

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2015
AT 7.00PM THE PAVILION, POUND LANE, SONNING.**

PRESENT: Ian Runnalls (Chairman), Trefor Fisher, Mena Pownall. Lesley Bates (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Apologies had been received from Mr Farnese.

AGENDA

- a) Present.
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 21 October 2015 to approve.
- e) Updates.
- f) Old Redingensians Sports Ground (152743). Proposed replacement of existing monopole with a new monopole at the same height, replacement of 2no. existing antennas with 4no. proposed antennas, installation of 2no. dish antennas of 300mm diameter, installation of 4no. proposed cabinets, plus minor ancillary apparatus. To agree comments. (Deadline 11/11/15).
- g) Red House Cottage Pearson Road (152762). Application for erection of two storey side/rear extension and single storey rear extension. To agree comments. (Deadline 11/11/15).
- h) Conservation Area Assessment a) Any Update.
- i) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- j) Date of the Next Meeting.

1524. DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.

There were no declarations.

1525. MINUTES.

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

1526. UPDATES.

The Chairman said that the following applications had been approved: 32 Sonning Meadows (F/2015/0848): 2 Seagrave Close (152012): 9 Glebe Lane (152000): Berks County Sports Club Sonning Lane (152174): Bath Road A4 Relief Road (Bridge No: MIn1 3348) (152297). Sonning Golf Club (150098) had been robustly refused. There were three new applications: Birchley Old Bath Road (152701), this was a resubmission of F/2014/1879, which WBC had refused and the Inspector had refused due to there being no CIL agreement was in place, CIL proposal formed part of the new application: August Field (152740), this was to comply with conditions on the proposals for the one site on which planning permission had been granted: 20 Old Bath Road (152751), this was for a two storey side and rear extension, loft conversion and erection of a detached garage.

1527. OLD READINGENSIANS (152743).

Mr Morrison said that a lot of technical information was included with the application. The proposal was to replace the existing monopole, remove two antennas and replace them with four, install two dish antennas of 300mm diameter, and various cabinets and apparatus. The position was screened and away from Sunrise, which they had taken into account, but there had been no mention of the two residential properties, Model Farm Cottages, or the offices in the barn next to them, all sited to the east of the proposal. Mr Morrison had visited the site and spoken to one of the neighbours in Model Farm Cottages. Following discussion it was agreed that there were no comments but the question as to whether or not Model Farm

Cottages and barn had formed part of the calculations, and why no information was provided about the pre-application advice that had been received should be raised.

1528. RED HOUSE COTTAGE (152762).

Mr Fisher said he had visited the site and although he had not been able to speak to the neighbours opposite he had seen their supportive comments on the WBC web site. Mr Fisher had also spoken the neighbours, to the rear of the property in Old Walls, who had discussed the side on window that might provide views over his garden and swimming pool area with the agent. The neighbour had been reassured to find that the window would be non-opening and the glazing would be obscure glass. He had also mentioned the party wall act but this was not a planning matter. The Chairman said that the proposal complied with Wokingham Development Plan TB24(a) (works affecting heritage assets or their settings should at least conserve the important character of the Conservation Area). The materials were to be match existing and the design was in keeping. There were concerns about the access on a dangerous corner and this would be mentioned, although it was not a planning consideration. Following discussion it was agreed to make the above observations but otherwise make no comment.

1529: CONSERVATION AREA ASSESSMENT.

There was no further update.

1522: MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

There were no matters. Mr Fisher said he had received complaints about the level of lighting in Pound Lane and he had observed that one light was out (this had already been reported to SSE) and the other if not out was obscured by the neighbours hedge making the area very dark.

1523: DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 18 November at 7.00pm. The Chairman gave his apologise for this meeting and the Clerk would arrange cover.

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