

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 6 JANUARY 2014 AT
7.00PM IN THE PAVILION, POUND LANE, SONNING.**

PRESENT: Pat Doyle (Chairman), Anthony Farnese, Sid Liddiard, Ian Runnalls, Lesley Bates (Clerk). One visitor.

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

AGENDA

- a) Present.
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 18 December 2013 to approve.
- e) Updates.
- f) Star Court Thames Street (F/2013/2455) Erection of two storey side extensions to dwelling plus part demolition of a existing single storey extension. To consider comments. (Deadline 16/01/14).
- g) Sonning Cottage Pound Lane (F/2013/2190). Construction of a second storey front and rear extension with patios under new side porch new garage and moving the front retaining wall following the demolition of the existing garage and rear conservatory. (Deadline 14/01/14)
- h) Farmhouse Charvil Lane (CLP/2013/2498). Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of a two storey rear extension with balcony single storey front extension to form front entrance single storey infill extension single storey extension to existing annexe plus conversion of existing loft of dwelling to additional habitable accommodation to include rear dormer extension with balcony and changes to existing fenestration and demolition of existing rear single storey extension and linked passage to existing annexe. (Deadline 16/01/14)
- i) Conservation Area Assessment
- j) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- k) Date of the Next Meeting.

1235. DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.

There were no declarations. The Chairman welcomed those present and wished them a Happy New Year.

1236. MINUTES.

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

1237. UPDATES.

The Chairman said that he wanted to discuss the letter from Clare Lawrence. It was unacceptable that the planners were not prepared to say how the valuer had reached his decision to reduce the affordable homes S106 contribution to nil. Mr Liddiard said it was ironic that the original application by the Fire brigade Trustees had identified affordable

homes as a priority for the site. Following discussion the Chairman proposed that the Clerk should write to Clare Lawrence explain that SPC were unhappy that the process was not transparent and that SPC would be applying for the documentation under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, this was seconded by Mr Farnese and approved with one abstention (Mr Liddiard).

Fire Station. The Chairman said that the new owner had mentioned that he would be removing the bell pole and seemed to be unaware that the structure was to be retained. The structure was shown on all planning drawings, papers etc. identified under the approval notice for F/2013/0149 but it was not included as one of the conditions. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Giles Stephens explaining that the new owner did not seem to be aware that the bell pole structure should be retained and asking if he could confirm that the bell pole and structure was to remain.

S&SE Society Draft Position Paper. The Chairman said that some of the proposals included in the document would alter the appearance of certain areas in the Parish. It was therefore necessary for SPC to address this at the next meeting.

1238. STAR COURT THAMES STREET (F/2013/2455).

Councillors were unhappy with the proposal due to the bulk, massing and poor design but agreed that it was set well back from other properties, was in a large plot and did not conflict with any policies. Following discussion it was agreed to say no comment.

1239. SONNING COTTAGE POUND LANE (F/2013/2190)

The Chairman had spoken to neighbours as had Mr Liddiard and none had any objections. It was agreed that some form of development would have occurred following the change of ownership and the proposal was a welcome one. Following discussion it was agreed to recommend approval.

1240. FARMHOUSE CHARVIL LANE (CLP/2013/2498).

The Chairman said this was for a Certificate of Lawfulness. The previous application for a larger extension had been refused as had an appeal and CP11 had been the main reason for refusal. Following discussion it was agreed to say that SPC welcomed the proposal and considered that it addressed the previous concerns expressed by WBC.

1241 CONSERVATION AREA ASSESSMENT

The Chairman said that SPC would take a view.

1241 MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman said that apart from the letters previously agreed there were no urgent matters.

1241 DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 22 January 2014 at 7.00pm.

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