harmful effect upon the amenity of adjoining occupiers: harmful impact upon the Sonning Conservation Area: harmful cumulative impact upon the Sonning Conservation Area: footprint, size, access, contrary to the Design Statement. In addition, as the proposal was similar to the previous application many of the previous comments would apply. The Chairman would draft comments including policies and provide Mr Chapman with bullet points to enable him to list it.

721. Sonning Place. Following discussion it was agreed to object to the application, as the proposal did not integrate with, or match its surroundings, its height and mass. It was also contrary to HE7. The Chairman would draft comments including policies.

722. Conservation Area Assessment. The Chairman said that there would be a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting. A detailed assessment was essential.

723. MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

It was pointed out that another tree had died on the Pound Lane embankment to the side of Greendown garden. The Chairman would check this out.

724. DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 20 April. The following scheduled meeting was for 2 May (a bank holiday so an alternative would be required).

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm

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